

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

This weekend: 2nd October
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: C. Leonard
Ministers: A. Burns, A. O'Brien
Gifts: D. Baudinette, G. Priestley
Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: P. Howman
Reader: M. Kearney
Ministers: K. Howman, A. Loving, I. Eichler
Gifts: C. Boyadjian
Welcome: L. Goebel

Next weekend: 9th October
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: P. Coultie
Ministers: D. Kierce, F. Mizzi
Gifts: C. Leonard, K. Carr
Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: J. Sandeman
Reader: P. Coultie
Ministers: P. Howman, C. Brevet, J. Fitzgerald
Gifts: J & A Milani, L. Goebel
Welcome: B & M McGennissen

Church Flowers: Marie McGennissen

Church Linen: 30/09 Joanne Fitzgerald
14/10 Anne McIntyre

Church Cleaning:

02/10 The Arnott Family
09/10 M. Lambert, J. Burns
16/10 C. Legg, P. Laidlaw

Heywood: 25/09 Kaye, 09/10 Vicki

Dartmoor: **Cleaning:** Karen Bull
Flowers: Kizzie O'Dea
Mowing: Leo 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.



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2nd October 2016
27th Sunday Ordinary Time
Year C



Weekday Services, 04/10 to 07/10

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:

Anne Russo, Kevin Barnes, Pauline Litt

Anniversaries:

Timothy Edward Walsh, Coral Price, Kenneth Ryan, Edward Shepherd, John O'Bryan, Jim Whitehead, Mary Debono Howlett, Bernie Bourke, Pat Stretch, Eileen Laidlaw, Mollie Carey

Prayer Requests:

Noela Clifford, 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, 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

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
9th October
Kerry

"The Spire"

All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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Psalm 94

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Gospel Connections - Luke 17: 5 - 10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

Gospel Reflection: The Saving Power of Faith

Today's gospel seems to be telling us that faith is somehow linked with doing what we ought to do without looking for accolades. The apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. As usual he responds obliquely and with two seemingly unconnected images. As usual, he leaves his hearers puzzled and puzzling.

Given his earlier refusal to engage in demonstrations of power (Luke 4:1-12), Jesus' words about the mulberry tree are strange indeed. Trees simply don't transplant themselves on demand. Would they do so if we believed it possible? I think not. So what is going on here? Jesus often uses hyperbole to make a point. He seems to be asserting the power of faith to "save". When some faith-filled people brought their paralysed friend to him for a cure, or when the centurion appealed to him on behalf of his dying slave, or when the woman massaged his feet with perfumed oil, it was their faith that "saved" them. This time he uses metaphorical language to the same end. In effect he is saying that even the faintest glimmer of faith has the most extraordinary effects. Later in Luke's gospel, Jesus will contrast those who have faith with those who "trust in themselves that they are righteous and regard others with contempt" (18:9).

The slave story provides some interesting, even disturbing insights into the institution of slavery in the world of the first century. Slaves have no expectation of sustenance when they come in from a hard day's work. They attend first to the master's needs, and even then they deserve no recognition or credit.

This is simply how it is for slaves. Jesus does not challenge the master-slave relationship whereby the slave receives no special thanks for doing the master's bidding. We may want to critique this aspect of the story. When they have done everything expected of them, the apostles are to consider themselves as "unworthy servants" (literally "worthless slaves"). We might note that "worthless" is a misleading translation of the Greek *achreiai*: slaves are extremely valuable to their owners, even if nobody actually owes them anything.

How can undeserving slaves provide a prototype for gospel leadership? How can this image fit with the supposedly inclusive vision of the gospel as a whole? Our church tradition has always distinguished between those elements in the text that are situation-bound and those that have enduring significance. We need the wisdom to discern the latter and the insight to refuse to re-inscribe oppressive first century societal practices. The story invites us to have faith and to do what we ought to do without looking for undue recognition. As for claiming the status of "slaves", that can have little if any value in our times. [Sr Veronica Lawson](#)

Gospel Focus - Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question - and the reply given by Jesus - does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is the faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

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.

Southern Stars Family Group

The next Southern Stars Family Group activity, 'Poetry or other Performance on the Beach', will be held at Cape Bridgewater Beach, in the vicinity of the Portland SLSC rooms, at 1400 hrs on Sunday 2nd October. All Southern Stars are invited to share an individual or group performance on the beach. BYO all props, chairs and afternoon tea. The wet weather alternative will be the O'Brien's place at 43 Panoramic Drive, just up the hill from the beach, and will be notified by text message or phone call if required. New family group members welcome. Prospective new members please contact Anne or Pat O'Brien on 0478 221 689.

Book Club

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club is on 13th October 2016 at 8.00 p.m. at Panorama Drive, Bridgewater.

The book is: "All the night we cannot see" by Anthony Doerr

Advent Lectio Divina - Praying the scriptures in Advent - Year A 2016

This booklet invites you to prayerfully and meditatively reflect on the Sunday readings during Advent and select readings from Christmas and Epiphany.



"During the Advent season we are invited to take up this reflective approach to the Word of God, to see it as an opportunity to enter through a door to a new understanding, renewed memories all of which invites us into a deeper relationship with the One born in time, who lives among us, whose life we share through Baptism, whose coming in glory we await. "

- **Bishop David Walker**

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Vatican News - When times are tough rant at God, don't run from trouble

Don't respond to grief or anguish with pills, alcohol or avoidance, Pope Francis said in a morning homily. Figure out what is going on inside your heart, then turn to God and beg him for help, he said.

Everyone has experienced some degree of despair that "makes us feel as if our soul were crushed," unable to breathe and perhaps even eager for death, the pope said.

"We have to understand when our spirit is in this state of extended sadness, where there is almost no air. This happens to all of us" to some degree, he said.

Some people might "take a sleeping pill," avoid facing the situation or "have two, three, four shots" of something strong to drink; but that "doesn't help," he said.

So then what should people do when they go through "these dark moments because of a family tragedy, an illness, something that brings me down?" he asked.

In times of hopeless, spiritual despair, he said, the answer is to pray hard, just like Job, who cried out day and night for God to listen.

When someone is hurting and trapped in this spiritual despair, he said, the best thing to do is "talk as little as possible" because in these cases speeches "ultimately do not help and they can cause harm, too." A person can help with loving silence, "being close, a caress and prayers to the father."

The pope asked that people pray for the grace to recognize and reflect upon the reasons for their despair, the grace to pray fervently to the Lord in times of trouble, and the grace to know how to best accompany those who are suffering, sad and despairing. - By Carol Glatz [Catholic News Service](#)