

**ROSTERS:**

**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** (July 29)

**Readers:** J Murphy/C Browne

**Procession of Gifts:** B G & W Browne

**Ext Minister:** C Browne

**Next Week** (August 5)

**Readers:** B G Browne/M Browne

**Procession of Gifts:** Betty Amarant/J Murphy

**Ext Minister:** Betty Amarant

**Church Care:** July 28—C Brown

**Church Grounds—** JULY— B Browne

**STAWELL:**

**This Week** (July 28) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** D McIntosh

**Readers:** J Raeburn/T Brady

**Ext. Ministers:** N Rathgeber/C Barker

**Procession of Gifts:** M, H, J, A Smith

(July 29) 10.30AM

**Readers:** J Van Diesen/T Wait

**Ext. Ministers:** K Dalton/S Enriquez/F Harney

**Procession of Gifts:** Carey Family

**Next Week** (August 4) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** M Rogers

**Readers:** L McIntyre/N Rathgeber

**Ext. Ministers:** S Howard/M Howard

**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(August 5) 10.30AM

**Readers:** L Morgan/K Dalton

**Ext Ministers:** H Potter J Van Diesen/G Comitti

**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering

**Counters: Today:** T & A Ellis

**Next Week:** G Pickering/E Driscoll

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Marie & Gloria Edythe P

**MARY'S STATUE:** July 29—Aug 4 P & K Fenwick

*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. Put filled cruets in the fridge.*

**WEEKEND MASSES YEAR B:**

**Stawell:** Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday at 10.30am.

**Landsborough:** Sunday Mass at 8.30am.

**WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR 2):**

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: 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 & 4th Mondays 2.30pm in Parish Hall.  
CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)  
Our parish website can be accessed through the diocesan site.  
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**St Patrick's Parish Community**  
*Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough*

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

July 29, 2018

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 662**

**THE COMBINED CHURCHES ECUMENICAL SERVICE** this evening (Sunday) 5pm Church of Christ, Sloane St Stawell. Please support this important venture of the Ministers Fellowship.

**YOUR HELP WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED**

The St Vincent de Paul Society (Stawell Branch) Will hold a special appeal at Masses next weekend. Supplies of food and necessities are at a critical low point, and so St Vincents is asking for donations of non-perishable food items or money to help them to provide assistance to those in need in our community. There will be boxes on the table at the back of the church. Many thanks for your support.  
**"...Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you..... I tell you, as long as you did it to the least of my brethren, you did it to me..." (Matthew 25:37,40)**



**Happy 90th birthday to Marie Pollack for this Tuesday.**

**Marie Therese Cecelia Agnes**

**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, Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robby Laxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Dominic Browne; Brian O'Loughlin, Beryl Walsh; Shirley Geritsen; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young

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

out more and/or pursue support under the redress scheme can visit the Australian Government's Department of Social Services website [www.dss.gov.au/redress](http://www.dss.gov.au/redress) or call the National Redress Information Line on 1800 146 713. I would like to confirm that any payments by our Diocese under the redress scheme will be paid from Diocesan resources, and not from the resources of parishes. Parish funds and assets belong to the local parish communities. They are a valuable resource for local communities and assist in fulfilling the mission of the Church at a local level.

**THIS WEEK:**

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:  
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am**

**WEDNESDAY - CENTERING PRAYER IN THE PARISH HALL, 2.00PM.**

**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 contact Fr Eric 0419 597 063**

**HUMOUR:**

**Mick lived alone** in the Australian countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Mick went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a Mass for the poor creature?"

Father Eric replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Go and see Pastor Irene, maybe she'll do something for the creature."

Mick said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?"

Father Eric exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't you tell me the dog was Catholic?"

**NEWS:**



**PO-LICE CHIEF**

**BACKED CONFESSIONAL SEAL**

*Published: 26 July 2018*

Victoria's top cop backed the right of priests to retain the seal of the confessional over mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse in answers to the inquiry that sparked the child abuse royal commission. Source: *The Australian*.

Victoria Police chief Graham Ashton submit-

ted that police would support priests being able to keep confessional discussions secret, declaring that the force had not identified the rite of the confessional as a barrier to reporting sex abuse allegations. Mr Ashton outlined Victoria Police's position to the Victorian parliamentary inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other organisations in 2012.

Police said yesterday the issue over the Church's canon law and mandatory reporting was a matter for the Victorian government. The government has not yet outlined its final position on matters relating to the seal of the confessional, but has indicated it favours a consistent national response.

The police force said in 2012 that the seal could remain, providing measures were in place to encourage the protection of children. Mr Ashton was then a deputy commissioner in charge of specialist operations and his position is detailed in a document obtained by *The Australian* that backed the so-called Irish model on confession and child protection.

At the time, the Irish model supported retaining the seal of the confessional but encouraging the victim to report offending to a trustworthy adult such as a teacher or relative. If an abuser were to confess undisclosed abuse to a priest, the priest must advise the penitent to seek professional help, according to Mr Ashton's document.

Under Church law, the seal of the confessional dictates that priests must maintain absolute secrecy about anything that a person confesses.

Child abuse campaigner Hetty Johnston, of Bravehearts, slammed Mr Ashton and the police position, stating that the Church could not be trusted.

"There is absolutely no logical, rational reason for the Church to be outside of this," she said. "This is one country. We need one set of laws that applies to everyone."

Governments around Australia and the Church are grappling with how to deal with the sex

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires (Pope Francis) remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'. We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

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