

**ROSTERS:****LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (August 20)**Readers:** B G Browne/G Christie**Procession of Gifts:** K & G Blake**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Next Week** (August 27)**Readers:** C Browne/J Browne**Procession of Gifts:** D & M Browne**Ext Minister:** B Amarant**Church Care:** C Browne**Church Grounds—** August—J Browne**STAWELL:****This Week** (August 19) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber**Readers:** T Brady/N Rathgeber**Ext. Ministers:** M Maestros/P Price**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

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**Readers:** K Dalton/S Little**Ext. Ministers:** H Potter/S Endriquez/G Little**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden**Next Week** (August 26) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** M Cray**Readers:** L McIntyre/A Ellis**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/J Raeburn**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton

(August 27) 10.30AM

**Readers:** J Van Diesen/E Driscoll**Ext Ministers:** K Ashton/M Rowe/V Enriquez**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Counters: Today:** J Raeburn**Next Week:** M & L Habben**Altar Society:** August 19—Margaret & Di**MARY'S STATUE** Aug 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: 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.Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in  
the presbytery.*The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the  
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# St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

August 21, 2017

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 439****ANNIVERSARIES:**

Kath Morgan; Doris Woolley

**CUP OF TEA/COFFEE** after  
8.30 am Mass at Landsborough  
this weekend.**CENTERING PRAYER:**THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD  
IN ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL,  
THIS WEDNESDAY AT 2.00PM.**NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS  
WEEK. APOLOGIES****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 to St Pats school  
are asked to place them in thebox provided at woolies, or place  
them in the container at the back of  
the church. Thank you.**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: 532.35

Parish Collection: \$645.00

Loose Collection: \$ 102.20

*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.***NEW BENCH/TABLE AT THE BACK  
OF THE CHURCH.**I would like to thank the Work for the  
Dole People and Special Needs Peo-  
ple for their work in making this table.  
I has been made from an old pew that  
was sitting on the verandah of the old  
presbytery for many years. Apart  
from this, they have made a number  
of items for the school including a lec-  
tern to be used at children's Masses  
and at other times, some games to be  
used by the children and some read-**SICK LIST**Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seeary; 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); Stanislaw Paw-  
lowski (Melbourne); Fr Paul Mercovich (Parish Priest, St Arnaud)**NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES ADDED OR  
REMOVED.**

ing/writing stands for special needs children.



**‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.**

**THIS WEEK:**

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

No Masses this week.

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:**

**The Funny Story of Father O’Malley and the Acrobat**

As soon as she had finished at St Mary’s convent school in Mullingar, a bright young girl named Aileen shook the dust of Ireland off her shoes and made her way to New York where before long, she became a successful performer in show business.

Eventually she returned to her home town for a visit and on a Saturday night went to confession in the church, which she had always attended as a child.

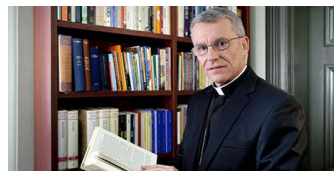
In the confessional Father O’Malley recognised her and began asking her about her work. She explained that she was an acrobatic dancer, and he wanted to know what that meant. She said she would be happy to show him the kind of thing she did on stage. She stepped out of the confessional and within sight of Father O’Malley, she went into a series of cartwheels, leaping splits, handsprings and back flips.

Kneeling near the confessional, waiting their turn, were two elderly ladies. They witnessed Aileen’s acrobatics with wide eyes, and one said to the other, ‘Will you just look at the penance Father O’Malley is giving out this night, and me without me bloomers on.’

**NEWS:**

**CHURCH CANNOT SUPPORT SAME-SEX MARRIAGE: COSTELLOE**

PUBLISHED: 18 AUGUST 2017



Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says the Church cannot support changes to the legal definition of marriage to include same-sex couples, The eRecord reports.

In a pastoral letter to be distributed to all Perth parishes this weekend, Archbishop Costelloe has clarified the reasons for the Church’s teaching and encouraged all to reflect deeply on the issue.

The letter follows the federal government’s decision to hold a non-compulsory postal plebiscite on the redefinition of marriage.

Having previously written about the issue in 2015, Archbishop Costelloe said that in affirming this long-standing position, it was important to remember that it was based on the Church’s convictions about the beauty and dignity of marriage understood as the union of a man and a woman for life, and as the best way to provide for the upbringing of children.

“Furthermore, it is a position based on the principle that in making decisions about such an important matter, both the desires and needs of the individuals concerned, and the stability and well-being of our society as a whole, must be given careful consideration,” he said.

The Archbishop highlighted that the religious foundations of the Catholic community’s convictions should not disqualify it from engagement in the public discussion on these important matters. “The Catholic community, no less than any other in our society, has a right to propose its views about what will best serve the interests of our society as a whole,” he said.

Archbishop Costelloe said the Catholic tradition takes the view that our society is best served by retaining the traditional understanding of marriage as the union of a man and a woman, voluntarily entered into for life, which provides the basis for the creation of a family in which, wherever possible, children can be raised in a loving and stable environment by their own mother and father.

“We acknowledge that not everyone shares this view, but it is a position that until recently has been widely held by most societies, including those which have foundations in the Judeo-Christian heritage,” Archbishop Costelloe said. “This view presumes that marriage is about more than the mutual love between two people: it is also about the creation of a family,” he said.

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**

The overarching theme derived from today’s readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus’ openness to ‘the other’ finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God’s embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God’s plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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