

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

**This weekend: 13th November**  
**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: J. Sandeman  
Reader: P. Howman  
Ministers: I. Eichler, J. Fitzgerald, A. McIntyre  
Gifts: C. Boyadjan  
Welcome: M. King

**Next weekend: 20th November**  
**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

Leader: L. Cooper  
Reader: P. O'Brien  
Ministers: M. Lambert, F. Mizzi  
Gifts: C. Leonard, K. Carr  
Welcome: F. Mizzi

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: K. Loftus  
Reader: K. Howman  
Ministers: V. Bailey, M & B McGenniken  
Gifts: J & A Milani  
Welcome: A & M Francis

**Church Flowers:** Helen Farrell & Kath McNamara

**Church Linen:** 11/11 Betty Teal  
25/11 Lyn Goebel

**Church Cleaning:**

13/11 M & Y Crooks  
20/11 K. McNamara, A. Taylor,  
M. King  
27/11 P & G Priestley, K. Howman

**Heywood:** 06/11 Jenny, 20/11 Kaye

**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.**



### Collections - Thank You

**Planned Giving:** \$ 620.00  
(inc. EFT)  
**Presbytery:** \$ 582.60

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**13th November**  
**2016**  
**33rd Sunday**  
**Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**



**Weekday Services, 15/11 to 18/11**

**Tuesday:** No 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:**

Betty Lambert, Betty Krake, Veronica Kelly

**Anniversaries:**

Tim Bourke, Mary Loftus, Mary Tynan, Joe Collery, Shirley Hill, Pat Twomey, Kath McKenzie, Barry Manley, Derrick Spencer, Esme Mibus, Slavko Komes,

**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 9.00am till 3.00pm

### Psalm 97

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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## Gospel Connections - Luke 21: 5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

## Reflection: When the world Seems to be collapsing around us

Sixty years ago there was no Sydney Opera House. A hundred years ago there was no Harbour Bridge. It is hard to imagine a time when they did not exist or a time when they will cease to be, such is the status these monuments have acquired over a very short span of history. They are a source of wonder for tourists and locals alike. They have their counterparts elsewhere in our contemporary world. A few years ago, New York's World Trade Centre was another such icon, seemingly indestructible and holding the pride of an economically and politically dominant nation, even if less aesthetically engaging than Sydney's monuments.

In first century Palestine, the newly refurbished Jerusalem Temple was both aesthetically stunning and symbolically charged. It functioned primarily as the centre of religious worship. It was also an important locus of financial and political power. Its significance can hardly be exaggerated and its destruction at the hands of the Romans in 70CE was a devastating blow for the Jewish people. Luke is writing some twenty years after this event. He wants to tell his communities that the destruction of the Temple did not signal the end of the world, though that is how it might have seemed at the time. There is life to be lived and there are struggles to be endured before God's final judgment. Luke wants to offer hope and encouragement in the face of conflict and persecution and family division. He wants to offer his readers a caution not to listen to everyone who claims to know the time (kairos) of God's visitation.

Like Jesus, disciples can expect to be "handed over" and brought before political authorities. They are to find in this an opportunity to give witness or "to testify". In his second volume, Luke has Jesus commissioning the disciples to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They don't have to worry about what to say in their own defence: "I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict." Endurance or patience is the way to life. The Greek term used here evokes the parable of the sower: "as for that [the seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15). In our own troubled times, we are called to witness to a gospel way of life, to hold the word of God fast in honest and good hearts, and to trust that we are not alone in the everyday struggles of life, even when the world seems to be collapsing around us. - Sr Veronica Lawson

**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.

### 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.

### Confirmation - Congratulations

Sacramental Program Students have been working hard on their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive this weekend.



We ask that you please pray for these children as they prepare for this very important Sacrament of Initiation. It's finally here!! We pray that you all have a great Confirmation experience.

### Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday 27th November starting from 12pm on the foreshore at the Eastern end of Lee Breakwater Rd, adjacent to the BBQs, beach and play area, next to the new skate park and the fishing trawler wharf. All welcome. Please BYO everything.

### 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.

### St Columban Calendar



The St Columban Calendar 2017 is available to purchase at the All Saints Outreach Shop for \$9. It would make an ideal Christmas gift.