

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (January 7)

Readers: B G Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: B G & W Browne

Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week (January 14)

Readers: J Murphy/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: B & C Brown

Ext Minister: K Browne

Church Care: C Browne

Church Grounds— January—J Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (January 6) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: N Rathgeber/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: A Ellis/L McIntyre

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(January 7) 10.30AM

Readers: E Driscoll/L Morgan

Ext Ministers: G Comitti/K Ashton/V Enriquez

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Next Week

(January 13) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: T Brady/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: P Price/D Jones

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(January 14) 10.30AM

Readers: J Van Diesen/K Dallinger

Ext. Ministers: M Rowe/M R Thomas/K Dalton

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Counters: Today: G & G Pickering

Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY: January 13—Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE:

Dec 31—Jan 13 Fr Eric

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.

Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in the presbytery.

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Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

Feast of The Epiphany - Year B

January 7, 2017

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RECENT DEATHS:

Paul Kirsch

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mike Pickering

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 662.30

Parish Collection: \$ 686.00

Loose Collection: \$ 115.15

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.

*A special greetings
to all visitors.
We hope you enjoy
your stay.*

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, 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, Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen

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



There will be a cup of tea in the Hall after 10.30am Mass next Sunday. All welcome.

This year I would like to offer the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults To anyone interested in becoming a catholic. The program`m would culminate at the Easter Vigil, 2019. Any person interested, if you know of anyone, have them 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, Thurs, Fri. 10.00am
Wed - Eventide, 10.30am

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:

A reindeer walked into a pub, strolled up to the bar and ordered a pint of lager.

Completely unphased, the barman poured out the lager and passed it to the reindeer, who handed over a ten pound note.

As he handed over the change of a few coins, the barman said "I have to say, you're first reindeer I've seen in here."

The reindeer studied the change very carefully and said. "Tell you what sunshine, at these prices I'm also the last reindeer you're going to see in here."

NEWS:

I WILL CALL OUT RELIGIOUS MOCKERY: MORRISON

Published: 22 December 2017



Scott Morrison says he will fight back against discrimination and mockery of Christians and other religious groups, The Canberra Times reports.

The comments position him as one of the leading religious conservatives in the Turnbull Government.

Mr Morrison also promised to play a leading role next year in the debate about enshrining further "protections" for religious freedom in law, which will be informed by a review being led by former attorney-general Philip Ruddock.

The Treasurer said he had made a conscious decision to "call out" discrimination and to

stand up for people of faith.

Aside from his maiden speech a decade ago, in which spoke openly about the importance of his deep personal faith, Mr Morrison has rarely discussed his religious views in public life.

He said "it all starts when you allow religious freedoms [to be eroded], mockery to be made of your faith or your religious festivals – it always starts innocently and it's always said it is just a joke – just like most discrimination does".

"And I'm just gonna call that out. With what I've seen happen in the last year, I've just taken the decision more recently, I'm just not going to put up with that any more, I don't think my colleagues are either.

"Where I think people are being offensive to religion in this country – whichever religion that might be, but particularly the one I and many other Christians subscribe to – well, we will just call it out and we will demand the same respect that people should provide to all religions."

On the Ruddock review of protections for religious freedoms, which will be finalised in March 2018, Mr Morrison said he would "play a role in that process as a senior member of government".

The Sydney MP also opened up about what it meant to receive the thanks of Christian groups, such as at a recent meeting with Maronite Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, "who were pleased someone stood up for them, and spoke with them, and understood their point, and didn't forsake them".

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.