

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (June 26)**Readers:** J Browne/J Murphy**Procession of Gifts:** B G & W Browne**Ext Minister:** B Amarant**Next Week:** (July 3)**Readers:** B G Browne/M Browne**Procession of Gifts:** Betty Amarant/G Douglas**Ext Minister:** G Douglas**Church Care:** J Murphy/Betty Amarant**Church Grounds—** June—B O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This Week 6.00PM** (June 25)**Welcomer:** M Rogers**Readers:** A Ellis/Y Evans**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/D Woolley**Procession of Gifts:** S Pickering**10.30AM** (June 26)**Readers:** E Driscoll/D Duffy**Ext Ministers:** M Rowe/M R Thomas/K Ashton**Procession of Gifts:** M & L Habben**Next Week 6.00PM** (July 2)**Welcomer:** T Brady/D Jones**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton**Ext. Ministers:** J McMahon/P Price**10.30AM** (July 3)**Readers:** D O'Donnell/K Ashton**Ext. Ministers:** M R Thomas/F Harney/H Potter**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering**Counters:** Today: G Pickering/Liz Driscoll

Next Week: T & A Ellis

Altar Society: July 2nd—Marie and Gloria**MARY'S STATUE:** ; June 26—July 2 Nat Rathgeber**READERS PLEASE RETURN THE BOOKS TO THE SACRISTY AFTER MASS.****Extraordinary Ministers, please clean Sacred Vessels after Mass and prepare for the next Mass—fill wine and water cruets, etc.****WEEKEND MASSES YEAR B:****Stawell:** Saturday at 7.00pm (Summer time—Daylight Saving), 6.00pm (wintertime—end of Daylight Saving) 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)**RECONCILIATION:**Stawell: 1st & 3rd Saturday 10.00 am, 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: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 2.00pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in the presbytery.

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13th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C**June 26, 2016****SUNDAY MISSAL Pg 882****RECENT DEATH:**

Margo Driscoll (Mother of Fr Justin Driscoll); Bernard Maddocks (Joan Elliott's son—Funeral Tuesday 10.00am)

BALLARAT DIOCESE LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAMThe Ballarat Diocese has initiated a Lay Pastoral Ministry Program that offers opportunities for formation, study, certification and support for lay workers, both employees and volunteers, in the diocese. Flyers are being posted to parishes and full information is on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link from front page) or you can contact Amanda Smith, ph. 5337 7125 or email amana-smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au**SICK LIST:**

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; Laurie Healey; Fr Brendan Davey; John Jess; Simon Monas; Wendy Shea; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Patricia Price; (Melbourne); Margaret McIntyre; Nance Rutter; Theresa Ellis (Edinburgh); Kate Sargent, Yvonne & Alf Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra), Mary and Ian Kindred, John Coghlan (Shepparton); June McKee (Mother of Anglican Deacon Heather Scott)

*(NAMES ON THE SICK LIST WILL BE CLEARED EVERY 4 WEEKS)***NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES ADDED OR REMOVED.****ROSTERS:** The Stawell Rosters will be out in the next couple of weeks. Apologies for the delay.**PLANTING GARDEN:**

Lots and lots and lots of plants to be planted in the church garden. Any volunteers to help with this would be greatly appreciated. See Fr Eric ASAP

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE –WEEKEND OF JULY 2/3, 2016.Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (29th June 2016). The collection will be taken up in this Diocese on the weekend of **July 2/3** next.**Uniting Church Thursday June 30th**

Combined Guild Day, commencing at 2 p.m.

LITURGY ROSTERS: Ministers please collect rosters from the back of the church. Thank you.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 520.90

Parish Collection: \$ 613.00

Loose Collection: \$ 81.35

(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.

NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

Please have notices for the Bulletin in by lunch time on Thursdays.



THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday—10.00am.
Tuesday—Funeral 11.00am

ST Vincent de Paul will **NOT** be meeting on Tuesday 28th June.

THURSDAY—Scripture Reflection
2.00pm in presbytery (Old Convent)

CONFESSIONS —Before or after 10.00am weekday Masses by request (i.e. – just ask Fr Eric.) ; 10.00am 1st & 3rd Saturdays.
Landsborough—before Sunday Mass.
Any other time by appointment.

HUMOUR:

AFRAID OF THE DARK

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mama, I don't want to go out there. It's dark."

The mother smiled reassuringly at her son. "You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she explained. "Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and protect you."

The little boy looked at his mother real hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?" "Yes, I'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said.

The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little. Peering out into the darkness, he called, "Jesus? If you're out there, would you please hand me the broom?"

NEWS:

WELCOME THE MARGINALISED: POPE INVITES REFUGEES UP ON STAGE



Flanked by a group of refugees, Pope Francis has appealed to Christians at his weekly general audience to care for and welcome those whom society often excludes, reports the Catholic News Service.

"Today I'm accompanied by these young men. Many people think they would have been better off if they had stayed in their homelands, but they were suffering so much there. They are our refugees, but many people consider them excluded. Please, they are

our brothers," the Pope said at the audience yesterday.

The group, holding a banner that stated "Refugees for a better future together," caught the Pope's attention as he was making his way to the stage in St Peter's Square. He signalled them to come forward and instructed aides to allow them to sit in the shade on the stage.

In his main talk, Francis discussed the Gospel story of the leper who begged Jesus to heal him, saying: "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean."

He noted that the leper not only asked to be "purified" in both body and heart, but also broke the law by entering the city to find Jesus in search of healing.

"Everything this man - who was considered impure - says and does is an expression of his faith!" the Pope said. "This faith is the strength that allowed him to break every convention and try to meet with Jesus and, kneeling before him, call him 'Lord'."

The leper's plea, he continued, serves as a lesson to Christians that "when we present ourselves to Jesus, long speeches aren't necessary" and that there is no place to feel safe other than with God and his infinite mercy.

Jesus' act of touching and healing the leper, an action forbidden by the law of Moses, is also an example for all Christians in helping the poor, the sick and the marginalised, the Pope continued.

Photo: Pope Francis walks with a group of refugees yesterday (AP)

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REFLECTION

Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.

We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind of freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.

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