

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (August 18)
Readers: G & K Blake
Procession of Gifts: K & L Vance
Ext Minister: M Traynor

Next Week (August 25)

Readers:
Processions of Gifts:
Ext. Minister:

Next Week Church Care: July 27 Betty Amarant/J Murphy
Church Grounds— July: B & P Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (August 17) 6.00PM
Welcomer: N Rathgeber
Readers: L Morgan/T Brady
Ext. Ministers: B Walsh/M De Leon
Procession of Gifts: M Smith

(August 18) 10.30AM

Welcomer: R, S & M Farrell
Readers: I Sturt/K Dallinger
Ext. Ministers: V Enriquez/G Comitti/G Little
Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week (August 24) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray
Readers: T Brady/A Ellis
Ext. Ministers: C Barker/D Jones
Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(August 25) 10.30AM

Welcomer: S Enriquez
Readers: M Maestros/D O'Donnell
Ext. Ministers: M Rowe/S Enriquez/M R Thomas
Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: J Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE:

August 18-24 P & H Rathgeber; 25-31 B Walsh; September 1-7 E T Driscoll; G & G Pickering; 15-21 H Proud; 22-28 N & E Musumeci; 29—October 5 N Rathgeber.

NOTES FOR MINISTERS AT MASS:

Extraordinary Ministers, part of your duty is to clean the Sacred Vessels in the sacristy after Mass and prepare them for the next Mass—fill wine and water cruets, etc. Sacred Vessels are to be left prepared on the bench after Saturday Evening Mass, ready for the Sunday morning Mass. Put filled cruets in the fridge.

Scripture Reader and Extraordinary Ministers are meant to process with the priest at the start and end of Mass. Reader carries the Lectionary to the Sanctuary at the start of Mass, but does not carry it out at the end.

ALL MINISTERS SHOULD TRY TO BE AT THE CHURCH AT LEAST TEN MINUTES BEFORE MASS AND ADVISE THE PRIEST THAT YOU ARE THERE. THIS GIVES HIM TIME TO ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE IF THAT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE. ALL MINISTERS ARE TO PROCESS IN AND OUT WITH THE PRIEST AND SERVERS.



Lord, come to my aid!



WEEKEND MASSES YEAR C

Stawell: Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday at 10.30am.
Landsborough: Sunday Mass at 8.30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR 1):

Tues; Wed; Thurs; Fri 10.00am. 2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month-Eventide-10.30am. (Check front of Bulletin for any changes to this routine. Funeral Masses take the place of weekday Mass)

RECONCILIATION:

Stawell: Saturday 10.00 am, before or after each weekday Mass (by request) or by appointment at any time. At Landsborough: Before 8.20 am Sundays

MEETINGS & GATHERINGS:

Prayer Group: Every Monday, 1.30pm.
Cuppa tea Stawell—2nd Sunday after Mass;
Landsborough—3rd Sunday after Mass.

St Vincent de Paul: 3rd Monday 2.00pm in Parish Hall.
CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

August 18, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

St Pauls Sunday Missal Page 908

ANNIVERSARIES: Doris Wooley; Fr Brendan Davey,
Patricia Price, Joan Pickering

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Monday 19th August 2pm Church hall.

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

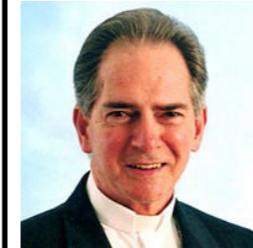
Tues; Wed; Thurs; Fri 10.00am.

CENTERING PRAYER: Wednesday, in Hall, 2.00pm

CONFESSIONS —Before or after 10.00am weekday Masses by request (i.e. — just ask Fr Eric.) ; 10.00am Saturdays; Landsborough—before Sunday Mass. Any other time contact Fr Eric 0419 597 063

THANK YOU TO ALL!

Thanks to all who made Bishop Paul feel so welcome last weekend. Thank you to those who visited with him at Eventide Homes, and MacPherson Smith Residential Care.



Thank you to those who prepared liturgies, and especially to those who celebrated with the Confirmation/First Communion children.

Thanks to Teachers, staff and children at St Pat's School who spent time with the Bishop on Monday.

It was a great pleasure to have our Bishop with us, and look forward to any visits in the future. I was hoping to have photographs of all the happenings last weekend, but for some reason they would not print out with the Newsletter.

ST PATRICK'S OP SHOP: looking for people who might open on Saturday Mornings 10.00am till noon.

THE 105TH MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, AND MIGRANT & REFUGEE THIS WEEK AUGUST 19-25, 2019: A NUMBER OF COPIES OF POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.

Calling for volunteers to train as parish coordinators.

Please consider volunteering, and let Fr Eric know ASAP. Thank you. Thank you Maryanne Comitti for volunteering. More Volunteers, Please.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY MAGAZINE is available today at the doors of the church. Please take one home with you. It is a free publication. There are a few photos from St Pat's School in this edition.

A THANK YOU FROM THE COMITTI FAMILY

Harry sustained significant injuries when he was a passenger in a car at Navarre recently. He suffered a broken neck, a bleed on the brain and a seriously fractured arm and thumb among other injuries.

Your continual prayers, thoughts and well wishes have been greatly appreciated during this difficult and most stressful time.

The generous gestures including food, phone calls and messages demonstrate the importance and privilege of belonging to such a strong and caring community which is always willing to help and support in times of need. These gestures reinforce the importance of belonging to a good and caring community of faith during testing times. Thank you all so very much,
The Comitti Family

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 597.70
Parish Collection: \$ 735.00
Loose Collection: \$ 188.75
Collection is for the clergy stipend, presbytery costs and support of the bishop and sick and retired priests. The 2nd collection is for the upkeep of the parish.

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Lourdes de la Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Kate Sargent; Yvonne Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred; Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Maree Parkin; Rosemary Chisholm (Bendigo); Harry Comitti, Doreen Duffy, John Dalziel
NB: A Family member of the sick person must contact the Parish Office to have names added.

HUMOUR:

Sunday School teacher asked little Johnny, "Is there anything God can't do?"

Johnny thought for a minute, then said, "Well, He can't please everyone."

As they are about to tee up, they notice a funeral procession coming around the corner, Bob puts down his golf club and takes off his hat and stands at attention, hat covering his chest. Bob waits for the hearse to pass and then returns to his game. Bob's friend is amazed at the respect and reverence, and tells Bob this, Bob replies, It was the least I could do, she was a very good wife for 30 years.

NEWS:

ANTI-CATHOLIC LEGISLATION WON'T HELP STOP CHILD ABUSE

PUBLISHED: 16 AUGUST 2019



Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli did a great service to the debate when he said explicitly that he would go to jail rather than break the seal of the confessional, writes Greg Sheridan. Source: The Australian.

The Victorian Government's legislation is bad, sectarian and will do absolutely nothing to help the battle against the scourge of child abuse. It will, however, effectively outlaw a central part of Catholic practice that has been honoured for at least 1500 years.

The royal commission strangely recommended that lawyer-client conversations should remain privileged because they were socially useful. So the lawyers, as usual, keep their privileges but the church is persecuted. Similarly, journalists rightly protect their sources.

The child sexual abuse scandals were a shocking business that did huge damage to innocent children and greatly and justifiably hurt the reputation of the Church. However, there is no evidence the seal of the confessional played any role.

This piece of sectarian anti-Catholic legislation will make the Catholic religion a religion of civil disobedience in its core practices.

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This is an insane outcome.

Anyone who thinks this legislation will help combat child abuse has no idea how confession works. It is the normal custom that confession is anonymous. The person making the confession is behind a curtain or the like and the priest does not know their identity. The priest's role is anonymous, simply to administer the sacrament.

The simple truth is that pedophiles do not go to confession.

As Frank Brennan has argued, there is a tiny possibility a genuinely repentant pedophile might seek the assistance of a priest in confession in owning up to his wicked crimes. That almost infinitesimally tiny possibility becomes exactly zero if the seal of the confessional is abolished.

Many priests hear confession in prison. For it to have any meaning, it must be absolutely confidential.

As recently as World War II, priests were killed in The Philippines because they would not tell occupying Japanese soldiers what anti-Japanese guerillas had told them in confession.

It is easy to imagine the legislation being weaponised against priests.

This is really the state outlawing Catholicism.

Greg Sheridan is The Australian's foreign editor. His latest, God is Good for You: A Defence of Christianity in Troubled Times, is a defence of religious belief in a secular age.

For the Christian, the Law of God must be above all man made laws, despite the perceived good intentions of the earthly lawmaker.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead for next week's readings, especially for our Lectors)

21st Sunday, Year C

First Reading Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The Word of The Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! *(R.)*

2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The Word of The Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will

there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of The Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.