

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

This Week (August 13)

Readers: C Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: Betty Amarant/J Murphy

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (August 20)

Readers: B G Browne/G Christie

Procession of Gifts: K & G Blake

Ext Minister: CBrowne

Church Care: M Browne

Church Grounds— August—J Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (August 12) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: N Rathgeber/J Raeburn

Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/L McIntyre

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(August 13) 10.30AM

Readers: K Dallinger/H Potter

Ext Ministers: F Harney/H Potter/L Morgan

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week (August 19) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: T Brady/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: M Maestros/P Price

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(August 20) 10.30AM

Readers: K Dalton/S Little

Ext. Ministers: H Potter/S Endriquez/G Little

Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: J Raeburn

Altar Society: August 19— Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE Aug 13-19 E & N Musumeci; 20-26 P & K Fenwick; 27—Sept 2 M R Thomas

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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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

August 13, 2017

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TUESDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: A Holy Day of Obligation.

**Masses: Monday evening—
Stawell—6.00pm**

Tuesday —Stawell—10.00am & Landsborough 6.00pm.

ANNIVERSARY:

Danny Pollock

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

is available at the doors of the churches today. This is a free magazine. Please take a copy home today.

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; Nicole Lee (Horsham)

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

CENTERING PRAYER:

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD IN ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL, THIS WEDNESDAY AT 2.00PM.

WHEN LIFE IS ENDING:

A BROCHURE FROM THE DIOCESE DISCUSSING , ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHENASIA IS AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME AND READ IT.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN STICKERS:

St Pat's school is collecting the earn and learn stickers offered at the checkouts. Those who wish to give their stickers top St Pats are asked to place them in the box provided at woolies, or place them in the containers in the church. Thank you.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, many more. Registration for the

September study cycle closes on 28 August - or you can start later in October. There are 6 study cycles each year, you can start at any one. Study one subject or do more - it's flexible! Details on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link is on home page), or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: 398.40

Parish Collection: \$ 384.00

Loose Collection: \$94.60

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.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Monday—Assumption Eve—6.00pm

Tues (The Assumption—Holy Day of Obligation) Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am—in Church.

Tuesday 6.00pm at Landsborough

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

Wednesday—Centering Prayer—St Patrick's 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 by appointment.

HUMOUR:

Adam & Eve

After having children, Adam and Eve started getting a lot of questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in Eden. Adam has a simple answer for this: "Your mother ate us out of house and home."

NEWS:

CONCERN OVER RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



Campaigns on marriage postal vote begin (Pexels)

Coalition MPs opposed to same-sex marriage are building their case against change, warning that it could leave churches, schools, charities and individuals that defend traditional marriage exposed to legal challenges, The Australian reports.

The battlelines for the No campaign were staked out this week by Tony Abbott, who framed his opposition in terms of a defence of free speech, religious freedom and a check on political correctness.

West Australian Liberal MP Andrew Hastie yesterday developed this theme, saying religious protections in the private member's bill to legalise same-sex marriage championed by WA Liberal senator Dean Smith were insufficient. "What protections will be given both to individuals and institutions?" he said.

"The Smith bill only offered protections to individuals involved in the conduct of weddings. It failed to grasp the far-reaching significance of redefining marriage."

Mr Hastie suggested discrimination laws across the country were skewed against those who continued to defend traditional marriage - individuals could be left legally exposed for simply speaking their minds while non-government schools could be forced to change their teachings if same-sex marriage was passed.

"What about Australians who hold to the view of marriage as a union between a man and a woman based on empirical evidence, biology and historical precedence? This is how I've made the case as a parliamentarian - without reference to sexuality or religion ... will that view be acceptable if we change the definition?"

"Will people, churches, schools, charitable organisations and businesses be protected if they hold to the common view of marriage?"

His comments were backed by Victorian Liberal MP Kevin Andrews and the Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, John P. Wilson, who said the lack of religious protections in the Smith bill posed a threat to Presbyterian schools.

Victorian Liberal senator James Paterson, a supporter of same-sex marriage, said he was concerned about "the impact it will have on religious liberty and freedom of conscience".

"Where we draw the line to balance those competing rights is a very difficult question," he said.

CathNews quoting The Australian

Don't waste your vote when the time comes.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

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