

**ROSTERS:****LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (April 30)**Readers:** J Murphy/B G Browne**Procession of Gifts:** B & B O'Callaghan**Ext Minister:** Betty Amarant**Next Week** (May 7)**Readers:** M Browne/C Browne**Procession of Gifts:** K & G Blake**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Church Care:** C Browne**Church Grounds—** April—P O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This Week** (April 29) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber**Readers:** L McIntyre/N Rathgeber**Ext. Ministers:** J Obi/C Barker**Procession of Gifts:** P Price

April 30 (10.30)

**Readers:** L Morgan/K Dalton**Ext. Ministers:** V Enriquez/G

Comitti/K Ashton

**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Next Week**

(May 6) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** M Cray**Readers:** T Brady/A Ellis**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/S Howard**Procession of Gifts:** M, H, J, A Smith

(May 7) 10.30AM

**Readers:** D O'Donnell/E Driscoll**Ext Ministers:** M R Thomas/M Rowe/K Dalton**Procession of Gifts:** G Pickering/Hyacinth Bucket**Counters:** Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: E Driscoll/Hyacinth Bucket

**Altar Society:** May 5 Marie & Gloria**MARY'S STATUE:** April 30—May 6 M Rowe; 7-13 D O'Donnell; 14-20 E T Driscoll; 21-27 D Duffy; 28-June 3 D McIntosh.**READERS PLEASE RETURN THE BOOKS TO THE SACRISTY AFTER MASS.****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.**The 1st mentioned Ext Minister distributes the Hosts At 10.30 Mass.****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, 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 &amp; 4th Tuesdays 2.00pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in the presbytery.

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# St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year A****April 30, 2017****SUNDAY MISSAL Pg 316****LITURGY ROSTERS** for Stawell are available to be picked up at the rear of the Church today. Please take yours as you leave. Thank you.**OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY MAGAZINE.**

Free at the doors of the Church. Please take one.

There is a report on the combined 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday party of our parish St Vincent de Paul and CWL on p21.**ARARAT CATHOLIC WOMEN'S****LEAGUE** invite Stawell Members to their Social Afternoon, Monday, May 15 at 1.30pm in the Ararat Parish Centre behind the church. Stall, Entertainment, Fun and Afternoon Tea. RSVP by May 4 to Liz Driscoll 5358 1724.**SICK LIST**

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Wendy Shea; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Nance Rutter; Theresa Ellis (Edinburgh); Kate Sargent, Yvonne &amp; Alf Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred, June McKee (Mother of Anglican Deacon Heather Scott); Terry Bartlett (WA); Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Karlee Thorpe (Bendigo), Bernie O'Callaghan

**NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES ADDED OR REMOVED.****5TH SUNDAY ECCUMENICAL SERVICE****This evening, Sunday, 5.00pm at the Church of Christ, Sloane St. Please come along and pray with the members of our sister churches. We need a catholic reader! Volunteer welcome!****ANZAC DAY MASS:**

So sad to see the lack of support for the Anzac day Mass. Thank you to the fourteen people who came to pray in the Eucharist for our departed brothers and sisters who lost their lives in the service of our country, that we may remain free.

*Lest we forget***FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 88.00

Parish Collection: \$ 257.20

Loose Collection: \$ 754.70

Holy Land Collection on 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.

**EASTER WATER:** It is an ancient practice for Christians to take home water blessed at the Easter Vigil to sprinkle around the house as a blessing, and to use as water to bless oneself and family members. It is particularly good to bless one's young children by dipping the thumb in the water and signing the cross on the forehead using a little blessing in the morning and before they go to sleep at night. The Easter water is available at the front of the church, and all are welcome to bring a container to take some home.

**THIS WEEK:**

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Mass Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am  
No Mass Tuesday—Apologies

Monday—Op Shop Meeting

THURSDAY— No Scripture Reflection  
**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:**

After the church service a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money."

"Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "But why?"

"Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."

**NEWS:**

**POPE BEGINS RISKY TRIP TO EGYPT**

*Published: 28 April 2017*

Although Pope Francis's trip to Egypt today (Friday) will be brief, it will be among the riskiest outings of his papacy, writes John Allen Jr in Crux.

From security concerns to the labyrinthian politics awaiting him, Francis will face hard choices in Cairo from the moment he lands today until he leaves 27 hours later to return to Rome.

Although the aims of the trip may be relatively straight-forward, the path to achieving them seems far less clear.

While every papal outing generates concerns about the pontiff's safety, that's especially true for this visit, which unfolds in the wake of the bombing of two Coptic Orthodox churches on Palm Sunday by Islamic State, as well as the attack on security forces at a checkpoint near the famous St Catherine's Monastery in the Sinai desert last week.

As they always do, Vatican spokesmen

are playing down any risks during the trip, expressing confidence in the local security forces.

The risk may actually be less for Francis himself and more for Egypt's Christian minority, which ranges somewhere between 10 and 20 million people, depending on which demographic estimates one accepts.

Not only are Christians in Egypt a frequent target of Islamic militants for the mere fact of being a religious minority, but politically they're seen as solidly aligned behind the government of former army chief Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, who came to power in 2014 after the ousting of a Muslim Brotherhood-led government under Mohammed Morsi.

The overt purpose for Francis's trip to Egypt is a Friday visit to Cairo's Al-Azhar mosque and university, considered the most important centre of learning in the Sunni Muslim world and sometimes dubbed the "Islamic Vatican". While there, the Pope will address an international conference on peace being sponsored by Al-Azhar.

In recent years, the Vatican and Al-Azhar have in Egypt have taken in the direction of tolerance and understanding, without inadvertently sending the signal that no work is left to be done.

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

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