

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

This weekend: 28th August
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: P. Kierce
Ministers: A. Burns, A. O'Brien
Gifts: D. Baudinette, G. Priestley
Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Loftus
Reader: I. Eichler
Ministers: K. Howman, A. Loving, P. Howman
Gifts: B & M McGenniken
Welcome: A & M Francis

Next weekend: 4th September
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: D. Kierce
Ministers: D. Kierce, F. Mizzi
Gifts: C. Leonard, K. Carr
Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Arnott
Reader: A. Francis
Ministers: F. Arnott, J. Sandeman, V. Bailey
Gifts: L. Goebel
Welcome: L. Goebel

Church Flowers: Jeanette Sandeman

Church Linen: 02/09 Lyn Goebel

Church Cleaning:

28/08 P & G Priestley, K. Howman
04/09 G. Lewis
11/09 M. Kempton

Heywood: 28/08 Dot, 11/09 Jenny

Dartmoor: **Cleaning:** volunteer please
Flowers: Ann-Marie Harvey
Mowing: Gerald Harvey

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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BCSF	\$	20.00

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**28th August
2016**

**22nd Sunday
Ordinary Time**

Year C



Weekday Services, 30/08 to 02/09

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 5.00pm 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:

Peter Priestley (snr)

Anniversaries:

Mary Kathleen Sullivan, Annie Peach, Kevin Patterson,
Chris Buchanan, Alice Ough, Colin De Vries, Michael
Nevins, Nicholas Carr

Prayer Requests:

Noela Clifford, Mary Gilbert, Les Hildebrand, Claire
Jesser, Sr. Margaret Keane sjs, Anne Loschiavo
(Kempton) 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
September 11th
Kate

"The Spire"

All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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

Psalm 67

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for
the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them
new life.

It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor .

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for
the poor.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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verses, are from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International
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Gospel Connections - Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading [Pharisees](#); and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Gospel Reflection: Welcome, Inclusion and love

One of the most disturbing features of life in our times is the forced displacement of peoples. Some displaced people receive the hospitality they seek. Others find themselves locked out and abandoned. These people, like Jesus, are "carefully watched" lest they disturb the lifestyle and comfort of those who have more than their share of the planet's resources. A 2016 Oxfam report indicates that the combined wealth of the world's 62 richest people equals that of 3.5 million others, the poorer half the world's population. The gospel challenge is to find a way to redress the obscene imbalance represented by those figures because the global community has the resources to provide a home for everyone and the means for all to live in the dignity of the children of God.

Today's gospel has Jesus under scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. In Luke's gospel, the Pharisees are generally depicted as hostile to Jesus. This portrait reflects the situation of the time the gospels are being written when Pharisaic Judaism and Christian Judaism had parted ways. At the time of Jesus' ministry, the Pharisees were a minority group of well-respected experts in the Law. Despite the hostility from his host, Jesus is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers. He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God's kin-dom where those who seek the first places find themselves last and the last are first.

Jesus' advice for his host is more removed from first century Palestinian experience than is his advice for the guests: do not invite friends, family and wealthy neighbours; invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, invite those considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return your hospitality. This was a confronting suggestion in that culture. It embodied the inclusive values of the kin-dom vision that Jesus had preached from the outset. It is confronting for us in our times. It is easy to welcome like-minded people into our land and our homes. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us. We are invited to look on them with love rather than hostility and to secure a place for them in our hearts and in our common home. [Sr Veronica Lawson](#)

Living the Gospel - What's the cost?

Jesus' message about humility is as relevant today as it was in the first century. It is part of human nature to want to fit in and to want to belong. Sometimes we are tempted to seek this acceptance at any cost. When our sense of belonging is achieved through the harming, humiliation or exploitation of others then the price is too high. When our desire for the latest fashion comes at the expense of others being able to simply live, then the price is too high. When we lift ourselves up by putting others down, then the price is too high.

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.](#)

School Mass

Children from 3/4KO (Ms O'Keefe's class) will be attending mass on Friday 2nd September.

Book Club

The next book club will be held on Thursday 15th September 2016 at 8 p.m. at 5 Poland Street, Portland. The book will be: "My Brilliant Friend" By Elena Ferrante

Southern Stars Family Group

Melinda and Jamin Howman will be hosting a card and board game afternoon at place, on Sunday September 4th. If the weather's fine we might be able to set up some croquet in the backyard.

This is Father's Day too, so completely understand if it doesn't work. All welcome, including children.

RSVP Melinda 0439737664.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Eighteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Vatican News

Sept. 4, is the date Pope Francis is scheduled to declare Blessed Teresa a saint.

Mother Teresa's canonization is the church's formal proclamation that she is with God and can intercede on behalf of those who pray for her assistance, Father Kolodiejchuk said. Sainthood recognizes that she "lived in an excellent way -- a heroic way -- the Christian life and shows us concretely what the Christian life involves." For Father Kolodiejchuk, "the single most heroic aspect of her life" is her extraordinary commitment to God, the church and the poor despite what Mother Teresa described in letters to her spiritual director as "the darkness," a feeling that lasted some 50 years.

"She was a woman passionately in love with Jesus," Father Kolodiejchuk said. "As a young religious she made this resolution to love him as he's never been loved before, which is a daring thing to say if you are taking it seriously."

In 1946, Mother Teresa -- at the time a Loreto sister -- heard the voice of Jesus calling her to serve him in the poorest of the poor. It was an intense, mystical experience of "that union, that presence, that intimacy with Jesus," he said. "And then she lost it and that's painful."

"So the trial is that she feels that Jesus doesn't love her. She feels unwanted, unloved," he said.

Living through that experience with "heroic faith," constant acts of charity and real love for God and for the poor, he said, is a witness to the real meaning of commitment and that "love is not principally a feeling. Certainly that's part of it for almost everyone, but in the end, it is classical Thomas Aquinas: Love is in the will. It's our choosing." Feeling unloved was not just a painful experience for Mother Teresa, he said. It was also another way for her to live in deep communion with Jesus and with the materially and spiritually poor she dedicated her life to serving. In the chapel of every Missionary of Charity community, next to the crucifix, are the words of Jesus, "I thirst." Her experience of feeling unloved also meant she lived "in solidarity with the spiritually poor," Father Kolodiejchuk said. "She would have this empathy because she would have the same sense of, 'Yeah, I know what it is to be unloved and unwanted and feeling lonely -- to want to love and be loved, and it seems like it's not there.'

By Cindy Wooden [Catholic News Service](#)