

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (May 13)

Readers: M Browne/J Murphy

Procession of Gifts: B G & W Browne

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Next Week (May 20)

Readers: C Browne/G Christie

Procession of Gifts: G/K/E Christie

Ext Minister: C Browne

Church Care: M Browne

Church Grounds—MAY—R Brown

STAWELL:

This Week (May 12) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: J Raeburn/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: D Jones/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(May 13) 10.30AM

Readers: H Potter/K Dallinger

Ext Ministers: F Harney/T Wait/G Comitti

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week (May 19) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: D Jones/L McIntyre

Ext. Ministers: M Maestros/L Moloney

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

(May 20) 10.30AM

Readers: S Little/P Wait

Ext. Ministers: H Potter/S Enriquez/G Little

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: J Raeburn

ALTAR SOCIETY: May 19 Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE:

May 13-19 G & G Pickering; 20-26 D McIntosh;

27 May – 2 June 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. Put filled cruets in the fridge.

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.

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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

The Ascension of The Lord - Year B

May 13, 2018

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CUP OF TEA/COFFEE:

After 10.30am Mass today. All welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Enrolment of Children for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at 10.30am Mass this weekend.

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 Gerretsen; Mary Rita Thomas; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young

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

Please keep these children in your prayers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

Meeting Monday 14th May in Parish hall at 2.30pm.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

MAGAZINE is available (free) at the doors of the Church today. Please take a copy.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 526.60

Parish Collection: \$ 435.00

Loose Collection: \$ 163.30

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.

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.

AN INVITATION TO FORM A ST PATRICK'S MENS GROUP:

As a male parishioner I would like to propose that we form a Catholic Men's Group under the auspices of the Parish :

Suggested name : The Patricians

1. **Eligibility : Any male member of the Parish both young and 'mature' age**
2. **Purpose : To provide social support to each other and encourage individual spiritual growth**
3. **Monthly meeting in Parish Hall (suitable day and time?)**
4. **Format**
 - a) opening prayer(s);
 - b) spiritual reading and reflection;
 - c) looking at an aspect or issue in society that demands a Christian response;
 - d) taking action
 - e) social time and cuppa
5. **Development of Web page to spread our message**

Contact : John Launder 53658 2171, email: jplauder@bigpond.com or see Father Eric 5358 1119

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00am
Wed—Eventide 10.30am

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:

Harry walked over to the Priest after services, "You know Father, I am really stuck in a quandary I would like to attend church next week but I just can't miss the big game next Sunday, it's just out of the question." "Oh Harry Harry" said the Priest putting his arm around Harry, "don't you know? that's what recorders are for." Harry's face lit up "you mean I could record your sermon?"

NEWS:

DEVIL DEFEATED, BUT DANGEROUS: POPE

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Never approach the devil nor talk to him: he is "defeated", but dangerous because he seduces and, like a chained angry dog, bites if you go to pat him, Pope Francis said yesterday. Source: Vatican News.

Francis offered this advice in his homily at Mass in the chapel of the Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican.

Commenting on John's Gospel where Jesus says "the ruler of this world has been condemned," the Pope spoke about the seduction of the devil and how to deal with him.

The Pope said that even though the devil is defeated and dying he has a great power and capacity to seduce. He

promises many things, bringing us beautifully packed gifts, without revealing their contents.

The Pope compared the devil to a dying crocodile, who hunters advise not to approach because it can still strike you dead with its tail. Hence the devil is very dangerous, his proposals are all lies and we foolishly believe him.

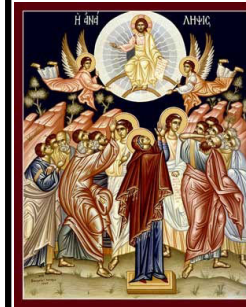
The Pope described the devil as the father of lies, saying he speaks well, he can sing in order to deceive and he is a loser who moves about like a winner. His light dazzles like the fireworks but does not last. Instead the light of the Lord is "gentle and permanent".

The devil, the Pope said, knows how to seduce us in our vanity and curiosity and we buy everything, falling into temptation. Knowing that a thought, a desire or move is dangerous and we still go there, it is like approaching the devil who is like a chained angry dog that can still bite.

Unlike Eve who thought herself a "great theologian" and fell, the Pope said we must never dialogue with the devil because he wins, he is more intelligent than us. On the contrary, Jesus in the desert responds to the devil with the Word of God, hunts down demons, sometimes asking his name but doesn't dialogue.

Recalling the advice of Jesus to watch, do penance and fast, Pope Francis said we too must do so but never enter into dialogue with the devil. And in moments of temptation we must approach Our Lady, as frightened children approach their mothers.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:



The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second.

While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

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