

**ROSTERS:**

**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** (December 2)  
**Readers:** J Murphy/J Browne  
**Procession of Gifts:** D & M Browne  
**Ext Minister:** B Amarant

**Next Week** (December 9)  
**Readers:** K Vance/B G Browne  
**Procession of the gifts:** BG & W Browne  
**Ext. Minister:** K Vance

**Church Care:** December 9 - C Browne

**Church Grounds—** December—B & P Browne

**STAWELL:**

**This Week** (December 1) 6.00PM  
**Welcomer:** M Cray  
**Readers:** L McIntyre/A Ellis  
**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/J Obi  
**Procession of Gifts:** P Price

(December 2) 10.30AM  
**Welcomer:** M Rowe  
**Readers:** J Van Diesen/H Potter  
**Ext Ministers:** T Wait/M Maestros/V Enriquez  
**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering

**Next Week** (December 8) 6.00PM  
**Welcomer:** D McIntosh  
**Readers:** J Raeburn/D Jones  
**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/S Howard  
**Procession of Gifts:** M Smith Family

(December 9) 10.30AM  
**Welcomer:** K Ashton  
**Readers:** L Morgan/S Little  
**Ext Ministers:** K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little  
**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY:**

Next week: Liz & Kay

**MARY'S STATUE:**

Dec 2-8 N Rathgeber; 9-15 H Prowd; 10-22 J Launder; 23-29 Fr Eric

*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.*



Your redemption is near at hand



**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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[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Our parish website can be accessed through the diocesan site.

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# St Patrick's Parish Stawell Newsletter

## First Sunday of Advent Year C—December 2, 2018

**THIS WEEK:**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:  
TUES, WED, THURS, 10.00AM IN CHURCH**

**FRI—School Thanksgiving Mass—6.00pm  
in the Church, followed by BYO tea at the school.**

**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**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Peter Healy, Joe Lynch, Fr Justin Woodford

**ROSTERS:**

New Liturgy Rosters are due to be done in the next few weeks.

Still looking for readers, extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and individuals or families take part in the Procession of the Gifts. If you would be interested in being part of any of these Ministries please see Fr Eric or June Raeburn. Thank you.



**COLUMBAN CALENDARS:**

Available for sale. \$9.00 each. Get yours now.



**CHRISTMAS CARDS:**

Cards are available for sale. Most \$5.00 per pack of 8 cards. Some single cards for \$1.00 each.

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection \$ 403.60

Parish Collection: \$ 369.00

Loose Collection: \$ 110.90

*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.*

**OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY MAGAZINE:**

These are available (free). Take your home today.

**THE PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH** will be on



Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at the Goldfields Motel at 12.30pm. and the cost is \$25.00. There are clipboards

for the names of those wishing to go to the lunch and these are inside the doors of the church.

**FIRST COMMUNION:**

Congratulations to Ivan and Ivyanne Labarro who are celebrating their First Communion at 10.30am Mass this weekend. They have recently come to St Patrick's Parish, and missed celebrating their First Communion in their previous parish. Every blessing to them both.

**SICK LIST**

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; Lourdes de la Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Kate Sargent; Yvonne Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred; Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Dominic Browne; Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Marg Rowe, Doreen Duffy

**NB: A Family member of the sick person must contact the Parish Office to have names added.**

**HUMOUR:**  
**RING A BELL?**

Father John is walking down the street one day when he notices a Nathan, a very small boy, trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, Nathan is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, Father John moves closer to Nathan's position. He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring. Crouching down to Nathan's level, Father John smiles benevolently and asks, 'And now what, my little man?' To which Nathan replies with a beaming grin, 'Now we run!'

**NEWS:**  
**COLLEGES FEAR PENALTIES FOR CHRISTIAN VIEWS**

*Published: 29 November 2018*



*Religious tertiary institutions fear the proposals could compromise the normal operation of both faith-based schools and universities (Bigstock)*

Christian higher education providers are concerned they could face legal penalties for upholding a biblical view of marriage under the Morrison Government's plan to reframe religious freedom protections. Source: The Australian.

Coalition senators have also sounded the alarm, using a dissenting report to a Senate inquiry to argue that Attorney-General Christian Porter's plan to better protect gay students from discrimination is flawed.

The dissenting report said the government's plan to remove a key exemption to section 38(3) of the Sex Discrimination Act could compromise the normal operation of both faith-based schools and university educators.

The exemption allows an "educational institution" to discriminate against gay students in line with its tenets and beliefs, but is not used for this purpose.

Religious schools have said its removal could expose them to claims of direct discrimination for promoting a biblical view of sexuality, marriage and gender.

Johan Roux, chief executive at Tabor College of Higher Education in Adelaide, told The Australian the debate had focused on the consequences for religious schools, but there were broader ramifications that could affect the operation of tertiary institutions.

Mr Roux said separate proposals from Labor and the Coalition could prevent religious tertiary institutions from promoting their beliefs to students or disciplining those who undermined the beliefs and character of the college.

Greg Walsh, a senior lecturer at the University of Notre Dame Australia and author of Religious Schools and Discrimination Law, said parliament should not rush to change the laws.

"The leaked Coalition bill only provides protections to primary and secondary religious schools and fails to provide protections to tertiary institutions and other providers of education," he said.

"A complete removal of the protections under the act may have many unexpected consequences that will undermine religious education."

**Faced with the tragedies of life, we are called to look to the horizon, because we have been redeemed and the Lord will come to save us.**

Pope Francis Tweet @pontifex (30/11/18)

**NEXT WEEKS READINGS:**  
**(A chance to prepare ahead)**

Sunday, 9 Dec 2018: Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading BarUCH 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

*Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All people shall see the salvation of God.*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. The Gospel of The Lord.

**LEARNING MOMENTS**

Illustrate a *Road of Life* from childhood to the present and beyond. On your *Road of Life* identify times, events and people that have had an impact on your relationship with God. When has the way been made clear or more clearly defined? When have obstacles been placed in the path? Were the obstacles overcome or do they still continue to block the path? On your *Road of Life*, from the present into the immediate future, identify ways that you could 'Prepare the way' – make the road clearer and open yourself up to a more positive relationship with God.

Construct a prayer about 'preparing the way' that you can use throughout Advent.