

**Liturgy Rosters:**

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

**This weekend: 9th October**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

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

**Next weekend: 16th October**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

Leader: H. Webb  
Reader: D. Kierce  
Ministers: M. Lambert, A. Burns  
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson  
Welcome: D. Kierce

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: K. Loftus  
Reader: I. Eichler  
Ministers: J. Sandeman, V. Bailey,  
B. McGennissen  
Gifts: B & M McGennissen  
Welcome: M. King

**Church Flowers:** Marie McGennissen

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

**Church Cleaning:**

09/10 M. Lambert, J. Burns  
16/10 C. Legg, P. Laidlaw  
23/10 J. Simpson, T. Gracias

**Heywood:** 09/10 Vicki, 23/10 Dot

**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.**



**Collections - Thank You**

**Planned Giving:** \$ 1,069.00  
(inc. EFT)  
**Presbytery:** \$ 111.00  
**Loose:** \$ 684.45

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**9th October 2016**  
**28th Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**

**Weekday Services, 11/10 to 14/10**

**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:**

Donald Murphy, Sam Mizzi, Joseph Nguyen, Stephen Harmer, Gwenda Sweeney

**Anniversaries:**

Ivy Muriel Wilson, Sadie Sheehan, Marian Saligasi, Gayle Dempsey, Peter Hallam, Win Hallam, Amy Saunders, Jack Condon, Noorgaya Mifsud

**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,

*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.

**"The Spire"**

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**Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor**

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Wednesday & Friday 9.00am till 3.00pm

**Psalm 97**

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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## Gospel Connections - Luke 17: 11 - 19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

## Gospel Reflection: Gratitude as a measure of our faith

Every day we hear news of race riots, ethnic violence and discrimination somewhere in our world, often quite close to us. Even those who do not resort to violence can tend to be suspicious of those who have different origins and different ways from them. The worst atrocities are frequently perpetrated between those who have differing understandings of the same faith. There are elements of this in the present Syrian conflict, even if religion is only one component of this protracted war. We are seeing the end product of a failure to recognize the shared humanity of all people.

Today's gospel story invites us to reflect on the potential goodness of everyone. It continues last week's focus on the saving power of faith. Just four Greek words make up the most telling sentence in the story: "And he was Samaritan!" A new element has entered into the narrative: faith is not the sole preserve of the Jewish people. A despised half-Jew can have faith, faith buried deep within and actively at work like the life in the mustard seed.

Jesus is approached by ten lepers in a village in border territory. All have been excluded from participation in village life on account of their skin disease. All beg for inclusion, expressed in terms of mercy (eleos). All follow the prescription of the Law of Moses to show themselves to the priests (Leviticus 13-14). All are declared "clean". Only one turns back, praises God in the market place, falls at Jesus' feet and thanks him. Readers do not know to this point whether the village and its inhabitants are Galilean or Samaritan. They only know that the village is situated in the region between Galilee and Samaria. Now the shocking truth is revealed: one is a Samaritan, doubly marginalised as a "foreigner" or "stranger" and it is this one alone that gives thanks to Jesus and honour to God. This one alone receives the now familiar affirmation: "your faith has saved you". Jesus tells the Samaritan to rise up and continue on his way, on his journey of faith. The other nine are healed, presumably because they too have some limited faith. They have nonetheless forgotten the source of their healing and abandoned the journey to life.

One measure of our faith is our capacity to acknowledge and to celebrate the source of our well-being when life is good and we have no felt need for healing. Another is our capacity to say a simple word of thanks to all those who mediate to us the goodness of a compassionate and merciful God, whatever our circumstances. As this Jubilee Year of Mercy nears its end, we might pause to give thanks for everyone and everything that mediates God's mercy to us and to our troubled planet.

. Sr Veronica Lawson

## Gospel Focus - Where are they?

"The other nine, where are they?" asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives.

Being healed of the disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

**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.

### School Mass

Children from 1/2 ML (Ms Marg's class) will be attending mass on Friday 14th October.

### 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**

Copies will be available for a cost of \$3. If you would like a copy please indicate on the list at the front of the church.

### Afternoon Tea

All are invited and welcome to come along to an afternoon tea at the Uniting Church on Monday 17th October at 1.30pm. Val Golding (Hon. Sec. UCAF) 5523 2636

### Shame and sadness yet again!

Our church community is again shocked and shamed that a former priest of our diocese, Robert Claffey, committed heinous offenses against innocent children which have deeply wounded them and their families for life. Claffey ministered and offended here in the Western District and as a church leader I sincerely apologize to all who have been hurt by such evil actions. Hopefully his sentencing to 18 years jail brings some closure to his victims.

The following paragraph is an excerpt of a letter from Audrey Brown our Director of Catholic Education is an update on the Royal Commission and Ballarat Diocese.

Fr Greg

### Support for our community

Schools, parishes, pastoral groups and the Diocese (in cooperation with the Christian Brothers) seek to respond to the needs of victims, survivors and their families. This continues to be a process of learning for us all.

Consideration is being given to how best to support our broader Catholic community in understanding and dealing with the Ballarat Case Study Report (end of 2016) and the Full Report (end 2017). Opportunities for discussion/reflection will be provided and processes will be suggested/facilitated.

**Seeking Support** – Towards Healing 1800816030, Lifeline 131114, Vic Police 1800819817.

"Be calm and full of hope" (St Mary Mackillop)