

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This 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. McGenniken

Gifts: B & M McGenniken

Welcome: M. King

Next weekend: 24th October

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper

Reader: P. Kierce

Ministers: A. O'Brien, D. Kierce

Gifts: D. Baudinette, G. Priestley

Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Arnott

Reader: A. Francis

Ministers: M. McGenniken, D. Arnott,

K. Howman

Gifts: D. Goebel

Welcome: A & M Francis

Church Flowers: Marie McGenniken

Church Linen: 14/10 Anne McIntyre
28/10 Judy Hall

Church Cleaning:

16/10 C. Legg, P. Laidlaw

23/10 J. Simpson, T. Gracias

30/10 B & M McGenniken

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: \$ 1,154.50
(inc. EFT)

Presbytery: \$ 587.80

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16th October 2016

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Year C



Weekday Services, 18/10 to 21/10

Monday: 2.00pm Funeral Mass

Tuesday: No 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:

Elizabeth Merritt, Shirley Panozzo

Anniversaries:

Philip Carlon, Jack Loftus, Jack Young, Dorothy Andre, Peter McLoughlin, Barry Herbertson, Rosalie Farley, Marie Milward, George Wallace, Neville Spencer,

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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Wednesday & Friday 9.00am till 3.00pm

Psalm 120

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The word of God is living and active;

it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Gospel Connections - Luke 18: 1 - 8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Gospel Reflection: The unjust judge and the persistent widow

Today's gospel begins with a reference to prayer, a favourite theme in Luke, and ends with a question about faith. If the parable were about prayer as the narrator suggests, then the unjust judge would image a God who has no respect for anyone and is slow to hear the cry of the poor! There are clearly problems with this, and scholars are divided on how to explain it. The most likely explanation is that, in the editorial process, the gospel writer has made three key additions to the story: the introduction about prayer; the final instruction to pay attention to the judge's words; and the three questions at the end. The original parable probably ended with the words of the judge. What difference might this make for us as 21st century readers? The story almost certainly took on different meanings as it shifted from an oral to a written context. Luke fits the parable rather awkwardly to the issues he wants to address with his communities.

The scene for the verses representing the original parable is "a certain city", possibly suggesting that it is a story for any and every city. There are two main human characters, the judge and the widow. There is another non-speaking character in the wings, namely the widow's opponent. The hearer or reader is invited to fill the gaps. Who is this opponent? What sort of injustice is the widow experiencing? Since the judge clearly recognises the validity of the widow's claim, why does he refuse to hear her plea? Is it because he is accepting bribes from the woman's adversary? What sort of judge would admit to having no respect for anyone, even to himself?

A vital clue to understanding the parable lies in the translation of the final words of the judge. It literally reads: "so that she won't finish up giving me a black eye". Translators have consistently softened the impact of this with a metaphorical reading. Is Jesus drawing attention to the plight of widows in that society who can only get justice from a corrupt judiciary if they resort to violence? The widow in this story is one feisty woman: without the support of a husband or the benefit of social security payments, she has only her own personal resources to rely upon. The judge operates from the assumption that she is prepared to use her fists. A system that provides no other recourse for the vulnerable simply has to change. Jesus tells his hearers to pay attention to what the "unjust judge" has to say. It is not at all clear what the reader is meant to take from this story. One possibility is that even those who seem to have little power can win out in the end. [Sr Veronica Lawson](#)

Have you thought - A parable about God

When Jesus tells his parable about the widow and the judge, he is actually painting a picture about God for his disciples. This is not to suggest that God needs to be worn down by persistence but rather it is a description of what God is not. Is such a wicked and unjust judge can eventually be worn down, how much more quickly will God respond to a just cause? Yet the parable is retold to reinforce the need to pray continually. The continuous prayer is not to wear God down - like the judge - but rather to demonstrate a genuine need.

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.

Dates to Remember

Sunday 6th November - Annual Parish Mass of Remembrance - Cuppa after 10.30 mass

School Mass

Children from 5/6JW (Mr Walsh's class) will be attending mass on Friday 21st October.

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Holy Year of Mercy to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 10.30am. The Jubilee Year of Mercy will conclude in local churches on November 13 2016.

Pope Francis will close the Holy Door in the Basilica of St Peter's at the Vatican on November 20 2016.

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.

Journey into Truth

This course is for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and presented by popular educator and columnist Fr John Flader, it explains the principal teachings of the Catechism in a way anyone can understand and shows how these teachings can be lived out in ordinary life. The Journey into Truth DVD series, which features 24 half-hour talks by Fr Flader is enhanced by beautiful high-definition film clips, images, and quotations.

