

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This 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

Next weekend: 11th September
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: P. O'Brien
Ministers: M. Lambert, A. Burns
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson
Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Howman
Reader: G. Lewis
Ministers: D. Arnott, L. Goebel, P. Howman
Gifts: D. Goebel
Welcome: B & M McGenniken

Church Flowers: Judy Hall

Church Linen: 02/09 Lyn Goebel
16/09 Pat Bailey

Church Cleaning:

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

Planned Giving: \$ 451.50
Presbytery: \$ 530.75
BCSF \$ 35.00

If you would like to receive a weekly copy of "The Spire" by email, please send us an email and we can add you to a list of subscribers



4th September 2016
23rd Sunday Ordinary Time
Year C



Weekday Services, 06/09 to 09/09

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:

Lourdes Stanislaus, Joyce Rickard, Lindsay Dart

Anniversaries:

Fred Guy, Bill Woods, Mavis O'Meara, Mollie Oliver, Bob Jesser, Dot Berry & all of our fathers & grandfathers who have gone before us.

Prayer Requests:

Noela Clifford, Mary Gilbert, Les Hildebrand. Claire Jesser, Sr. Margaret Keane sjc, Anne Loschiavo (Kempton), Rita Madden, Maureen McKenzie, Stephen Sherman, John Smith. Gerard White, Frank Kenny, Lea-anne Bourke, Joseph Ngugen

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

All Saints' Parish Office

117 Bentinck Street, Portland
PO Box 210 Portland 3305

Phone: 5523 1046 Fax: 5521 7612
email: portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Priest: Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, Adm.
email: greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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
Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and the Gospel verses, are from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

Gospel Connections - Luke 14: 25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Gospel Reflection:

On the long journey from Galilee through Samaritan territory to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus attracts a huge following and teaches relentlessly about the ways of God. By the time he reaches Jerusalem, the crowds have thinned considerably. Is this because it is too hard to persist with their initial impulse to follow the way of the gospel and the one who embodies its values? Implicit in Jesus' teaching about carrying one's cross is a reminder of the intense pain and sacrifice involved in being a disciple. It sometimes means going against what other family members want. It may even involve risking one's life for the sake of others. In the context of the Roman Empire, criminals who were sentenced to die by crucifixion carried to the place of execution the cross beam on which they would hang. The cross image is thus shocking for anyone. It is quite alienating for the faint hearted.

The term "hate" (misein) in this context seems harsh. The English translation fails to do justice, however, to the original Greek or the Hebrew that underlies this biblical notion. To "hate" in biblical terms is to "leave aside". Disciples are expected to love one another. There are times, however, when they have to "leave aside" the wishes of those they love most for the sake of a gospel call to justice, compassion, and right relationship. If we are attentive to the gender bias of this ancient text, we might note that married men are addressed while married women are not. Here as elsewhere, women have to read against the grain of the text in order to hear its message. Finally, there is a call in this gospel passage to "leave aside" unnecessary possessions. In a time of planetary vulnerability and of growing division between the privileged and the marginalised of the Earth community, the teaching of the Lukan Jesus has a particular resonance. There is no place in a gospel way of life for self-indulgence, for exploitation of others, or for self-centred appropriation of the goods of the earth. [Sr Veronica Lawson](#)

Fathers Day

Fatherhood calls for many challenges and hardships, which every dad bears with pride and happiness. Your dad has been your first friend who has always been with you, no matter what. He is the one person who has bestowed you with unconditional love and care, without asking for anything in return. When it comes to the relationship you share with your father, there are absolutely no strings attached. He may not show, but he is always there for you, with his unwavering support and assistance. How often do you take out time to whisper a silent prayer to God for the health and happiness of this special person in your life? Most of you would prefer not to answer the above question. This Father's Day, take it as an opportunity to seek blessings for your father, with a special prayer of gratitude.

God, bless all the fathers in the world.

**Guide them to be good role models
and loving to all their children.**

Help them to be a father like You are.

**Give them grace and patience
to handle situations in a loving way.**

Amen!

All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Target Car park) Phone: 55 211587

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is in urgent need of 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 5/6 CA (Ms Anderson's class) will be attending mass on Friday 9th 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

Southern Stars family group will be gathering for a card and board game afternoon this Sunday between 2pm and 4pm, at Mel and Jamin's place (58 Otway St). Please bring some afternoon tea to share. Croquet in the garden if the weather's fine. RSVP Melinda 0439737664.

Garage Sale

UNHCR are holding a garage sale on Saturday 10th September at the Guide Hall, Otway Court, starting at 9.00am. All proceeds from our stall will go directly to UNHCR Australia to aid refugees in crisis. A wide range of items will be available. Please come and support us on the day. Any donation of saleable items or money would be gratefully accepted. Contributions over \$2 are tax deductible. For further information contact Carol on 5523 3410 or go to www.unhcrperu2016.everydayhero.com/au/grant

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund - Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. 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. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Canonisation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta - September 4th 2016

The canonization will be held on 4 September this year in Rome during the Sunday Mass celebrated as part of the Jubilee for workers and volunteers of mercy.

Even in her lifetime, Mother Teresa was an icon of God's tender mercy, radiating the light of God's love to so many through the works of mercy, both material and spiritual. From heaven she continues to fulfil her mission as she "lights the light of those in darkness on earth." With her canonization, the Church presents her as a model and intercessor of those who, like her, "long to light the fire of love and peace throughout the world." She can be taken as a patron saint especially for those who are most in need of God's mercy.

By her example and through her intercession, may Mother Teresa inspire many to give their 'hearts to love and their hands to serve', starting with those closest to them. May we all continue to live and deepen our awareness of being in need of mercy and our willingness to extend mercy in our communities, in our families and in our service of the poor.

