

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

This 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: M. King

Next weekend: 18th September
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: B. Healy
Reader: K. Arnott
Ministers: J. Sandeman, F. Arnott, V. Bailey
Gifts: K. Sullivan, J. Hall
Welcome: M. King

Church Flowers: Judy Hall

Church Linen: 16/09 Pat Bailey
30/09 Joanne Fitzgerald

Church Cleaning:

11/09 M. Kempton
18/09 M. Schultz, J. Sandeman

Heywood: 11/09 Jenny, 25/09 Kaye

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:	\$ 4,110.00
Presbytery:	\$ 654.70
BCSF	\$ 1,300.90

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**11th September
2016**

**24th Sunday
Ordinary Time**

Year C



Weekday Services, 13/09 to 16/09

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 5.00pm Mass
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
Friday: 9.30am Adoration
10.00am Mass
1.30pm Harbourside Service

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

Recent Deaths:

Fr Bob Markey, Ivan Sanderson, Tom Hill, Madison Arnold, Agnes Nash, Hazel Young

Anniversaries:

Ellen Barker, Janet Stanford, Jim Walters,
Sr Meg Hannan IBVM, Pauline Johnson, Jenny Stewart

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 Nguyen

*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

Children's Liturgy
25th September
Julie & Gabrielle

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"

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Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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Tuesday & Friday 9.00am till 3.00pm

Psalm 50

I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

I will rise and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to
himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

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 15: 1-10

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

Gospel Reflection: Loss and Rejoicing

Those who take the gospel seriously sometimes forget that joy is a gospel value, a value repeatedly affirmed in the Gospel of Luke. While all three parables in today's gospel reading invite us into the experience of loss, loss of a valued creature, loss of a woman's means of survival, loss of an adult child's respect and presence, they likewise invite us into an encounter with God who seeks and "saves" the lost and who rejoices big time when the lost are found.

The parables are prefaced by an account of the criticism Jesus endured for hosting "the lost" of the human community, namely the toll collectors and those who were categorised as "sinners". The critics in the story are those who consider themselves "righteous". They have no room in their hearts for compassion or forgiveness on the one hand, and no capacity on the other to accept the goodness of a prophet who acts in ways that cut across their expectations.

"What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it?" asks Jesus of his critics, who incidentally would not care to be identified with shepherds whom they despised as unclean. As the story unfolds, the lost sheep is sought and found and ultimately embraced by the community. The celebration that ensues is likened to the heavenly banquet of God's reign where there is more joy over one who repents than over those who have no need of repentance. Repent/repentance may seem a strange choice of words since all the action is taken by the shepherd. The lost sheep simply responds to the initiative of the shepherd who goes after it and returns it to the fold.

"Or what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it?" is Jesus' second question to his critics. The pattern is repeated. The drachma, representing a day's wages, is lost, sought and found, and the community rejoices. Now and then in the biblical tradition, as here, God is imaged as a woman. God is not only the good male shepherd as in the first parable or the good male parent as in the third parable. God is also the diligent female householder who seeks and saves what is lost. No single image can contain the compassionate, loving God presented in these parables. The invitation to the believing community is to find ways of opening our hearts and the hearts of the unforgiving in our world to God's action of seeking and saving the lost - here and now, not simply in the afterlife. [Sr Veronica Lawson](#)

Prayer for Generosity St. Ignatius Loyola

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity.
Teach me to serve You as you deserve, to give without counting the cost,
to fight heedless of wounds, to labor without seeking rest, to sacrifice
myself without thought of any reward save the knowledge that I have
done Your will. 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 3/4 CS(Mr Smid's class) will be attending mass on Friday 16th 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

Funky Hearts Inc - Indoor Play Centre

FUNKY Hearts Inc Indoor Play Centre & Café invites churches of Portland to a preview session! Come and join us on Sunday 18th September from 12:30-3pm. Sausage sizzle available by donation. Come & check out the amazing things God has done! All ages welcome.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$ 1,344.95 to this collection, which raised nearly \$54,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$1,300.90 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Free eConference on Mercy: A Way of Being in the World

This eConference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith.

September 20, 10.30am - 2.45pm for registrations please visit :

<http://creomedia.com.au/clients/bbi/econference2016/>

Speakers:

- Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications
- Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Scripture scholar and author of the highly praised book, "The Blessing of Mercy"
- Mr Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program - start in October or next year.

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. The October study cycle starts soon so contact us now - or you can start next year. If you are interested, first check out the details on the diocesan website (link to Lay Pastoral Ministry Program at bottom right of front page), then contact Amanda Smith, ph: 5337 7125, email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au