

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

**This 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

**Next weekend: 7th August**  
**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

Leader: H. Webb  
Reader: C. Leonard  
Ministers: M. Lambert, A. Burns  
Gifts: D. Baudinette, G. Priestley  
Welcome: D. Baudinette

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: K. Howman  
Reader: K. Arnott  
Ministers: J. Sandeman, F. Arnott, V. Bailey  
Gifts: T. Mizzi  
Welcome: L. Goebel

**Church Flowers:** Jeanette Sandeman

**Church Linen:** 05/08 Judy Hall  
19/08 Betty Teal

**Church Cleaning:**

07/08 The Crespan Family  
14/08 M & Y Crooks  
21/08 K. McNamara, A. Taylor  
M. King

**Heywood:** 31/07 Kaye, 14/08 Vicki

**Dartmoor:** **Cleaning:** Tracey 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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Shared table:	\$ 1,494.40
BCSF	\$ 20.00

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**31st July  
2016**  
**18th Sunday  
Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**



**Weekday Services, 2/08 to 5/08**

**Tuesday: No mass**  
**Wednesday: 5.00pm Mass**  
**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**  
**Friday: 10.00am Mass -All Saints Primary School**

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

**Recent Deaths:**

Patricia Heath,

**Anniversaries:**

Arthur Dawson, Doroteo Cresencia, Monica Mutch, Basil Pye, Helen Elliott, Sr Moya Mottram, Elsie Johnson, Keith Wilson, Ruth Saunders, Sr Dorothy Finnegan, Graham Kempton

**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, Peter Priestley (snr)

*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 89**

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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## Gospel Connections - Luke 12: 13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

## Gospel Reflection:

Every faithful Jew and every faithful Christian knows that "the earth belongs to God and all that is in it" (Psalm 24). That does not stop people from arguing over possessions and even killing for them. It never has. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be "rich toward God" or "rich in God" find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions will simply be left, at life's end, with a question: "To whom will this hoard belong?" The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: "the earth and all that is in it belongs to God".

Jesus is addressed as "teacher", and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is "teacher" rather than "divider". He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law. His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager or steward as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even perhaps a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the land-owner in upon himself rather than out towards others and so "toward God". First person singular pronouns predominate: "What am I to do? I have no place....I will do this....I will .... I will .... I will ...." The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, "You fool...", and by the divine judgment on the landowner's self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today's second reading from the letter to the people of Colossae. For the author of that letter, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god.

In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint, and to acknowledge by the way we live that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God's people, not just to the privileged few. In consistently refusing to "store up treasure" for our own selfish ends, we become forever "rich toward God".. [Sr Veronica Lawson](#)

## We are Travellers Here

We are travellers here, Called to embrace the world, inspired to love, United we stand as one. We are travellers here, Stirred by a burning desire, Christ offers hope, a spirited holy fire!

The world is in need of healing grace, Crossing the bridges of culture and race. With pioneer courage, make sacred this place. We offer our lives as pilgrims of peace, working and praying so love may increase, a heart full of yearning that hardship may cease.

Our hands are a blessing of care and concern. We reach out to others, so others may learn The Spirit is with us, this we believe! No boundary, no challenge will silence our dream, A fire of justice the world has not seen, Christ ever shining, the life giving stream!

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## 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

Thank everyone for your support of the Shared Table project. Marg Herbertson

## Mary Mackillop Mass

Mass to celebrate Mary Mackillop feast day will be held at All Saints Primary school in the school hall on Friday 5th August. All are welcome to attend.

## 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

## Combined Church Service

Combined Churches Service at the Baptist Church, Percy St Portland, Sunday the 31st of July at 6.00pm. All Welcome.

## What it is like to be a Christian in Nigeria

Islamic militant group, Boko Haram, is violently destroying Northern Nigeria, with Christians as a primary target. For those who follow Jesus, the risks are at an all time high.

Come and be encouraged as Peter, an Open Doors speaker shares stories of God strengthening his people and see how you can encourage and support persecuted Christians.

Friday 26 August @ 7.30pm Southwest Community Church, 40 Julia St Portland

## 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. Dinner bookings can be made via [www.trybooking.com/KIZP](http://www.trybooking.com/KIZP) (or phone the Parish Office, ph. 5571 1161. For enquiries contact Anne Slattery, ph. 5570 8210 or 0418 370 539.

## Join Pope Francis at World Youth Day

Live streaming of World Youth Day events from Poland is available on [www.xt3.com/live](http://www.xt3.com/live) including WYD Mass with Pope Francis (Sunday, July 31 at 6.00pm Victorian time). Videos of events also available for viewing afterwards 'on demand.' The WYD prayer and WYD news and live blog are available on the Ballarat Diocese website youth pages [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).



NET Ministries is a non-profit organisation committed to the evangelisation of Australia's youth. Each year NET calls together around 50 Catholic men and women, aged 18 to 30, to be formed as missionary disciples and commissioned for a year of volunteer youth work. As teams they work in parishes, schools and universities offering themselves as authentic witnesses of the gospel. They run retreats, lead youth groups and host social events among many other things.

We're currently looking for volunteers to apply for 2017. If you are interested in the mission of NET and want to learn more about how you can be part of it, go to our website [www.netministries.com.au](http://www.netministries.com.au) or find us on Facebook at 'NET Australia'