

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (October 16)

Readers: G Douglas/B G Browne

Procession of Gifts: B G and W Browne

Ext Minister: G Douglas

Next Week

(October 23)

Readers:

Procession of Gifts:

Ext Minister:

Church Care: M Brown

Church Grounds— September—P O'Callaghan

STAWELL:

This Week (October 15) 7.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: T Brady/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: M and S Howard

Procession of Gifts: M Smith Family

10.30AM (October 16)

Readers: M Maestros/K Dalton

Ext Ministers: M Rowe/MR Thomas/K Ashton

Procession of Gifts: Carey Family

Next Week (October 22) 7.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: J Raeburn/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: J Obi/L Moloney

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(October 23) 10.30am

Readers: K Dallinger/J Van Diesen

Ext. Ministers: G Comitti/S Enriquez/K Dalton

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: J Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

Altar Society: October 15 — Margaret and Di.

MARY'S STATUE: 9-15 St Pat's School; 16-22 St Pat's School; 23-29 Smith Family.

Any queries relating to rosters and volunteers please contact June Raeburn on 53583506.

READERS PLEASE RETURN THE BOOKS TO THE SACRISTY AFTER MASS.

Extraordinary Ministers, please clean Sacred Vessels after Mass and prepare 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, 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 Tuesdays 2.00pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in the presbytery.

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

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

October 16, 2016

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 949

Recent deaths: Mary Kindred

ANNIVERSARIES

Pat O'Brien, Hugh Amarant, George and Coralie Brady, Brian Duffy and Bert Launder



OF TEA/COFFEE:
After 8.30am Mass at Landsborough this weekend. All welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

The Stawell Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society and the Stawell Branch of the Catholic Women's League are celebrating their sixty years of service in our community. You are invited to join with us on Sunday, October 23, 2016 , at 10.30am Mass, to be followed by lunch in our church hall. RSVP October 16, 2016—Mary Rita

Thomas 5358 1533, or Liz Driscoll 5358 1724.

RETURN OF KEYS:

Catholic Church Insurances insists that each parish have a key register. It appears that a number of people have keys to sheds, buildings, Church, that they do not need. Please return any keys to Fr Eric or Gloria Pickering at your convenience.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 569.50

Parish Collection: \$ 853.00

Loose Collection: \$ 95.85

(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.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY:

As mentioned some weeks ago, we have had to act quickly to comply with occupational health and safety requirements. This has caused some

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; Laurie Healey; John Jess; Simon Monas, Wendy Shea; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Margaret McIntyre; Nance Rutter; Theresa Ellis (Edinburgh); Kate Sargent, Yvonne & Alf Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra), Ian Kindred, John Coghlan (Shepparton); June McKee (Mother of Anglican Deacon Heather Scott); Terry Bartlett (WA); Sharron Pickering.

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

bad reactions among some who do not realize the urgency of our complying. This is sad, but we must do what is required.

HELP REQUIRED: We are looking for some willing volunteers to work at our Op Shop in Main St. This shop is vital for raising funds for the upkeep of the parish. People prepared to give a few hours a week to serve in the shop and to sort and size clothing for sale would be most welcome. Please contact Fr Eric if you can help.

ROSTERS READY TO PICK UP AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH TODAY.

HOSPITALIZED AND HOUSEBOUND:

Families of people who need Communion are reminded that they need to contact the parish office to make arrangements.

WANTED: Ground cover plants for the church garden if anyone is trimming or thinning out their garden. Would be much appreciated. But please no pig face.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Mass Tues, Wed, Thurs, 10.00am

NO MASS FRIDAY—INTERVIEWS FOR NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

THURSDAY— Scripture Reflection— 2.00PM IN PRESBYTERY.

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 pastor told the search committee, "If I am voted in as pastor of this church, I will work hard to bring us into the 20th century." Someone spoke up, " Uh, Preacher, don't you mean the 21st century?" The pastor replied, " Let's take it one century at a time."

NEWS:

ASIA BIBI'S LAST CHANCE: BLASPHE-



MY APPEAL BEGINS TODAY

Asia Bibi, a Pakistani Christian whose death sentence for blasphemy has sparked an international outcry, is due to have her appeal heard by the country's highest court today, reports The Wall Street Journal.

The appeal will be heard at the Supreme Court, the last legal forum open to Asia Bibi, in Islamabad today.

The Catholic farmworker was convicted six years ago after being accused by Muslim villagers of denigrating the Prophet Muhammad following an

argument over a drink of water. She has denied the charge.

Asia Bibi's case became one of the country's most high-profile blasphemy convictions, with Pope Benedict XVI among those who called for mercy for the mother of five.

A Pakistani politician was shot dead by his own bodyguard after speaking out in support of her. Asia Bibi's lawyer, Saif ul Malook, receives regular death threats and, in prison, she is kept separate from other inmates for her own safety.

Of countries that outlaw it, Pakistan has among the highest number of blasphemy cases, with the law used against Muslims and religious minorities alike. Human rights groups say the legislation is open to abuse, with fabricated allegations often used to settle grudges. Mobs frequently attack the accused even before they get to court.

On a hot day in June 2009, Asia Bibi, now 51, was picking fruit with other women labourers in a field in Ittan Wali village, 65kms west of Lahore, the capital of Punjab province, said her husband, Ashiq Masih.

She went to fetch them some water. However, some of the Muslim workers refused to take water from her, a Christian, igniting an argument, according to her statement to police.

Five days later that quarrel turned into an accusation of blasphemy, lodged by a local Muslim cleric who wasn't present during the altercation, claiming she had denigrated the Prophet Muhammad during the argument, according her husband. She was beaten by villagers, her clothes torn and was handed over to police, he said.



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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call lectio divina, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.

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