

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

This Week (December 24) Christmas Eve

Readers: Garth Christi/Kate Vance

Procession of Gifts: Christie Family

Ext Minister: Connie Browne

Next Week

(December 31)

Readers: J Murphy/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: B Amarant/K Vance

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Church Care: M Browne

Church Grounds— December—B & P Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (December 23) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: J Raeburn/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: M Howard./S Howard

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(December 24) 10.30AM

Readers: L Morgan/S Little

Ext Ministers: K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week

(December 30) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: L McIntyre/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: D Jones/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(December 31) 10.30AM

Readers: J Van Diesen/K Dallinger

Ext. Ministers: M R Thomas/G Comitti/H Potter

Procession of Gifts: Carey Family

Counters: Today: M & L Habbin

Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY: December 31 Working Bee
9.30am

MARY'S STATUE:

Dec 24-30 K & P Fenwick

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 A:

Stawell: Saturday 6.00pm

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. 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.

Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in
the presbytery.

*The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the
Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel
Acclamations from the Lectionary for Mass ©
1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on
English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.*

Our diocesan website:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Our parish website can be accessed through the
diocesan site.

*Graphics in this bulletin taken from copyright free
sites with proper disclaimers, or from pages sub-
scribed to.*

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

ST PATRICK'S PARISH, STAWELL

Parish Priest: Fr. Eric Bryant.

Address: 27 Patrick St.,
PO Box 87, Stawell, 3380.

Phone: 03 5358 1119

Fax 03 5358 3000

E-mail: stawell@ballarat.catholic.org.au or

eric.bryant@ballarat.catholic.org.au

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. Liz McIntyre

PO Box 856

Phone 03 5358 2493



St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B

December 24, 2017

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 514**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Joe Lynch; Martin Coghlan and Teresa Ann
Devery, Bill Foo

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS

MASSES: Volunteer Readers, Extraordinary Ministers and People for the Procession of the Gifts are asked to print your names on the sheet on the glass topped table at the sanctuary end of the church in Stawell, and on the table at the back of the church in Landsborough. Thank you.

TWO COLLECTIONS AT CHRISTMAS**MASSES:**

A collection for presbytery, and the annual Bishop's Collection for the poor will be taken up at each Christmas Mass.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

I do apologize to our weekday Mass goers, but I will be taking a short break after Christmas day.

There will be no weekday Masses this week.

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; 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; Pat O'Callaghan; Brian O'Loughlin

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

Thank you to parishioners for your very generous support of the St Vincent de Paul and Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare. Together you have helped 110 needy households made up of 306 people. Toys and books were given to 128 children aged 13 years and younger. You have helped make Christmas a bit less stressful for those in our region. Thank you, and God bless.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$409.20

Parish Collection: \$492.00

Loose Collection: \$111.25\$

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.

ANY NEW PARISHIONERS—OR OLD PARISHIONERS, PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO PARISH COSTS THROUGH PLANNED GIVING ARE ASKED TO SEE FR ERIC OR GLORIA PICKERING OR FILL IN ONE OF THE CENSUS FORMS IN THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.

MISSING CLOTHS:

Two very large cloths, one brown, the other fawn have gone missing from the sacristy. If anyone knows their whereabouts please see Fr Eric or Gloria Pickering. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES :

Saturday 6.00pm at Stawell
Sunday 10.30am at Stawell
Then -
Sunday 5.30pm Carols at Stawell and Mass at 6.00pm
Sunday 8.00pm at Landsborough
Monday 9.00am at Stawell.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Just a reminder that Saturday evening Mass is now 6.00pm all year round

FRONT DOORS:

The front doors of St Patrick's Church are closed on weekdays, to keep the bad guys out. However, the side door is always open to let the sinners in to pray.

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

No Masses this week.

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:

No Room In The Inn?

A boy wanted to be Joseph in the Sunday School pageant. He was cast as the landlord and objected loudly, but to no avail. When the pageant was presented, Mary and Joseph knocked on the door and asked him if he had a room for them. The boy smiled and said, "Yes, sure. Lots of room. Come on in!"

NEWS:

REMEMBERING THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Published: 22 December 2017



In their annual Christmas messages, Australian prelates have touched on themes of charity, selflessness, family, and care for marginalised people.

Catholics are called to remember the true meaning of Christmas as detailed in Luke's Gospel – the birth of the Son of God, born to the Virgin Mary and laid in a manger because there was no room for them in inn.

Broome Bishop Christopher Saunders reminds us that "Our Christian faith beckons us constantly not to be submerged by materialism, nor to be blinded to the needs of the poor and marginalised, nor to be deaf to the cries of those who are suffering from famine and war. This Christmas are we not called to be Christ to the world?"

Canberra-Goulburn Archbishop Christopher Prowse asks us to "give priority this Christmas

and New Year season to practical charity", focusing on our families, neighbourhoods and the wider communities. "For a start, we could give generously to Christmas appeals for monies or Christmas gifts to the marginalised, especially the homeless. Then this Christmas will begin to reverse the inhospitality of the first Christmas over two thousand years ago."

"Jesus did not come into the world via some grand gesture or magic appearance," says Broken Bay Bishop Peter Comensoli. "Jesus is not a super hero. The Son of God came to live among us, as one of us and offer his life for us, in exactly the same way each one of us do, in our families."

A very happy and holy Christmas for all. Thank you for your faithfulness during this past year and every blessing for the future.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:



St Luke's account of the Annunciation draws on the Jewish tradition describing creation: 'There was darkness over the deep and God's Spirit hovered over the water. God said: "Let there be light", and

there was light.' (Genesis 1:2-3) St Luke depicts Mary hearing in the depths of her soul: 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.'

The Holy Spirit hovers over this young Jewish woman so that the most stupendously creative act in human history can take place. With her consent, God assumes human nature to be gradually enfolded, embodied, in Mary's womb.

A naturally bewildered young woman was able to respond to God's will because she understood the imagery and the symbolism of the Genesis Story. We, in turn, need to read the Gospels in all their Jewishness so that we can understand when God's Holy Spirit hovers over our lives, asking us to fulfil some particular role in the Divine Plan.

We could pause for a moment to ask whether now is the time for a Marian response: 'Be it done unto me according to your word.'

© Fr Michael Tate