

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This 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

Next weekend: 6th November

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper

Reader: P. O'Brien

Ministers: A. Burns, D. Kierce

Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson

Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: P. Howman

Reader: volunteer please

Ministers: D. Arnott, K. Howman, A. Loving

Gifts: T. Mizzi

Welcome: B & M McGennicken

Church Flowers: Helen Farrell & Kath McNamara

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

Church Cleaning:

30/10 B & M McGennicken

06/11 The Crespan Family

13/11 M & Y Crooks

Heywood: 23/10 Dot, 06/11 Jenny

Dartmoor: Cleaning: Tracy Bull
Flowers: volunteer pls
Mowing: Noel Bull

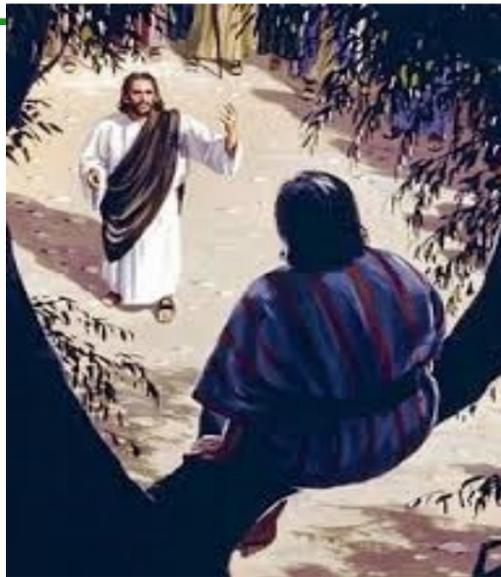
Prayer After Communion:
(For Minsters to the Home-bound)

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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(inc. EFT)

Presbytery: \$ 609.65

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30th October 2016

31st Sunday Ordinary Time

Year C



Weekday Services, 01/11 to 04/11

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:

Ruby Potter, Myrtle Ruge

Anniversaries:

Judith Monaghan, Agnes Dalton, Barry Bourke, Tom Hansford, Ferdi Meerback, Kate Marsh, Michaela Perrin

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 144

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,

I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day

and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,

compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,

and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign

and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words

and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall

and raises all who are bowed down.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Gospel Connections - Luke 19: 1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Gospel Reflection: Let nothing get in the way of faith

Last week's gospel story featured an unnamed toll collector, someone who found devious ways to make a living, yet faced his shortcomings and came before God in openness and humility. This week's gospel features Zaccheus of Jericho who, like the toll collector of the parable, is willing to admit his failings and is unafraid to demonstrate his faith in a very public way. Zaccheus is a chief tax collector, possibly responsible for overseeing the activities of other tax collectors. Whether or not this is the case, he is a wealthy man. Zaccheus is short of stature, we are told, but fairly enterprising in facing the dilemma that this poses. His stature is not an impediment to tree-climbing in a good cause: he wants to see what Jesus is like and he lets nothing get in the way. He runs ahead and climbs the tree. Jesus looks up and tells him to come down quickly, "for I must stay at your house today." The house of a public "sinner" is Jesus' personal choice of accommodation.

There are echoes in this story of Mary's haste to visit her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, and of the joy these women share in Mary's pregnancy. Jesus invites himself to the home of Zaccheus who provides hospitality "joyfully". Hospitality, joy, haste to respond to divine visitation: these are constant themes in Luke.

In any human group there are the critics. This time everyone who sees what is happening has something to say. They complain that Jesus chooses to stay with a sinner. The critics no doubt consider themselves more worthy hosts for God's prophet than Zaccheus. They have little love in their hearts. Their criticism of Zaccheus echoes that of Simon the Pharisee when Jesus allows himself to be touched by a "sinner" woman (Luke 7:36). Like Zaccheus, the woman's sins have already been forgiven. That is why she knows how to love, according to Jesus. There are clues in the narrative that Zaccheus, though labelled as a sinner, has changed his ways. The future tense of our translation ("I will pay") obscures this important element in the story. He gives half his property to the destitute and if he has cheated anyone, he pays them back four times the amount. In other words, he already goes way beyond what is required of a faithful Jew.

Jesus looks at Zaccheus and assures him that salvation has come to his house. He then turns to the crowd and acts to restore honour to Zaccheus in the eyes of those who hold him and his kind in contempt. Like the bent-over woman and Lazarus the beggar at the rich man's gate, Zaccheus is a true descendant of Abraham, his ancestor in faith. [Sr Veronica Lawson](#)

Have you thought? - Conversion

When we hear this story about Zacchaeus, our focus is normally on the conversion of heart that appears to take place within Zaccheus. However, his determination to see Jesus from the outset suggests that the conversion has already taken place within Zacchaeus. It is the muttering, grumbling crowd who are called to conversion; called to soften their hearts and see a faithful man where they have previously only seen a sinner. Throughout the gospel, the welcome and acceptance Jesus extends to the 'outsider' and the 'sinner' confronts and challenges those who would hold themselves up as being better than these 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.

If you are ill or in Portland District Hospital

If you are ill and at home and would like me to visit please let me know. 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. Please bring a plate to share.

November Masses for Holy Souls

A book is available at the foot of the Sanctuary where the names of deceased family and friends may be entered. November Mass Offering Envelopes are also available. Names on these envelopes will also be entered in the book by the Parish Office. The suggested stipend for a Mass Offering is \$10.

Whole School Mass

A mass to celebrate All Saints Day will be held at the church on Thursday 3rd November at 10.00am. The whole school will be attending, all parents and grandparents are welcome to come along.

Class attending Friday Mass

Children from 3/4 MN (Ms Marcia's class) will be attending mass on Friday 4th November. All parents and grandparents welcome.

Combined Church Service

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

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.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast- at Portland Uniting Church, Saturday 5th November. commencing 8.00am with special guest, our friend Captain Lynn Boughton, Court Chaplain. Please RSVP direct to Ken by Thursday 3rd November - 0429 938 168. A warm welcome is waiting for all.

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.

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.