

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

This 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, J. Fitzgerald, V. Bailey
Gifts: K. Sullivan, J. Hall
Welcome: M. King

Next weekend: 25th September
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Howman
Reader: K. Arnott
Ministers: B & M McGennissen, K. Arnott
Gifts: T. Mizzi
Welcome: A & M Francis

Church Flowers: Judy Hall

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

Church Cleaning:

18/09 M. Schultz, J. Sandeman
25/09 M. Antony, I. Eichler

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

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BCSF	\$	1,340.90

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18th September 2016
25th Sunday Ordinary Time
Year C



Weekday Services, 20/09 to 23/09

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: *10.00am Mass BUPA*
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:

Anniversaries:

Mary Pound, Tony Leddin, Nancy Flynn, John Lawe, Marie Becknell, Muriel Mugavin, Ken Johnson, Eileen Auld, Thelma Rowe, Sylvia Beasley, Fr Gerard Neagle CSSR

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 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.

Children's Liturgy
25th September
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 112

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Gospel Connections - Luke 16: 1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Gospel Reflection: Being in right relationship with God and others

.In her insightful and engaging 2005 work, *Dancing with Strangers*, Melbourne-based historian Inga Clenninden offered a new perspective on the famous incident of the spearing of Governor Arthur Phillip at Manly Cove on September 7, 1790. The "accident" at Manly was no accident, she argued, but a carefully staged and brilliantly executed response to the indignities inflicted by the British, albeit unwittingly, on the local inhabitants. The hero at Manly Cove is Baneelon (later known as Bennelong) who secures, for a time at least, the honour and survival of his people. He does so with all the cunning, if not the subterfuge, of the steward in Luke's parable, and wins an uneasy approval. An ever present motif in the story of these early British-Australian encounters is the understanding of possessions and land peculiar to each.

From eighteenth century Manly Cove back to first-century Palestine is quite a leap. At stake in both arenas are survival and honour. Luke's unlikely hero is a property manager or steward accountable to a land owner (the master) for the collection of rent from land poor tenants who work the land and pay their rent in produce. The steward is reported for mismanagement. He is called in, asked to produce the books, and told he is about to be sacked. He thinks quickly, approaches the debtors, reduces their sizeable debts by the stroke of a pen, and thus gains their undying loyalty. He then hands over the books. While he has engaged in a series of smart moves, he is far from honest! The master is caught in a cleft stick: his steward has outwitted him and secured his own survival; the master has no honourable redress. He shakes his head and acknowledges the cunning or practical wisdom of the steward.

It must be noted that there is no critique in this parable of the injustices inherent in a system that maintains privilege and subordination. That may be a matter of consideration for disciples in our times. The parable reminds us, rather, that disciples need to have the practical wisdom or cunning of the steward, though to different ends. The parable gives way to a number of sayings about money and its use or misuse. While "money" as a means of exchange has long since been an integral part of life in the Earth community, it can become an obstacle or even a substitute for right relationship with God. The implication in the final saying is that disciples are called to "enslave" themselves to God. Contemporary attitudes to slavery might suggest that we find more appropriate expressions for our relationship with God. Not everything in the gospel parables is to be emulated.

Sr Veronica Lawson

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.

Sick in hospital

Reminder if you are in hospital please say 'yes' to the question regarding a clergy visit. This is the only means for me to know if you are in hospital and able then to come and visit you. Fr Greg

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.

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

Beyond the Year of Mercy

A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5331 2933.

Make time to
reconnect

RUOK?

R U OK? In September each year we are encouraged to ask each other Are You Ok? These three simple words could open up a conversation that helps someone in a difficult time. Ask your partner, your kids, your parents, your friends, your mates at work. So, we ask you, ARE YOU OK? Centacare is supported across the Ballarat

Diocese and has offices in Hamilton and Warrnambool. They offer all sorts of support for families and individuals. Check out www.centacareballarat.org.au or call 03 55724466.