

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This weekend: 15th May

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb

Reader: M. Schultz

Ministers: A. Burns, D. Kierce

Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Loftus

Reader: K. Arnott

Ministers: J. Burns, I. Eichler, J. Fitzgerald

Gifts: T. Mizzi

Next weekend: 22nd May

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper

Reader: D. Baudinette

Ministers: M. Lambert, F. Mizzi

Gifts: J. Clifford

Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Arnott

Reader: M. Kearney

Ministers: F. Arnott, P. Howman

Gifts: C. Boyadjian

Welcome: A & M Francis

Church Flowers: Maureen Schultz
Kath McNamara

Church Linen: 20/05 Lyn Goebel
03/06 Pat Bailey

Church Cleaning:

15/05 M. & Y Crooks

22/05 K. McNamara, M. King,
A. Taylor

29/05 M. Antony, J. Burns

Heywood: 22/05 Jenny, 05/06 Kaye

Dartmoor: Cleaning: Tracy Bull
Flowers: Volunteer please
Mowing: Noel Bull

Prayer After Communion:
(For Minsters to the Home-bound)

**God my creator breathe on me
again, renew me, refresh me,
extend my abilities, comfort me
in adjusting to changes in
health, mobility and
activity.**

**Body and Blood of Jesus Christ
flow through every fibre of my
being.**

**Keep me well, and hope filled
always.**

**Holy Spirit use me in my
situation, for the good of
others. Amen.**



Collections - Thank You

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Presbytery: \$ 568.45

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**15th May
2016**

**Pentecost
Sunday**

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Weekday Services, 17/05 to 20/05

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass *BUPA*
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
**Friday: 9.30am Adoration
10.00am Mass**

***Note* Funeral Masses will always take the place of
Weekday Mass for that day.**

Recent Deaths:

Olivia Lantry, Tom Ray, Clarrie Tonkin, Joan Rivett

Anniversaries:

Telesforo Cresencia, David Armour, Katie Bourke,
William Wilson, Pompeo Strada, Sr Claudia Murphy,
Marian May, Willy Hartmann, Angelo Agius, Gloria
Whitehead, Barry Strickland,

Prayer Requests:

Noela Clifford, Fr. Brendan Davey, Mary Gilbert, Les
Hildebrand. Claire Jesser, Sr. Margaret Keane sjs, Anne
Loschiavo (Kempton) Joan McCabe, Rita Madden,
Maureen McKenzie, Stephen Sherman, John Smith.
Gerard White, Frank Kenny, Lea-anne Bourke

*If you have any prayer requests please contact Antonella
at the Parish Office; for privacy reasons only Next of Kin
may ask for names to be added: Thank you*

Weekend Mass & Sacrament of Penance times.

PORTLAND

Mass: Saturday 6.30 pm,

Sunday 10:30 am

Penance: Saturday 10 –10.30am

HEYWOOD

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays,

9.00am Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday, Lay Led

Assembly, 9.00am

Penance available before Mass

DARTMOOR

2nd & 4th Sundays 8.45am Mass

Penance available before Mass

Baptisms by appointment with Fr. Gregory

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 10.30am or any Saturday 6.30pm vigil

Marriages by appointment with Fr Gregory

Children's Liturgy

May 22nd

Kate

"The Spire"

All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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Tuesday & Friday 9.00am till 3.00pm

Psalm 103

Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord

Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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verses, are from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International
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Gospel Connections - John 14:15-16, 23-26

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

Reflection - Entering into a New Covenant

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the harvesting of the first sheaf. When the Jerusalem temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. The Jews of the first century, including Christian Jews, celebrated the great pilgrimage feast of Pentecost. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongues. In other words, the dispersion and division created by the hubris of those who built the Tower of Babel is symbolically reversed in this pouring out of God's Spirit.

For the content of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain".

To seize hold of evil-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, amnesty only exacerbates the problems. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance, and of our capacity to deal with or "seize hold of" the sins of the perpetrators of violence and abuse in our Church and in our world..

- Sr. Veronica Lawson

All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Target Car park) Phone: 55 211587

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop always needs good quality clothing; bric a brac or furniture.

Please ring Outreach for pick up if necessary.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of Outreach.

Outreach is open Monday to Friday 10 am - 4pm and Saturdays 10am - 12 mid-day.

As Outreach is our main fundraiser for the Parish we urgently need Volunteers to give 3 hours in the mornings or afternoons.

Please contact Marg Herbertson at Op-Shop for further information.

Parish Leadership Team

If you are interested in discerning being part of a parish Leadership Team, Fr John McKinnon will be running 2 Discernment meetings on Thursday May 26th and Thursday June 2nd at 7pm at the Parish Office. If you are interested please RSVP Fr Greg by email greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 55231046 by Sunday 22nd May.

Combined Church Service

Christians in Portland getting together: Ecumenical Church Service is to be held at All Saints Church on Sunday 29th May, 6pm. Please bring a plate to share after prayers.

Memorial Mass

The Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns May 16 has been cancelled .

School Mass

Children from 5/6 JW and Foundation (Ms Walsh) classes will be attending mass on Friday 20th May.

Mass Count

The annual mass count commences on the weekend of May 1 and goes for four weekends. The count is a headcount of all attendees (visitors and regulars) in all parishes nationally.

Book Club

Next Book Club is Thursday June 16th 8.00pm, 9Whalers Court Portland. The book this month is "Beauty is a Wound" by Eka Kurniawan.

Catholic Education Week

Mrs Georgia Murrell is being recognised at the Annual Catholic Education Awards Dinner for 30 years of service to Catholic Teaching. Congratulations Georgia and thank you for your dedication to shaping the futures to so many students over the years!


All Saints Primary School Art Exhibition

All Saints Parish Primary School are proud to exhibit students' art work from Foundation to Year 6.

Portland Arts Centre - 26 April to 20 May

Open weekdays 9.00am - 5.00pm

Most weekends 1.00pm - 4.00pm



Pentecost People

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people.
Let your wisdom and right judgment guide our decisions
and temper our impulses.
Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for
empathy and compassion.
Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for
all of creation.
Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word
and deed.
Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.

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