

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (September 2)
Readers: C Browne/B G Browne
Procession of Gifts: B & C Brown
Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week (September 9)
Readers: Kate Vance/Jenny Murphy
Procession of Gifts: Betty Amarant/Kate Vance
Ext Minister: Kate Vance

Church Care: September 9 Betty Amarant/J Murphy
Church Grounds— SEPTEMBER—VOLUNTEER

STAWELL:

This Week (September 1) 6.00PM
Welcomer: M Rogers
Readers: T Brady/A Ellis
Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/E McIntyre
Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(September 2) 10.30AM
Readers: L Morgan/J Van Diesen
Ext Ministers: V Enriquez/M Rowe/M R Thomas
Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Next Week (September 8) 6.00PM
Welcomer: N Rathgeber
Readers: J Raeburn/D Jones
Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard
Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(September 9) 10.30AM
Readers: S Little/D O'Donnell
Ext. Ministers: K Dalton/G Comitti/L Morgan
Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Counters: Today: G Pickering/E Driscoll
Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY: Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE: Sept 2-8 D McIntosh; 9-15 H Proud;
16-22 J Launder; 23-29 M R Thomas

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: 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.

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St Patrick's Parish Community
Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

September 2, 2018

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SOME PEOPLE
DON'T BELIEVE IN
Superheroes
BUT THEY haven't
MY PAPA

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

NEWSLETTER

It has been suggested by some of our older citizens with poor eyesight that we might do something about revamping the notice sheet. After my holidays (whenever that may be 😊) we will try an A3 format. This paper is about four times the cost of (A4 which we use

now, but maybe the expense will be worth it. We'll see.!



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND
Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for fifteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.8 million

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; 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 Gerriksen; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young; Steven Oates

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

dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$48,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNI-

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$358.00

Parish Collection: \$ 743.00

Loose Collection: \$ 97.80

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:

**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 Er-
ic.) ; 10.00am 1st & 3rd Satur-
days;**

**Landsborough—before Sunday
Mass.**

**Any other time contact Fr Eric
0419 597 063**

HUMOUR:

After a meeting with the Pope, Donald Trump held a press conference and announced that they had a very successful conference and he had agreed on about 60% of what they discussed.

When asked what they discussed, Trump replied: "The Ten Commandments."

NEWS:

**Afghan Catholic released from deten-
tion**

27th August 2018



After eight months in detention, Afghan Catholic Mohammed Mahdi Rafee has been granted a bridging visa and allowed to return to his Adelaide home. Source: The Southern Cross.

His release on August 16 from the Kilburn immigration detention facility, where he had been detained since December 13 last year, was met with a collective sigh of relief from members of the Adelaide Cathedral parish.

As reported previously in The Southern Cross, Mr Rafee believed his life would be in danger if he was forced to return to Afghanistan following an unsuccessful request for a ministerial intervention into

his application for a visa.

Of Hazara origin, the former Shiite Muslim was baptised a Catholic in 2017 after completing the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program in the Cathedral parish. He said his changed religious beliefs would have placed him in real danger of persecution at the hands of the Taliban and Islamic State.

During his detention, many in the parish wrote to then immigration minister Peter Dutton and MPs expressing their grave fears for Mr Rafee's safety if he was forced to return to his homeland.

Coordinating the push for Mr Rafee to be able to re-apply for a visa was Br Martyn Paxton, who said he was relieved that Mr Rafee's detention was finally over.

"We sat and had a glass of tea together today and he spoke of how grateful he was to all those who have supported him with letters to the minister or other politicians, and to those parishioners who have visited him," Br Martyn said.

"I am grateful especially to the many Religious brothers and sisters who have been a key element in our campaign and to the stalwarts of the Catholic Women's League."

Mr Rafee's bridging visa is for six months.

*We pray for the many refugees so
badly treated by then Australian
Government.*

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making them holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

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