

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (April 8)

Readers: C Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: R & C Brown

Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week (April 8)

(April 15) Readers: K Christi/K Vance

Procession of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Church Care: C Browne (NEED MORE CLEANERS)

Church Grounds— FEBRUARY: VOLUNTEER PLEASE

STAWELL:

This Week (April 7) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: T Brady/J Raeburn

Ext. Ministers: M Maestros/D Jones

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(April 8) 10.30AM

Readers: L Morgan/K Dalton

Ext. Ministers: G Comitti/M Rowe/S Enriquez

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week

(April 14) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: D Jones/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: J Obi/A Ellis

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(April 15) 10.30AM

Readers: S Little/H Potter

Ext Ministers: L Morgan/K Ashton/K Dalton

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: June Raeburn

ALTAR SOCIETY: April 14 Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE:

April 1—7 Gabrielle Comitti, 8-14 P & H Rathgeber, 15-22 M Rowe, 29—May 5 D Duffy

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

Our parish website can be accessed through the diocesan site.

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

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

2nd Sunday of Easter - Year B

April 8 2018

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 554

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Jesus, I Trust In You!

St V de Paul meeting Monday, 2.30pm in the church hall.

ANNIVERSARY:

Dale Wheeler, May Lynch

CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS TODAY. ALL WELCOME

PROJECT COMPASSION

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 Geritsen; 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 ensure that Project Compassion Boxes/ Envelopes are returned as soon as possible in order that they may be forwarded to the Project Compassion Office. Thank you to all who have contributed to this important appeal.

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

VISITING MISSION PRIEST: From next Thursday/Friday, at the invitation of Bishop Paul Bird, a number of Redemptorist priests will be working in the various parishes of our diocese. We will have a priest with us over next weekend and Monday and Tuesday. If any group wishes to or is willing to meet with the priest, please let me

know. I am sorry I don't have a name yet.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 1647.95

Parish Collection: \$ 319.00

Loose Collection: \$ 587.10

Holy Land Appeal: \$ 330.15

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.

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:

Saved by the Bell? (True Story)

In 18th England they started running out of places to bury people. Consequently, people would dig up coffins and take the bones to a 'bone-house' and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they clergy decreed that they should tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the 'graveyard shift') to listen for the bell.

Thus, someone could be 'saved by the bell'. Also they could be considered a 'dead ringer.'

NEWS:

CHRISTIANITY UNDER THREAT: ARCHBISHOP FISHER

PUBLISHED: 03 APRIL 2018



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral on Easter Sunday (Giovanni Portelli)

Christianity is under attack by powerful interests who are battling to exclude religious believers from public life, says Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Source: The Australian.

Archbishop Fisher has used his Easter Sunday homily to make a renewed call for Catholics to stand strong in the face of persecution, and to look to the sacraments as a way of making sense of Jesus' death and

Resurrection in modern life.

"We may not always be as free as we are now to evangelise and baptise as Jesus mandated at the first Easter," he told thousands in a packed St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney on Sunday. "Powerful interests now seek to marginalise religious believers and beliefs, especially Christian ones, and exclude them from public life. They would end funding to faith-based schools, hospitals and welfare agencies, strip us of charitable status and protections, cast us as 'Public Enemy No. 1'."

Archbishop Fisher said submissions made to the Ruddock Inquiry into Protection of Religious Freedom in Australia – an expert panel appointed to examine whether Australian law adequately protects the human right to freedom of religion – reveal the extent of the marginalisation of Christians.

Confession – one of the seven sacraments – is under specific attack, he said. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse recommended an overhaul of confession and celibacy in its final report last year.

"This precious sacrament (confession), too, is threatened today both by neglect and attack," he said.

"But priests will, we know, suffer punishment, even martyrdom, rather than break the seal of confession. For confession is a privileged encounter between penitent and God; here the Christian enters the silence and secrecy of the tomb, to be re-Eastered; and no earthly authority may enter there."

Thousands of submissions to the inquiry's review panel, led by former Liberal attorney-general Philip Ruddock, were released Friday after its reporting deadline was deferred until May to accommodate more than 16,000 responses from churches, faith groups, lawyers, individuals and LGBTI bodies.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:



The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very

Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

Fr Michael Tate