

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (July 25)**Readers:** G Christie/C Browne**Procession of Gifts:** G/K/E Christie**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Next Week** (July 16)**Readers:** J Murphy/B G Browne**Procession of Gifts:** J & C Browne**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Church Care:** C Browne**Church Grounds—** July—B & P Browne**STAWELL:****This 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**Next Week** (July 29) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** M Cray**Readers:** L McIntyre/N Rathgeber**Ext. Ministers:** J Obi/C Barker**Procession of Gifts:** P Price

(July 30) 10.30AM

Readers: L Morgan/K Dalton**Ext Ministers:** V Enriquez/G Comitti/K Ashton**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Counters: Today:** L & M Habben**Next Week:** T & A Ellis**Altar Society:** July 29—Working Bee 9.30am**MARY'S STATUE** July 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 & 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, 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 & 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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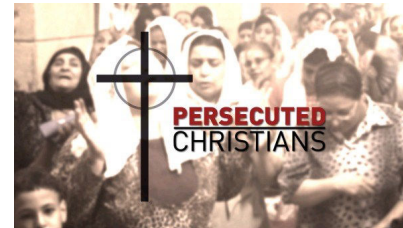
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St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time. - Year A**July 23, 2017****SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 423****ECUMENICAL SERVICE:**

The 5th Sunday Ecumenical Service will be held here at St Patrick's Church, **next Sunday, July 30th**. We encourage you to come along and welcome and pray with members of the other Christian churches of Stawell. Prayer time approximately 40-45 minutes followed by a cup or tea/coffee in the Hall.

CENTERING PRAYER:

A very good start last Wednesday!

THE SECOND SESSION WILL BE

HELD IN THE ANGLICAN HALL, THIS WEDNESDAY AT 2.00PM.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION:

Parents of Children in Government Schools—Year 2 and above, who have not celebrated the Sacrament of reconciliation/Confession, are asked to register at the Parish office, or see Fr Eric as soon as possible. We need to finalize numbers in order to ensure we have ample material.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 427.25

Parish Collection: \$ 1,228.00

Loose Collection: \$ 135.60

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 & 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.

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, Thurs, Fri 10.00am
Wed—Eventide—10.30

Monday, 2.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting in the church hall.

Wednesday—Centering Prayer—
Anglican Hall

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:

The Fall

A man named Jack was walking along a steep cliff one day, when he accidentally got too close to the edge and fell. On the way down he grabbed a branch, which temporarily stopped his fall. He looked down and to his horror saw that the canyon fell straight down for more than a thousand feet.

He couldn't hang onto the branch forever, and there was no way for him to climb up the steep wall of the cliff. So Jack began yelling for help, hoping that someone passing by would hear him and lower a rope or something.

HELP! HELP! Is anyone up there? "HELP!"

He yelled for a long time, but no one heard him. He was about to give up when he heard a voice. Jack, Jack. Can you hear me?"

"Yes, yes! I can hear you. I'm down here!"

"I can see you, Jack. Are you all right?"

"Yes, but who are you, and where are you?"

"I am the Lord, Jack. I'm everywhere."

"The Lord? You mean, GOD?"

"That's Me."

"God, please help me! I promise if, you'll get me down from here, I'll stop sinning. I'll be a really good person. I'll serve You for the rest of my life."

"Easy on the promises, Jack. Let's get you off from there; then we can talk."

"Now, here's what I want you to do. Listen carefully."

"I'll do anything, Lord. Just tell me what to do."

"Okay. Let go of the branch." "What?" "I said, let go of the branch. Just trust Me. Let go."

There was a long silence.

Finally Jack yelled, "HELP! HELP! IS ANYONE ELSE UP THERE?"

NEWS:

ABC accused of anti-Christian journalism
Published: 21 July 2017

Church leaders have accused the ABC of anti-Christian journalism in a report on its TV program 7.30 that claimed the biggest wife-bashers are Christian men who sporadically attend church, The Australian reports.

The report quoted advocates claiming "the Church is

not just failing to sufficiently address domestic violence, it is both enabling and concealing it".

Critics of Julia Baird and Paige MacKenzie's report broadcast on Wednesday night say it failed to reveal that the US research it relied upon showed in fact that the more Christian men attended church, the less likely it was that they would abuse their spouses.

Melbourne Archbishop Denis Hart, told The Australian: "It's unfortunate but absolutely real that the ABC is taking a distinctly anti-Christian line. Week after week we are seeing many of the very good things the Christian Churches are doing being minimised, so it's important they are called to account as they are simply not treating us at all fairly."

In the report, Baird said "in many quarters of the Church, females aren't allowed to preach or take on significant leadership roles ... as long as women's voices are denied within the church, domestic violence will continue".

But The Australian has established that the Anglican Church's most senior female official, Archdeacon for Women Kara Hartley, granted the ABC an extensive interview for the program but none of it was broadcast.

A source said: "I find it ironic that we were bashed over the issue of ordination of women, and our most senior ordained woman, who is on our domestic violence taskforce and who is fully up-to-date on these issues, was ignored."

In the introduction to the report, presenter Leigh Sales said: "We talk about women in Islam, but statistically it is evangelical Christian men who attend church sporadically who are the most likely to assault their wives."

Yet Baird observed that "in Australia, there has never been any real research into the prevalence of domestic violence within church communities".

An ABC spokesman said the report was "not an attack on Christianity but an exploration of its intersection with issues of domestic violence, a legitimate and newsworthy subject".

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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