



**23rd October
2016**

**30th Sunday
Ordinary Time**

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Weekday Services, 25/10 to 28/10

Tuesday:	5.00pm	Mass
Wednesday:	5.00pm	Mass
Thursday:	10.00am	Mass
	1.00pm	Heywood Hostel
Friday:	9.30am	Adoration
	10.00am	Mass

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sergio Fasce, Patricia Taggart, Peg Knutton, Ross Grundy, Essie Tomasetti, Ricky Davies, Eric Doherty, Harold Hoskins, Colin King, Pat O'Brien, Wayne Bell, Mary Knight, John Welfare,

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.

“The Spire”

All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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Psalm 32

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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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Gospel Connections - Luke 18: 9 - 14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Gospel Reflection: Being in the right relationship with God

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated "virtuous") and justified (translated "at rights with God"). It is addressed to "certain people" who will find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honourable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law. They made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people's lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus' harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel.

The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. There is no surprise in this. That's what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a toll collector or tax agent, a man in the pay of the occupying forces, not exactly a person to be trusted and certainly not one connected with proper worship. The Pharisee prays "to himself" or "by himself" or "about himself": any one of the three translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God's mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who "have confidence in themselves that they are righteous", this portrait of the tax agent in right relationship with God is confronting. For such people, being a tax agent is synonymous with being unrighteous.

The language of the toll collector's prayer, "God be merciful (hilasthēti) to me a sinner", evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in God's way of being in the world.. [Sr Veronica Lawson](#)

Gospel Focus - At rights with God

We are told that the tax collector, after his simple prayer, went home 'at rights with God'. What does it mean to be at rights with God? It is nothing more and nothing less than the entire Judeo-Christian story. The story of the Old Testament is the story of God calling the people to live in right relationship with God and with one another. The Gospels are the story of Jesus calling all people to a richer understanding of his compassionate Father so that they may once again be at rights with God. The story continues and it is our constant challenge to be at rights with God also.

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 FCL (Miss Leving's class) will be attending mass on Friday 28th October.

Combined Church Service

A Combined Church Service will be held on Sunday 30th October 6pm at the Uniting Church, Percy Street. All welcome.

Blessing of the Fleet

Blessing of the Fleet will take place at 7.30am on Saturday 29th October at the Trawler Wharf (a free BBQ breakfast will be provided by the Lions & Rotary Clubs of Portland)

Briny Bunch Family Group

The next event for the Briny Bunch Family Group will be a shared meal at the home of Anne and Bob McIntyre on Friday, 28th October. Phone Anne on 55237167 for more details.

Southern Stars Family Group

The next Southern Stars Family Group activity will be a BBQ at Fawthrop Lagoon at 1200 hrs for 1230 hrs on Sunday 6th of November. Please meet at the Shelter and BBQs on Hood Street, adjacent to the soccer pitches, exercise machines and behind the Motor Museum. BYO everything. Optional walk or bicycle ride around the Lagoon after lunch.

Book Club

The next meeting of the Parish book club is to be held on the 17th of November at Joyce's Road at 8.00 p.m.

The book under discussion is, "My Family and other animals" by Gerald Durrell.

Cancer Wellbeing Forum

A Cancer Wellbeing Forum will be held on Thursday, 27th October, at Sandilands Function Centre, 33 Percy Street, from 9am to 4pm. Topics include Resilience, Exercise, Nutrition, Services Available, Cancer Centre Warrnambool, and more. The cost is \$5, which includes morning tea and lunch. More information from Anne McIntyre on 55237167.

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.

Palms Australia – Volunteers

Volunteers are needed in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Samoa and other locations. Teachers, Hairdressers, Plumbers, Builders, Medical Practitioners and more are needed. More info: www.palms.org.au/volunteer/postitions/ or email palms@palms.org.au

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This weekend: 23rd 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. McGennicken, D. Arnott,
K. Howman

Gifts: D. Goebel

Welcome: A & M Francis

Next weekend: 30th October

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb

Reader: D. Baudinette

Ministers: F. Mizzi, M. Lambert

Gifts: C. Leonard, K. Carr

Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Howman

Reader: G. Lewis

Ministers: K. Loftus, J. Burns, V. Bailey

Gifts: K. Sullivan, J. Hall

Welcome: L. Goebel

Church Flowers: Helen Farrell &
Kath McNamara

Church Linen: 28/10 Judy Hall
11/11 Betty Teal

Church Cleaning:

23/10 J. Simpson, T. Gracias

30/10 B & M McGennicken

06/11 The Crespan Family

Heywood: 23/10 Dot, 06/11 Jenny

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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