**Liturgy Rosters:** 

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This weekend: 17th July Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Leader: L. Cooper Reader: P. Kierce

Ministers: M. Lambert, A Burns D. Baudinette, G. Priestley

Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Gifts:

J. Sandeman Leader: K. Loftus Reader:

Ministers: B. McGennisken, K. Arnott

J. Fitzgerald L. Goebel

Welcome: B & M McGennisken

Next weekend: 24th July Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Leader: H. Webb Reader: D. Kierce

Ministers: A. Burns, A O'Brien C. Leonard, K. Carr

Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am Leader: K. Loftus Reader: J. Burns

Ministers: L. Goebel, D. Arnott, K. Howman

D. Goebel Gifts: Welcome: M. King

**Church Flowers: Pauline Roberts** 

Marg Antony

Church Linen: 22/07 Mandy Francis

05/08 Judy Hall

**Church Cleaning:** 

J. Simpson, T. Gracias 24/07 **B & M McGennisken** 31/07

17/07 Jenny, 31/07 Kaye **Heywood:** 

**Dartmoor:** Cleaning: Karen Bull

> Flowers: Kizzie O'Dea Mowing: Leo 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

Planned Giving: \$ 604.50 Presbytery: 596.30 736.55 Shared table: **BCSF** 20.00

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17th July 2016 16th Sunday

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## Weekday Services, 19/07 to 22/07

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass \*BUPA\*

Thursday: **10.00am Mass** Friday: 9.00am Adoration

\*\*9.30am\*\* Mass

10.45am Heywood Hostel

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

#### **Recent Deaths:**

Merl Bridges, Stephen McNamara

#### **Anniversaries:**

Jason Wade, Peter Drought, Laura Spillman, Lola Smith, Noel Oakley, Poppy Newell, Brian Guthridge, Teresa Debono, Maria Lamplough, Joe Cables, Norma Oakley,

#### **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

Children's Liturgy

24th July

Kerry

#### Weekend Mass & Sacrament of Penance times.

### **PORTLAND**

Mass: Saturday 6.30 pm, Sunday 10:30 am

#### **HEYWOOD**

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays, 9.00am Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday, Lay Led Assembly, 9.00am

## **DARTMOOR**

2nd & 4th Sundays 8.45am 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 Tait.

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment with Fr Gregory.

# "The Spire"

## All Saints' Parish

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

## Psalm 14

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

# Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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# Gospel Connections - Luke 10: 38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

# Gospel Reflection: Reflecting on women in leadership and ministry

The story of Martha and Mary has been interpreted fairly consistently over the centuries. Mary's silent contemplative pose at the feet of Jesus is generally affirmed while Martha's action-oriented focus is seen as a less desirable Christian stance. To be a "Mary" is to "choose the better part". To be a "Martha" is to be "anxious and distracted about many things".

In recent times, some interpreters have re-evaluated this reading of the Martha-Mary story. They have drawn attention to the many voices that inform the gospels and have suggested that this particular text reflects a struggle in early Church communities over the role of women in leadership and ministry. One voice in the text comes from those who want to downplay the initiative of women like Martha and to affirm the silence of women like Mary. The same voice functions to pit the two women over against each other and to cast Jesus in the role of arbiter between them, approving Mary's choice over against Martha's. This voice has had the effect of creating a false dichotomy and of reducing the women to exemplars of active ministry on the one hand and of quiet contemplation on the other. In other words, the judgment of Luke's Jesus reflects the views of a certain group in Luke's house churches rather than the words of Jesus of Nazareth.

A more women-friendly voice in the text presents Martha as the householder who welcomes or receives Jesus into her household church. This is possibly the voice of a circle of women disciples who preserved memories of women like Martha and Mary in less divisive ways. For these women, Martha is a generous host who uses her resources for the sake of the community. She welcomes those who share faith in Jesus, among them her sister Mary. The designation "sister" does not necessarily denote blood relationship. Mary may be one among many sisters and brothers in faith who gather to hear the teaching of Jesus. According to the narrator, Martha is "pulled in every direction" (periespato) by many ministerial tasks (peri pollēn diakonian), and most leaders can sympathise with her in this. There is no indication in this description that she is distracted. This is in contrast with the subsequent evaluative comments of the Lukan Jesus: coming from the lips of Jesus, the expression "anxious and troubled by many things" services a negative interpretation of Martha's leadership.

This story is problematic in many ways. It forms part of a broader Lukan canvas where women provide the model for leadership but are more often than not excluded from its exercise. This is in stark contrast with the ways that women are presented elsewhere in the gospels, especially in John.

Sr Veronica Lawson

# Have you thought - Action vs Reflection

This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

## 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.

## **Shared Table Project - Lima Peru**

The \$52 annual gift to the Project will take place in the month of July. Please put the \$52 in an envelope marked Shared Table and your name and address and put on Collection Plate. If you are a new parishioner and would like to donate \$52 to feed the children in Peru, you are most welcome to join our generous band of helpers. This is our 12th year. Any further information Marg Herbertson - the Parish Co-ordinator of Shared Table Project. Mobile 044761467.

## **Yearly Planned Giving Statements**

Your yearly planned giving statements are available for collection at the entrance of the church. Also copies of the Liturgical Ministries Roster have been printed for those who would like a copy. Regards Antonella

## **School Mass**

Children from 5/6 JW (Mr Walsh's) class will be attending mass on Friday 22nd July.

## **Book Club**

Next Book Club is Thursday August 4th, 8.00pm, 9 Whalers Court Portland. The book this month is "The Riddle of the Sands" by Erskine Childers

## **All Saints Outreach**

Please note there was an error last week and below is the correct account of monies donated by All Saints Outreach to the following casues:

| Caritas - Fiji flood relief                 | \$1,500 |
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| Ali Island Project (Papua New Guinea)       | \$1,500 |
| Missionaries of the Sacred Heart - Kiribati | \$1,500 |
| Salesians of Don Bosco                      | \$1,500 |
| Shared Table Project                        | \$1,500 |
| Mary Ward International Foundation          | \$1,500 |
| Bakita Village Orphanage - South Africa)    | \$1,500 |
| Bayview College - Schoolies with a Cause    | \$ 500  |
| Food 4 Thought                              | \$2,600 |
| Welfare to disadvantaged in Community       | \$6,734 |
| In kind clothing, crockery etc.             | \$3,500 |

Outreach has also given the Parish \$40,000 through out the year

We sincerely thank everyone for their support. Marg Herbertson, Treasurer, Outreach

## St Mary's Church Hamilton 150th Anniversary

All are invited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Mary's Church Hamilton on the weekend on August 13 & 14, 2016. A celebration dinner will be held on Saturday, August 13 and Mass will be held on Sunday, August 14 at 10.30am. A complimentary lunch will follow the blessing of a commemorative stone. History tours and displays will also be a feature on the weekend. Dinner bookings can be made via <a href="www.trybooking.com/KIZP">www.trybooking.com/KIZP</a> (follow this link – Celebration Dinner 150 Yrs – St Marys) or phone the Parish Office, ph. 5571 1161. For enquiries contact Anne Slattery, ph. 5570 8210 or 0418 370 539.