

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (November 26)

Readers: C Browne/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Next Week (December 3)

Readers: K Vance/J Murphy

Procession of Gifts: B G & BW Browne

Ext Minister: K Christie

Church Care: J Murphy/Betty Amarant

Church Grounds— December—B & P Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (November 25) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: M Maestros/P Price

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(November 26) 10.30AM

Readers: K Dalton/S Little

Ext Ministers: H Potter/S Enriquez/G Little

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Next Week (December 2) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M McCray

Readers: L McIntyre/J Raeburn

Ext. Ministers: C Barker/A Ellis

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

(December 3) 10.30AM

Readers: J Van Diesen/E Driscoll

Ext. Ministers: K Ashton/P Wait/V Enriquez

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habbin

Next Week: G Pickering/E Driscoll

ALTAR SOCIETY: December 2 Marie & Gloria

MARY'S STATUE: Nov 26-Dec 2 E & N Musumeci

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.

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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

Feast Of Christ The King - Year A

November 26, 2017

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PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Wednesday, December 6 at 12 noon at Goldfields Restaurant, Ararat Road, Stawell. \$25.00 per person. 1st beer, wine, soft drink free. Names to be in by November 26 after 10.30am Mass. Sign sheet at door of the church. All most welcome.

"Christmas is not a happy time for those in need. Last year Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare and St Vincent de Paul distributed Christmas grocery shopping vouchers to 95 needy households in our area, made up of 278 individuals, and new toys and books to 106 children aged 13 years and under. You can help locals in need by leaving a donation of a new unwrapped toy (NO FLUFFY TOYS PLEASE) or a new children's book under the Christmas giving tree in the Church. Donations will be collected on Sunday

17th Dec and will be distributed on Wednesday 20th Dec."



STAWELL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Sat 9 and Sun 10th Dec. Poster and Christmas tree entry forms on the church notice board.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$462.50

Parish Collection: \$ 457.00

Loose Collection: \$ 121.35

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, Terry Bartlett (WA); 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.

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.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM:

Any person interested in being part of a Parish Bereavement Team is asked to contact Fr Eric.

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:

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am in the Church.

Monday 27th Nov 2pm ST VINCENT DE PAUL. Please note the change of time.

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:

Pastor Quicke was on his way back to the parish from an extended out-of-state trip. Eager to be home before dark, he was traveling well over the speed limit and ended up being pulled over by a state trooper. The officer was not impressed by his explanation or his collar and asked, "Do you want me to give you a little sermon about your driving, Pastor?"

"Oh, skip the sermon," said the flustered pastor, "and just take up the collection."

NEWS:

EUTHANASIA ALWAYS WRONG: POPE

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Pope Francis has condemned euthanasia, stating the 'intent to end life' is completely different from withdrawing excessive or inappropriate medical treatment, the Catholic Herald reports.

The Pope addressed the ethics of medical intervention in end-of-life care, telling doctors at the Vatican last week that they must care for the sick "without shortening their life, but also without futilely resisting their death".

The European members of the World Medical

Association met last week for a discussion with the Pontifical Academy for Life on end-of-life care. At the same time, across St Peter's Square, the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and the International Confederation of Catholic Health Care Institutions were hosting a meeting on inequalities in health care.

"Increasingly sophisticated and costly treatments are available to ever more limited and privileged segments of the population," Pope Francis said, "and this raises questions about the sustainability of health care delivery and about what might be called a systemic tendency toward growing inequality in health care."

A variety of factors must be taken into account when determining what medical interventions to use and for how long with a person approaching the end of his or her earthly life, Pope Francis said.

For those with resources, treatments are available that "have powerful effects on the body, yet at times do not serve the integral good of the person."

The Pope referred to Pope Pius XII, who 60 years ago told anaesthesiologists and intensive care specialists that "there is no obligation to have recourse in all circumstances to every possible remedy and that, in some specific cases, it is permissible to refrain from their use."

"From an ethical standpoint," the Pope said, withholding or withdrawing excessive treatment "is completely different from euthanasia, which is always wrong, in that the intent of euthanasia is to end life and cause death."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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