

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (March 12)

Readers: B G Browne/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Next Week (March 19)

Readers: C Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: BG & W Browne

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: B O'Callaghan

Church Grounds— March —R Brown

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (March 18) 7.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/J Raeburn

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

(March 19) 10.30am

Readers: H Potter/D O'Donnell

Ext. Ministers: F Harney/M R Thomas/ M Rowe

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: J Raeburn

Altar Society: March 18 Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE:

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.

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

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A

March 12, 2017

SUNDAY MISSAL 168



PROJECT COMPASSION

"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a

shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it"

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

Give generously to Project Compassion

Envelopes/boxes available today. Please take yours home.

Envelopes may be placed on either collection plate on Sundays.

LENTE DISCUSSION GROUPS:

A reminder to participants that this Thursday's gathering will be in the Presbytery, starting at 1.30PM

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

This year we will again be celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) - Year 2 and above, and Confirmation and First Communion—Year 3 and above. Parents of Children in Government



Schools who wish their children to celebrate these Sacraments are asked to Fill in an application form available from Fr Eric (Mobile: 0419 597 063).

This should preferably be done by March 17.

CUP OF TEA/COFFEE: after 10.30AM Mass today in Church hall.

All welcome.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 435.80

Parish Collection: \$ 680.00

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.

Loose Collection: \$ 95.00

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.

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.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH OPPORTUNITY SHOP:

We need still 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 Raeburn or Fr Eric. The Op Shop is a major source of our parish income.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Mass Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am 10.30am.

TUESDAY: St Vincent de Paul Meeting 2.00pm.

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:

A very innovative liturgy director, a religious sister, danced the offertory procession in 'attractive' costumes and playing the banjo. The bishop was presiding on this occasion of the pastor's golden jubilee. As the "dancer" approached the altar the bishop whispered to the pastor: "If she asked for your head on a platter, she'd have it!"

NEWS:

JAVELIN STAR-TURNED-NUN EMPOWERS WOMEN AROUND THE GLOBE

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Watching young African girls fight gender inequality to become strong career women in one of the world's poorest countries has shown a former athlete the power of the feminine genius, The Catholic Leader reports.

Canossian Sister Mel Dwyer, a former nationally-ranked javelin thrower who gave up the chance to represent Australia at the Sydney 2000 Olympics for a mission trip to Africa, spent eight years as the principal of an all-girls' secondary school in Malawi, a south-east African nation ranked as one of the world's poorest countries.

Sr Dwyer said gender inequality was a major issue for young women in Malawi, which only provided university placement for 30 per cent of females.

"Being responsible for an all-girls' school, I wanted to try to help the girls to fight harder for education, because education is the only place for them to build a brighter future in such stark poverty," Sr Dwyer said.

Each year Sr Dwyer would organise a prayer service at her Malawi school and distribute booklets created by the local Catholic diocese promoting International Women's Day (March 8). She said her fight for gender equality was a success during her time as principal, with young women continuing on to become doctors, nurses and lawyers.

Last year Sr Dwyer was asked to leave her Malawi mission and serve the Canossian congregation in Brisbane.

But always keen to empower women in her local area, she teamed up with Vocation Brisbane to yesterday launch a new group for women discerning their vocation.

On the role of women in the Church, Sr Dwyer said it was a "narrow view" to think women had little place in the Church to serve.

"I think it's such a narrow view to say women are not treated equally," she said. "Women have a beautiful place in the Church, and while it's not the same as men, we're not the same as men. People can get so caught up in what we can't do that we forget the numerous things we can do."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved

gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

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