

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (September 16)

Readers: Connie Browne/Maureen Browne

Procession of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Next Week (September 23)

Readers: J Murphy/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: J Murphy/Betty Amarant

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: K Vance

Church Grounds— SEPTEMBER—VOLUNTEER

STAWELL:

This Week (September 15) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: N Rathgeber/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/J Raeburn

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(September 16) 10.30AM

Readers: J Van Diesen/H P:otter

Ext Ministers: F Harney/M R Thomas/T Wait

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Next Week

(September 22) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: D Jones/L McIntyre

Ext. Ministers: J Obi/P Price

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

(September 23) 10.30AM

Readers: T Wait/K Dallinger

Ext. Ministers: M Rowe/V Enriquez/K Ashton

Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Counters: Today: June Raeburn

Next Week: L & M Habben

ALTAR SOCIETY: Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE: Sept 16-22 M Rowe; 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

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

September 16, 2018

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 90

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vera Pickering; Vera Wheeler and Ida Tuttle.

CWL MEETING: Wednesday 10.00am.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$367.60

Parish Collection: \$654.00

Loose Collection: \$ 115.30

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.

St Patrick's Parish Op Shop is seeking volunteers.

We are hoping you may be able to spare 3 hours per fortnight to

help out in various jobs to help run the store, including serving, sorting and stocking the shelves. Enquiries to Helen Potter 0427590318

CUP OF TEA:

Please come and join us in some refreshments after 8.30am Mass at Landsborough today.

TIME AND TALENT SHEETS:

There are many things which need doing if the parish is to function somewhat smoothly. It cannot function with just one or two helpers. Thank you to those of you who do so much. We are attempting to encourage people to do anything they may feel comfortable with. Sometimes people say that they have not involved themselves because they have never been asked.

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 Geritsen; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young; Steven Oates

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

At the moment there is a need for more Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at 6.00pm Mass.

I am also very keen on setting up a proper Bereavement Team to help co-ordinate funerals in the parish.

This is your opportunity. Take advantage of it.

Please take a Time and Talent Sheet and fill it in. You may volunteer for as many positions as you like—but don't kill yourself by overdoing it.

THIS WEEK:

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

**WEDNESDAY—CWL MEETING
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:

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:

Morrison vows to protect religious freedom

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Prime Minister Scott Morrison has vowed to change laws to protect religious freedom while assuring voters he will not be a "culture warrior" on divisive social issues. Source: Sydney Morning Herald. Mr Morrison said new religious freedom laws were needed to safeguard personal liberty in a changing society, while also using an exclusive interview with Fairfax Media to outline his plans on energy, climate change, industrial rela-

tions and economic fairness. But he declared it was not his job to buy into cultural disputes that did not matter to most Australians, saying he would leave it to others to fight over so-called culture war issues like the teaching of Western civilisation in universities.

"Just because things haven't been a problem in the past doesn't mean they won't be a problem in the future," Mr Morrison said of the case for legislation to protect religious freedom – the subject of a government review following the legalisation of same-sex marriage last year.

"So I'll be taking a proactive approach when it comes to ensuring that peoples' religious freedoms are protected. "At the end of the day, if you're not free to believe in your own faith, well, you're not free."

The comments are the first sign Mr Morrison will act on calls from Church groups and others to enshrine religious freedom in the law, despite a campaign from others to stop "discriminatory religious demands". Mr Morrison said he would have "more to say" on the stronger laws but gave an unequivocal "yes" on the need for the changes and argued that children in public schools should not face curbs on Christian traditions.

"Like anyone else, they should be able to do Christmas plays, they should be able to talk about Easter. That's our culture. There's nothing wrong with that," he said. "The narks can leave those things alone. If you want to send your child to a Christian school, you have the choice to do that and you can go and do it."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

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