

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This 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 McGennicken

Gifts: J & A Milani

Welcome: A & M Francis

Next weekend: 27th November

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb

Reader: D. Kierce

Ministers: A. Burns, A. O'Brien

Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson

Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Arnott

Reader: L. Cooper

Ministers: K. Loftus, J. Burns, D. Arnott

Gifts: B & M McGennicken

Welcome: L. Goebel

Church Flowers: Helen Farrell & Kath McNamara

Church Linen: 25/11 Lyn Goebel
09/12 Pat Bailey

Church Cleaning:

20/11 K. McNamara, A. Taylor,
M. King

27/11 P & G Priestley, K. Howman

04/12 G. Lewis, M. Francis

Heywood: 20/11 Kaye, 04/12 Vicki

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

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(inc. EFT)

Presbytery: \$ 585.70

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**20th November
2016**

**Christ King of
the Universe**

Year C



Weekday Services, 22/11 to 25/11

Tuesday:	5.00pm	Mass
Wednesday:	5.00pm	Mass
Thursday:	10.00am	Mass
	1.00pm	Heywood Hostel
Friday:	9.30am	Adoration
	10.00am	Mass
	1.30pm	Harbourside Service

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

Recent Deaths:

Cornelius Melis, Joan Smith, Trevor Brown

Anniversaries:

Joan Robin, Ella Bourke, Norma Patterson, Peggy Tirling, John Prince Smith, Una Gladman, Matthew O'Halloran, Betty Edwards, Henry Sumner, Jim Maloney,,

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 121

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our
Father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Gospel Connections - Luke 23: 35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Reflection: A reign of mercy and justice

Sadly, there have always been those who scoff at others or make fun of them, generally because they themselves feel threatened in some way. Those who suffer such bullying behaviour often feel powerless and demeaned. There may be some comfort for such people in today's gospel. We find here a serious case of bullying and two dignified responses that undermine the destructive power of the bullies.

The first response is that of Jesus who refuses to retaliate when the soldiers mock him or when another convicted criminal ("one of the criminals hanging there") derides him. Another dignified response comes from "the other" criminal. This man has the insight to recognise that Jesus is innocent. He also has the courage to challenge the injustice of what is going on around him. Having offered his challenge, he then turns to Jesus and addresses him by name: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." His request reveals his faith in Jesus as the human face of God. It also reveals his knowledge of Jesus' mission, first announced in Galilee: "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God"

Jesus points to God and God's reign or empire. Jesus' criminal companion points to the reign or empire of Jesus. The reign of God and the reign of Jesus are one and the same. In turning to Jesus and putting his request, this criminal becomes a disciple and receives the assurance of a share in Jesus' life with God: "Today you will be with me..." "Jesus, remember me" is a fitting prayer in the face of all life's struggles. It is a prayer for mercy. Next time we sing these words or pray them in our hearts, we might spare a thought for the one who first uttered them, a convicted Jewish criminal who had the courage to rise above his own suffering and challenge the unjust oppression of an innocent neighbour. Like Jesus, he was and continues to be an instrument of God's reign. His capacity to challenge the injustice of Jesus' execution might be a source of inspiration for us as we struggle to find mercy and justice for the Earth as well as for the innocent ones who seek asylum in our midst only to find themselves subjected to the torture of exile and hopelessness.

The title of today's feast reminds us of the boundless nature of God's rule or reign: we celebrate Christ Jesus as ruler of the universe, of all that is and of all that will be. As our understanding of the universe expands, we find ourselves caught up in the ever creative and saving presence of a merciful God. This feast might serve as a reminder that every year needs to become a year of mercy and of justice.

- Sr Veronica Lawson

Gospel Focus - A kingdom of inclusion

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

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.

St Columban Calendar 2017

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

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.

Evening Prayers - Advent

A reminder that during the advent period Evening prayers will be held every Friday night 6pm from 2nd December to 6th January 2017.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 6th December - Anointing Mass will be held 11am - Cuppa after mass

Sunday 11th December - Portland Community Christmas Carols from 5.30pm for a 6pm start Bentinck St Foreshore Lawns.

Class attending Friday Mass

Children from 3/4 KO (Ms O'Keefe's class) will be attending mass on Friday 25th November. All parents and grandparents welcome.

Community Carol's Choir

Church and community members are invited to join the Community Carol's choir.

Rehearsals are Wednesday's 30th November and 7th December 7.30pm at the Uniting Church, 61 Percy Street. (Access from the Aldi Carpark). All ages, all abilities are invited to join.

For further information contact Denise Naish 0407 128 077 or Michelle Kearney 0418 990 191

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.

Xt3 Advent calendar - xt3.com/advent

The Xt3 Advent calendar is a website and app that contains a variety of videos, meditations, and podcasts for the Christmas season, providing people with the means to encounter the true spirit of Christmas in their everyday lives.

"Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus, a time when we ask ourselves is there room for the baby Jesus in the Inn of our hearts?"

The first Advent calendar door will open on the 27th of November with a new door opening each day until the 8th of January. Prepare your heart for Christ and go deeper in your faith.

