

Liturgy Rosters:
Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This weekend: 24th July
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: D. Kierce
Ministers: A. Burns, A O'Brien
Gifts: C. Leonard, K. Carr
Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Loftus
Reader: J. Burns
Ministers: L. Goebel, D. Arnott, K. Howman
Gifts: D. Goebel
Welcome: M. King

Next weekend: 31st July
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: P. Couttie
Ministers: D. Kierce, F. Mizzi
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson
Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Arnott
Reader: B. Healy
Ministers: A. Loving, I. Eichler, P. Howman
Gifts: K. Sullivan, J. Hall
Welcome: A & M Francis

Church Flowers: Pauline Roberts
Marg Antony

Church Linen: 22/07 Mandy Francis
05/08 Judy Hall

Church Cleaning:

31/07 B & M McGennicken
07/08 The Crespan Family
14/08 M & Y Crooks

Heywood: 17/07 Jenny, 31/07 Kaye

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:	\$	440.00
Presbytery:	\$	421.25
Shared table:	\$	901.80

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**24th July
2016**
**17th Sunday
Ordinary Time**
Year C



Weekday Services, 26/07 to 29/07

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:

John O'Flaherty

Anniversaries:

Cristita Rapal, Kevin Foley, Jamie Whitehead, Margaret Badman, Ernest Herbert, Laurie Leonard, Ernie Saunders

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

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.

Children's Liturgy
August 14th
Julie & Gabrielle

"The Spire"

All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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

Psalm 137

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Gospel Connections - Luke 11: 1-13

'Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Gospel Reflection: Seeking and asking in prayer

This Sunday's gospel offers three little cameos about praying: two teachings on prayer sandwiching a strange parable. In the first cameo, Jesus is at prayer and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first century Jew might respond, evoking the words of the Jewish Kaddish prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world.... May God's kingship be established in your lifetime and in your days...." In this context, Jesus calls God "father", a metaphor or image denoting the power of God over against the power of the Roman emperor. The prayer continues: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." It is not a prayer for more than we need, but for just as much as we need. The parable that follows will demonstrate how this might happen. The final petitions in the prayer that Jesus teaches are for forgiveness for sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and freedom from testing, both recurring themes in Luke's gospel. We cannot live without "bread" just as we cannot live without the peace of mind that comes from forgiveness and the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial.

The second cameo has raised questions for interpreters. Is this parable about persistence or shame? These are two very different concepts, but both have been suggested as the motive for the sleeping neighbour's response to the friend in need and as the proper rendering of the Greek anaideia. The literal meaning of anaideia is shamelessness or avoidance of shame. Avoidance of shame makes sense in a culture where one would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour who is unable to meet the demands of hospitality, especially where one could well find oneself in similar need some time. No one would dream of refusing such a request for help, whether for the sake of friendship or to avoid being shamed, not even those who let it be known that they resent having to get out of bed in the middle of the night.

The translation "persistence seems to derive from association with the repetition of seeking and searching and knocking, in other words with the sayings that form the third little cameo: "Ask and it will be given you...." Persistence in prayer is a desirable quality but it has nothing to do with the parable of the friend in need who asks only once for "three loaves" and can expect to receive them. Just so, God cares extravagantly for those in need and does so without too much prompting. [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.

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.

School Mass

Children from Foundation CL (Miss Leving's) class will be attending mass on Friday 29th July.

Cuppa after Mass - 31st July

All are welcome to a cuppa and get together after mass on Sunday morning. Could you bring a small plate to share with everyone. Hope to see you there.

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 Financials 2015/2016

The Parish Finance & Special Project Group would like to present the parish finances for the financial year Jul 2015 to Jun 2016.

The main results to note are as follows:

Overall result was a loss of \$3,605 which can be attributed to the following:

- Planned giving decreased by \$7,263 (12%)
- Repairs & Maintenance increase due to rebuilding stone front fence of the church and also repair to stormwater drain for Henty St property.

Profit & Loss		
	Jul 2015 - Jun 2016	Jul 2014 - Jun 2015
Income		
Donations & Gifts	5,887	925
Interest Income	25,577	25,908
Planned Giving	53,711	60,974
Sundry Income	5,565	4,553
Total Income	90,740	92,361
Expense		
Administration	12,299	10,192
Capital Expenses	2,732	8,833
Levies	12,216	15,429
Liturgical	2,586	3,403
Pastoral Groups	1,214	762
Property Costs	17,277	14,562
Reflection Resources	219	-
Repairs & Maintenance	23,160	7,675
Salaries & Wages	20,517	23,124
Salary Associated Costs	2,126	2,447
Total Expense	94,345	86,427
Net Profit/Loss	- 3,605	5,934