

**ROSTERS:****LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (July 16)**Readers:** C Browne/J Browne**Procession of Gifts:** R & C Brown**Ext Minister:** Betty Amarant**Next Week** (July 25)**Readers:** G Christie/**Procession of Gifts:** G/K/E Christie**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Church Care:** M Browne**Church Grounds—** July—B & P Browne**STAWELL:****This Week** (July 15) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** M Rogers**Readers:** L McIntyre/T Brady**Ext. Ministers:** J Obi/A Ellis**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(July 16) 10.30AM

**Readers:** J Van Diesen/D O'Donnell**Ext Ministers:** K Ashton/G Comitti/K Dalton**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden**Next Week** (July 22) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber**Readers:** J Raeburn/T Brady**Ext. Ministers:** J Obi/A Ellis**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton

(July 23) 10.30AM

**Readers:** M R Thomas/S Little**Ext. Ministers:** L Morgan/M Rowe/F Harney**Procession of Gifts:** Carey Family**Counters: Today:** J Raeburn**Next Week:** L & M Habben**Altar Society:** April 24 Margaret & Di**MARY'S STATUE** July 16-22 N Rathgeber;

23-29 Liz Driscoll.; 30— Aug 5 G Comitti

**READERS PLEASE RETURN THE BOOKS TO THE SACRISTY AFTER 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.****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 &amp; 4th Wednesday of Month-Eventide-10.30am.

**(Check front of Bulletin for any changes to this routine)****RECONCILIATION:**Stawell: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 2nd &amp; 4th Mondays 2.30pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in the presbytery.

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# St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

**15th Sunday of Ordinary Time. - Year A****July 16, 2017****SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 419****NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK. APOLOGIES****Cup of tea/coffee:** available After 8.30am Mass at Landsborough today**CENTERING PRAYER:**

Please see the flyer at the doors of the church regarding Centering Prayer which will be held as a combined initiative of the combined Christian Churches of Stawell during terms 3 &amp; 4 this year. The Coordinator is Lesley Morgan, who is one of our own catholic parishioners, and who comes with a sway of credentials—B.A. (psych); Grad.Dip.Theol; Spiritual Direction.

THE FIRST SESSION WILL BE HELD IN THE ANGLICAN HALL, THIS WEDNESDAY AT 2.00PM.

**PLEASE CONTACT FR ERIC IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND.****INDUCTION/COMMISSIONING SERVICE** to install new Pastor, Irene Gould, at the Church of Christ, Scanlan St., Stawell on Sunday July 30th at 10.00am. A representative of our Church is sought for this occasion. Please contact Fr Eric.**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL THIS WEEK.****FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 405.30

Parish Collection: \$ 626.00

**SICK LIST**

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Nance Rutter; Kate Sargent; Yvonne &amp; Alf Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred; June McKee (Mother of Anglican Deacon Heather Scott); Terry Bartlett (WA); Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Karlee Thorpe (Bendigo); Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Roby Laxton.

**NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES ADDED OR REMOVED.**

Loose Collection: \$ 106.65  
Collection For Pope: \$ 284.25  
*1st 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.*

### **HELLO ALL**

Should you receive any queries from people wanting to contribute to the support fund for Cardinal Pell, please advise them to make their contributions by depositing into the below account the details of which have been provided by Cardinal Pell's staff at the Sydney Archdiocese.

**Funds can be deposited into:**

**Ferdinand Zito and Associates Law Practice Trust Account**

**Bendigo Bank**

**BSB 633-000**

**Acc No: 1359-51192**

**Ref Code: LFGP**

### **THIS WEEK:**

#### **MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

#### **CWL MEETING IN HALL FOLLOWING 10.00AM MASS, WED**

THURSDAY— No Scripture Reflection

**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:**

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Okay Ryan, you be Jesus!" :

### **Gospel Reflection:**

Many of those who once looked through the barbed-wire fences of Australia's detention centres carry personal stories of fear of persecution. One such story, the story of Najaf Mazari, is beautifully narrated by Najaf and Robert Hillman in their joint work, *The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif*. Najaf is an Afghani Hazara who suffered persecution and torture at the hands of the Taliban. He escaped to Australia via Indonesia in 2002. After some time in detention, he established a rug making business in suburban Melbourne. He was reunited with his wife Hakeema and daughter Maria in 2008 and became an Australian citizen in June 2014.

Some of the first century Christian groups, including Matthew's community, were a bit like the Afghani Hazaras and Syrian or Iraqi Christians in that they are persecuted simply on account of who they are vis à vis those who seek exclusive political and cultural power. They have every reason to fear bodily harm and even death, as did Jesus and his followers. The scene at Gethsemane suggests that Jesus himself experienced deep fear in the face of his impending suffering and political execution. Yet Jesus tells his disciples not to fear those who kill the body.

How are these words to be understood? To return to the story of Najaf: the Taliban had power to destroy his body, but no power over his spirit. A man of deep faith, supported by a family who sacrificed their own comfort and placed their trust in God (Allah), he survived against the most incredible odds. Even if he had died in the effort to find freedom, his faith in the fullness of life with

God and the witness of his courage would remain, in stark contrast with the bullying power of the Taliban who could kill the body but not an indomitable spirit.

Trust in God is at the heart of Jesus' response to suffering. The disciples are sent out on mission. They are to proclaim in the marketplace or from the "housetops" the gospel they have received in the security of the household. They can expect rejection and humiliation. They are not to be deterred from their mission. Above all, they are not to give up the struggle or capitulate in the face of persecution. Like all God's creatures, they are precious in God's eyes and will not be abandoned. On the contrary, Jesus will "acknowledge" them before God "in heaven". Trust in the author and sustainer of life is the appropriate response to suffering endured for the sake of God's empire. Trust in God does not take away the pain. Rather, it puts the inevitable suffering of the disciple on mission into the broader perspective of life in its fullest expression.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

### **NEWS:**

#### **GREENS CALL TO STRIP FUNDING FROM CATHOLIC HOSPITAL**



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*The Victorian Greens have attacked the Church for its*

*campaign against euthanasia, urging the Andrews government to review funding of Catholic hospitals if clinicians are banned from providing assisted suicide, The Australian reports.*

*Greens health spokeswoman Colleen Hartland criticised St Vincent's Health Australia for promising to ban euthanasia at its Victorian health centres if the practice were legalised. She said it was part of an "appalling" campaign by the Catholic Church against the reform, accusing it of wanting to "condemn people to pain".*

*St Vincent's Health Australia does not provide abortions at its hospitals and promised this week that it would conscientiously object to assisted suicide.*

*"We do have to question hospitals that take funding and then won't provide legally sanctioned medical procedures," Ms Hartland said.*

*"You are either going to take public funding and do medical procedures that are legal or you don't take the funding — make the choice about what it is you want."*

*Ms Hartland said she was a lapsed Catholic but the religion's compassionate ideals played a role in her political philosophy. She slammed the Church hierarchy for lacking compassion.*

*"I was raised on compassion and love as a Catholic and they want to condemn people to pain," she said. "I haven't been a practising Catholic for a long time but I would say my Catholicism has informed a lot of my politics around compassion and love, but the current hierarchy don't seem to understand those things."*

*Melbourne Archdiocese's Media Director Shane Healy said he was "delighted" to hear Ms Hartland was raised on love and compassion as a Catholic. He said they were the same reasons the Church did not support assisted suicide. "This issue requires a respectful debate and is too important for the community, the elderly, the sick and other vulnerable groups to be trivialised by name-calling," he said.*

*A spokeswoman for the Andrews government said no health practitioner or health service would be forced to participate in voluntary assisted dying.*

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