

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (April 2)

Readers: C Brown/J Brown

Procession of Gifts: J & C Brown

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Next Week (April 9) (Palm/Passion Sunday)

Readers: J Murphy/G Christie

Procession of Gifts:

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: Betty Amarant/J Murphy

Church Grounds— April—P O'Callaghan

STAWELL:

This Week (April 1) 7.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: J Raeburn/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: C Barker/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(April 2) 10.30am

Readers: K Dalton/M R Thomas

Ext. Ministers: S Enriquez/G Comitti/H Potter

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Next Week (April 8) 7.00PM (Palm Sunday)

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: D Jones/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: P Price/M Maestros

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(April 9) 10.30AM

Readers: K Dallinger/S Little

Ext Ministers: G Little/M Rowe/J Van Diesen

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Counters: Today: G Pickering/L Driscoll

Next Week: T & A Ellis

Altar Society: April 8 Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE: April 2-9 Gabrielle Comitti; 9-15 P & K Fenwick; 16-22 Marie Kinnane; 23-29 E & N Musumeci

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, 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 & 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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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

5th Sunday of Lent - Year A

April 2, 2017

SUNDAY MISSAL 183

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alida & Willem Symons,

Madge & Les Moore



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.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS:

A reminder to participants that this Thursday's gathering will be the last, and will be held in the Anglican Church, starting at 1.30PM

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 485.20

Parish Collection: \$604.00

Loose Collection: \$ 177.10

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.



Photo: Leo Vance (St Francis of Assisi church, Landsborough) doing his “homework” using the Sunday Sheet given to the children at the end of Mass last week.

‘Teach them early’ is great motto

Photo used with permission – thanks, Kate

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.

Anyone wanting to share a photo is welcome to submit it to Fr Eric via the parish email.

NEXT SATURDAY EVENING MASS WILL BE AT 6.00PM. THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THE EASTER VIGIL WILL BE AT 7.00PM

EASTER CEREMOINY TIMES:

EASTER CEREMONIES 2017

Holy Thursday 7.00pm Stawell & Landsborough

Good Friday 3.00pm Stawell & Landsborough

Easter Vigil (Sat) 7.00pm Stawell

Sunday 8.30am Stawell & Landsborough
10.30am Stawell

Fr Kevin Arundell will celebrate the ceremonies at Landsborough.

Thank you, Kevin.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Mass Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 0.00am

TUESDAY: St Vincent de Paul Meeting 2.00pm.

THURSDAY— Scripture Reflection (Lenten Program) —1.30pm in the Anglican Church.

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:

Two ministers met in the after life. One said, "Isn't heaven wonderful after the parish ministry?" The other said, "This isn't heaven!"

A pastor had had a bad week. On Sunday he was very frustrated and he began his sermon, "Everyone in this parish is going to hell if they don't change their ways." One man in the back began to laugh. So the pastor said it again louder. The man continued to laugh. The pastor went back to him and asked him why he was laughing. He answered, "Because I don't belong to this parish!"

NEWS:

MODERN-DAY SLAVERY ISN'T 'JUST A THEORY'



PUBLISHED: 29 MARCH 2017

Ten years ago, Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP helped a trafficked South American nanny escape a life of slavery, reports AAP/9News.com.au

The nanny was searching for a new life while working for a family in an affluent Sydney suburb but instead found herself trapped as a modern-day slave.

She had her passport confiscated and wasn't allowed outside for recreation. She wasn't paid, either.

When she reached out to a neighbour seeking help to escape, the nanny was handed back to her captors.

Her breakthrough came when she was allowed to attend church one day. She reached out to then-parish priest Fr Anthony Fisher at Watsons Bay.

He helped the woman escape after contacting police and the Church's welfare agency.

Archbishop Fisher told a NSW parliamentary inquiry yesterday that slavery was too often considered a non-issue in Australia.

"This isn't just a theory ... something we've seen overseas," he said.

"I, like many people, thought until recently slavery was abolished in the days of William Wilberforce, or it's something far away from here."

Archbishop Fisher shared the nanny's story at the inquiry into human trafficking. He called on the state government to do more to eradicate modern-day slavery and, specifically, appoint an anti-slavery commissioner.

The state exercised "considerable financial muscle" and could "slavery-proof" its supply lines by only using firms that proved they didn't deal in slavery.

The Church is undertaking a review of all its contracts and business practices to ensure it only purchases goods and services from firms that can certify they're slavery-proof.

"It's not enough for groups such as Churches to lecture or exhort the rest of the community in such matters," Archbishop Fisher said.

"We must demonstrate our own willingness to act where we can."

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the

death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.

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