



# St Patrick's Parish Community

Starvell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough-Narrave

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 18th, 2015

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg 711**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

George Brady, Coralie Brady, Brian Duffy. Bridget Pickering; Vera Wheeler

**SICK LIST:**

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; Laurie Healey; Fr Brendan Davey; Bernard Joyce; John Jess; Simon Monas, Wendy Shea; Angela Moore; Geoff O'Donnell; Belinda Scott (Ballarat), Peter Duffy (Canada); Patricia Price; (Melbourne); Margaret McIntyre; Nance Rutter; Theresa Ellis (Edinburgh); Mark Pickering; (NAMES ON THE SICK LIST WILL BE CLEARED EVERY 4 WEEKS)

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



**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY. NICE TO SAY A ROSARY A DAY**



**CUP OF TEAS AT LANDS-BOROUGH AFTER 8.30 AM MASS TODAY ALL WELCOME**

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 478.50  
Parish Collection: \$ 803.00  
Loose Plate: \$ 40.75

*1st 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.*

**FLATS COMMITTEE MEETING:** THURSDAY 6.00PM. Diocesan Finance Administrator, Mark Bromley, will be in attendance.



**RECONCILIATION:**

A number of children from years 2/3 are preparing to celebrate their first Reconciliation/confession. Please keep these children

and their families in your prayers.

**LITURGY OF LAMENT**

Many of us throughout the Diocese have been disturbed at the information disclosed during the Royal Commission Hearing in Ballarat.

**We feel great disappointment, disillusion-**

ment and anger.

This is a natural response to the great wrongs committed in our Church by people whom we trusted.

Therefore it has been decided that there will be a Liturgy of Lament to Hope on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. The Liturgy will be similar to those held in the United States and Ireland. It will conclude within the hour. Planning is almost complete. Bishop Bird will preside.

This will be an opportunity for our Diocese to gather to acknowledge a very dark time in our history, to express our sorrow, ask forgiveness, and move towards hope and healing.

We look forward to being together on November 1<sup>st</sup> for a special time of prayer and reflection.

We ask that you pray for all concerned.

Thank You.

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### **THIS WEEK:**

**MASS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00am**  
**MONDAY \_ Mission Mass at School—10.10am**

**THURSDAY—Scripture Reflection at 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:**

1 A young woman confessed to her priest that she was guilty of the sin of pride: "I look in the mirror and think of myself as beautiful." The priest said, "That's not a sin, that's a mistake."

2 Q. What do they call bishops in Germany?

A. German Shepherds.

### **NEWS:**

#### **CHINA HINTS AT NEW CRACKDOWN ON CHRISTIANITY**



The Chinese Communist Party is sending signals that it will intensify control over the Church and other religions during its upcoming summit on religion, the first such meeting during the three-year leadership of Xi Jinping, reports *ucanews.com*.

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## **REFLECTION ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.

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**ROSTERS:****LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week:** (October 18)**Readers:** C Browne/J Browne**Procession of Gifts:** B & C Brown**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Next Week:** (October 25)**Readers:** J Murphy/G Douglas**Procession of Gifts:** P & C O'Callaghan**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Church Care:** Betty Amarant/J Murphy**Church Grounds—** October R Brown**STAWELL:****This Week 7.00PM** (October 17)**Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** N Rathgeber/D Jones**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/D Woolley**Procession of Gifts:** M,H,J,A Smith**10.30AM** (October 18)**Readers:** K Dalton/G Cain**Ext Ministers:** M Rowe/G Comitti/G Little**Procession of Gifts:** Carey Family**Next Week****7.00PM** (October 24)**Welcomer:** M Rogers**Readers:** J Raeburn/Y Evans**Ext. Ministers:** J OBI/A Ellis**Procession of Gifts:** P Price**10.30AM** ((October 25)**Readers:** E Driscoll/K Dalton**Ext. Ministers:** K Ashton/C Barker/M R Thomas**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Counters:** Today: June Raeburn

Next Week: L &amp; M Habben

**Altar Society:** (Sept 24) Maryanne & Gabrielle**MARY'S STATUE :** October 12-23 St Patrick's School; October 25-31 Smith Family**READERS PLEASE RETURN THE BOOKS TO THE SACRISTY AFTER MASS.**

*Always looking for readers and extraordinary ministers. If you ever wish to be considered for a ministry, contact Fr Eric or June Raeburn. Thank you.*

**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 &amp; 4th Wednesday of Month-Eventide-10.30am.

**(Check front of Bulletin for any changes to this routine)****RECONCILIATION:**Stawell: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10.00 am, after each weekday Mass (by request) or by appointment at any time at Landsborough: Before 8.20 am Sundays**HOLY HOUR:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, commencing with Mass at 10.00 AM**FUNERAL MASSES WILL ALWAYS TAKE THE PLACE OF ROSTERED WEEKDAY MASSES.****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 &amp; 4th Tuesdays 2.00pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing

with 10.00am Mass.

Scripture reflection group Thursday 1.30pm in the presbytery.

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