

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This 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

Next weekend: 29th May

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: C. Leonard
Ministers: A. Burns, A. O'Brien
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson
Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Howman
Reader: P. Couttie
Ministers: I. Eichler, P. Howman, J. Sandeman
Gifts: J & A Milani
Welcome: M. King

Church Flowers: Maureen Schultz
Kath McNamara

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

Church Cleaning:
22/05 K. McNamara, M. King,
A. Taylor
29/05 M. Antony
05/06 I. Gill, G. Lewis

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.**

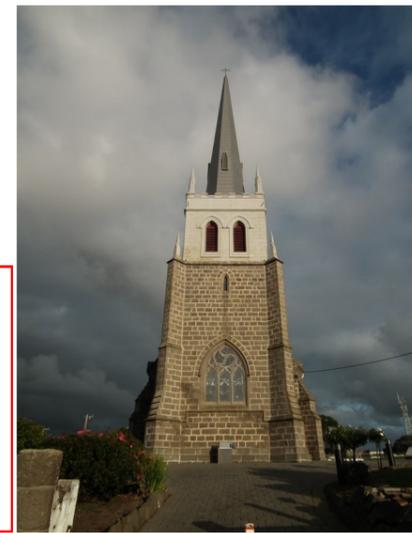
**Holy Spirit use me in my
situation, for the good of
others. Amen.**



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Presbytery: \$ 627.10
World Youth Day: \$ 725.00

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**22nd May
2016
The Most Holy
Trinity
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Weekday Services, 24/05 to 27/05

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass
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:

Anniversaries:

Jack Peach, Daisy Cahill, Marian Dorothy May, Joanne Wheeler, Carmel Smith

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
June 12th
Kerry**

"The Spire"

All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webbstock
Tuesday & Friday 9.00am till 3.00pm

Psalm 8

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters.

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Gospel Connections - John 16:12-15.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Reflection - Joyfully caught up in the Trinitarian life

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They will come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth".

As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wiser with the knowledge of hindsight, even if we never fully understand. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dynamism of Trinitarian life.

No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutised or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community.

- Sr. Veronica Lawson

Living the Gospel - Trinity

Every time we make the sign of the cross we reaffirm our belief in a God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although some people have difficulties with the gender-specific language of 'Father' and 'Son' and look for other ways to express this reality, all Christian people profess a belief in the one God who is experienced in three distinct ways. We are baptised 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit' and we remind ourselves

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.

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.

School Mass

Children from 3/4 MN (Miss Marcia) class will be attending mass on Friday 27th 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, 9 Whalers Court Portland. The book this month is "Beauty is a Wound" by Eka Kurniawan.

Briny Bunch

Briny Bunch get together at John & Colleen Legg's home. Friday 27th May from 6pm. 90 Oakpark Rd Portland. Bonfire if weather permits. Bring a plate of finger food to share. RSVP: 5523 3436 / 0438 925 111.

World Youth Day - Cake and Produce stall Fundraiser

One final cake and produce fundraiser will be held on the weekend of 28th/29th May. Thank you for all your generous support for Crystal towards her WYD pilgrimage to Poland.

Rosters

Copies of the next Liturgical Ministries Roster have been printed and are available at the front of the church, for those people who have indicated that they would like to participate. Please take a copy for your own information.

Historical Context - The Nicene Creed

The definitive statement of Christian belief is contained within the Nicene Creed that is proclaimed by the community in the Mass. It was developed by the Council of Nicea, held in 325, in response to a variety of teachings that were circulating at the time and the creed was further revised in 381.

The creed declares that Jesus is 'God from God, light from light, true God from true God... of one being with the Father' and that the Holy Spirit 'proceeds from the Father and the Son'. All of these statements seek to define the oneness of the Trinitarian God.