

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (March 5)**Readers:** J Murphy/J Browne**Procession of Gifts:** K & G Blake**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Next Week** (March 12)**Readers:** B G Browne/C Browne**Procession of Gifts:** D & M Browne**Ext Minister:** Betty Amarant**Church Care:** M Browne**Church Grounds—** March —R Brown**STAWELL:****This Week** (March 4) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** M Cray**Readers:** T Brady/A Ellis**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/P Price**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(March 5) 10.30am

Readers: J Van Diesen/E Driscoll**Ext. Ministers:** K Ashton/M Rowe/L Morgan**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering**Next Week** (March 11) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** J Raeburn/N Rathgeber**Ext. Ministers:** A Ellis/D Jones**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

(March 12) 10.30AM

Readers: M Maestros/S Little**Ext Ministers:** K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little**Procession of Gifts:** Carey Family**Counters:** Today: E Driscoll/G Pickering

Next Week: T & A Ellis

Altar Society: March 11 Liz & Kay 11**MARY'S STATUE:**March 5th- 11th J Laundry; 12-18 G & G Pickering;
19-25 N Rathgeber; 26-April 1 D McIntosh**Any queries relating to rosters and volunteers please
contact June Raeburn on 53583506.****READERS PLEASE RETURN THE BOOKS TO THE SACRISTY
AFTER MASS.***Extraordinary Ministers, please clean Sacred Vessels after Mass
and prepare for the next Mass—fill wine and water cruets,
etc.***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 & 4th
Wednesday of Month-Eventide-10.30am.**(Check front of Bulletin for any changes to this
routine)****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 Tuesdays 2.00pm
in Parish Hall.CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing
with 10.00am Mass.Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in
the presbytery.*The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the
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scribed to.****ST PATRICK'S PARISH, STAWELL****Parish Priest:** Fr. Eric Bryant.**Address:** 27 Patrick St.,
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St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

1st Sunday of Lent - Year A**March 5, 2017****SUNDAY MISSAL 163****PROJECT COMPAS-
SION** Envelopes/boxes
available today.

Please take yours

home. Envelopes may be placed
on either collection plate on Sun-
days.**LENTE DISCUSSION GROUPS:****A reminder to participants that
this Thursday's gathering will be
in the Anglican Manse, Main
Street, starting at 1.30PM****SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:**This year we will again be cele-
brating the Sacraments of Recon-
ciliation (Confession) - Year 2 and
above, and Confirmation and
First Communion—Year 3 and
above. Parents of Children in
Government Schools who wishtheir children to celebrate these Sac-
raments are aske to Fill in an applica-
tion form available from Fr Eric
(Mobile: 0419 597 063). This should
preferably be done by March17.**HARMONY DAY**A community lunch
will be held on this
Wednesday from
12.30pm at the
school followed by
some cultural activi-ties. All welcome. Please RSVP for
lunch by contacting Jill at the school
office 5358 2493 no latter than to-
morrow (Monday 6th).

We apologize for such short notice.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$467.00

Parish Collection: \$ 527.00

Loose Collection: \$124.90

*1st Collection is for the clergy stipend, presbytery
costs and support of the bishop and sick and retired***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 & 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)**NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES
ADDED OR REMOVED.**

priests. The 2nd collection is for the upkeep of the parish.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH OPPORTUNITY SHOP:

We need volunteers to help at the St Pat's Op Shop—male or female. Need help with sorting of goods and with front of shop help. Anyone who may be able to spare a few hours a week or fortnight is asked to contact June Ræburn or Fr Eric.

DON'T FORGET THAT ON THE SATURDAY AFTER THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME WE WILL REVERT TO 6.00PM MASS ON SATURDAY EVENINGS. I.E. APRIL 8.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Mass Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00am
Wednesday—Eventide Mass 10.30am.

THURSDAY— Scripture Reflection (Lenten Program) —1.30pm in Anglican Manse, Main Street. **NB 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.

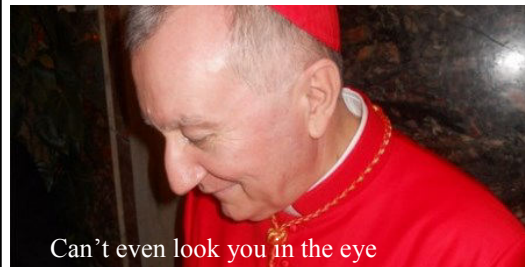
HUMOUR:

When a young minister was still single, he preached a sermon he entitled, "Rules for Raising Children." After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children." When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether.

NEWS:

We live in interesting times!!!!!!

ANTI-REFORM CARDINALS WANT POPE TO RESIGN



Can't even look you in the eye

Published: 03 March 2017

A group of cardinals who supported the election of Pope Francis are worried about his reforms and are planning to appeal to him to step down, a Vatican watcher claims, according to The Times.

"A large part of the cardinals who voted for him is very worried and the curia ... that organised his election and has accompanied him thus far, without ever disassociating itself from him, is cultivating the idea of a moral suasion to convince him to retire," Antonio Socci wrote in the Italian newspaper Libero.

The conservative Catholic journalist said

that Pope Francis's election had been backed by progressive German cardinals and a curia faction impatient with the rule of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI.

It was the latter faction who now believed that the Pope should resign and who would like to replace him with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican secretary of state, Mr Socci said. He believed that the group numbered around a dozen, "but the importance of the members counts more than their number".

"Four years after Benedict XVI's renunciation and Bergoglio's arrival on the scene, the situation of the Catholic Church has become explosive, perhaps really on the edge of a schism, which could be even more disastrous than Luther's [who is today being rehabilitated by the Bergoglio church]," Socci wrote.

What was significant, he said, was that the doubters were not the conservative cardinals who had been in open opposition to the Pope since early in his reign.

Putting pressure on a pope to resign is a crime punishable under canon law, Socci added, so it was unclear how the moral suasion might be exercised.

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Is no one safe today????????

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin.

The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression

The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life.

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