

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (September 17)**Readers:** C Browne/J Browne**Procession of Gifts:** J & C Browne**Ext Minister:** B Amarant**Next Week** (September 24)**Readers:** M Browne/K Christie**Procession of Gifts:** B Amarant/J Murphy**Ext Minister:** G Christie**Church Care:** M Browne**Church Grounds—**September—P O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This Week** (September 16) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** M Rogers**Readers:** D Jones/A Ellis**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/S Howard**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

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Readers: E Driscoll/K Dalton**Ext. Ministers:** M Rowe/V Enriquez/K Ashton**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden**Next Week** (September 23) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber**Readers:** L McIntyre/T Brady**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/J Obi**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

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Readers: J Van Diesen/K Dallinger**Ext Ministers:** M R Thomas/G Comitti/H Potter**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Counters: Today:** J Raeburn**Next Week:** L & M Habben**Altar Society:** Sept 23: Gabrielle & Pat**MARY'S STATUE** Sept 24-30 D O'Donnell;
Oct 1-7 M & S Blake; 8-14 St Pat's School; 15-
21 St Pat's School; 22-28 J Raeburn; 29—Nov
4 H Prowd**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 6.00pm**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.*The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the
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*24th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A**September 17, 2017***SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 459****ANNIVERSARIES**

Tony Pickering

FR ERIC'S HOLIDAYS:Fr Eric will be taking holidays
from today, September 18 to Oc-
tober 13. Fr John Pothiyittel will
be supplying for me in my ab-
sence.**CWL MEETING** commencing with
Mass at 10.00am on Wednesday.**CENTERING PRAYER:**THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD
IN ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL,
THIS WEDNESDAY AT 2.00PM.**LETTER FROM BISHOP PAUL:****Letter regarding Pope Francis'
document on the Joy Of Love,
comparing the Popes statement
with our current debate on mar-****riage equality in Australia is at the
doors of the Church. Please take
one. All the best with your voting.****BALLARAT CLERGY
SUPPORT FUND
Collection for Sick and
Retired Priests****Last year our par-
ish contributed \$ 714.00 to
this collection, which raised
nearly \$60,000 throughout the
Diocese. The collection in our
parish this year has raised \$
377.20 to date.** The Ballarat Clergy
Support Fund relies on your generosi-
ty to enable it to continue supporting
our sick and retired priests. You are
still able to contribute, by using the
special envelope provided, or in an
envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy
Support Fund".**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); Dominic Browne**NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES ADDED OR
REMOVED.**

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

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$574.15

Parish Collection: \$ 564.00

Loose Collection: \$ 122.45

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.



Mass times for this coming daylight saving period

will be at 6.00pm as has been during the winter period. Apologies for any in-

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

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:

At the vestry meeting, the congregation's wealthiest member decided to share a portion of his faith story.

"I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I can still remember the turning point in my faith, like it was yesterday:

I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a youth meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today."

When he finished and sat down, the chair of the stewardship committee leaned over and said: "Wonderful story! I dare you to do it again!"

NEWS:

Catholic students have been attacked by same-sex marriage protesters at the University of Sydney after trying to engage students, one-on-one, about why it was "ok to vote 'No'", The Catholic Weekly reports.

Police yesterday had to restrain a protester who lunged at Catholic Chaplaincies team leader Tony Mattar in an attempt to tackle him to the ground.

Mr Mattar, a Lebanese Australian, was also smeared with hummus and condoms, while another Catholic was kicked in the shins as he resisted repeated attempts to steal his No vote sign.

Both men were among 15 people who manned an "It's ok to vote No" stall that was encircled by protesters around 12pm yesterday.

Mr Mattar was not injured during the fracas and managed to keep his composure throughout the three hour pro-same sex marriage pro-

test.

"Today there was no possibility of dialogue; they didn't allow us to," Mr Mattar told The Catholic Weekly. "They overpowered us, so I thought I'm not going to stand down. I'm going to stand peacefully and bear witness."

Mainstream media reported that the Catholic Society was holding a rally, and that the protesters were in their hundreds – there were around 50.

Catholic Society volunteers spoke to many students, one-on-one, without incident before the protestors arrived with sound equipment. Chants of "bigots" were peppered with derogatory references.

Mr Mattar was also doused in a substance, containing glitter, which was poured on his head and down the back of his shirt.

Catholic Society member and President of the Australian Catholic Students Association, Madeline Gilbert, witnessed around an hour and a half of the protest. She said the intimidating tactics were commonplace on campus, and that she was unsurprised by the events.

Police confirmed to The Catholic Weekly that they had been called to Camperdown at around 12.30 after reports of an altercation. No arrests were made.

IT IS SAD THAT THIS HAS BECOME A VERY "ONE SIDED DEBATE". The yes voters have become somewhat militant, and any one having an opposing view is subject to attack—physical and emotional.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentment, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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