

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This 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

Next weekend: 2nd December

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper

Reader: P. Kierce

Ministers: D. Kierce, F. Mizzi

Gifts: D. Baudinette, G. Priestley

Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Howman

Reader: K. Loftus

Ministers: A. Loving, I. Eichler, P. Howman

Gifts: D. Goebel

Welcome: B & M McGennicken

Church Flowers: Helen Farrell & Kath McNamara

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

Church Cleaning:

27/11 P & G Priestley, K. Howman
04/12 G. Lewis, M. Francis
11/12 M. Kempton, A. McIntyre

Heywood: 20/11 Kaye, 04/12 Vicki

Dartmoor: Cleaning: Volunteer pls
Flowers: Ann-Marie Harvey
Mowing: Gerald Harvey

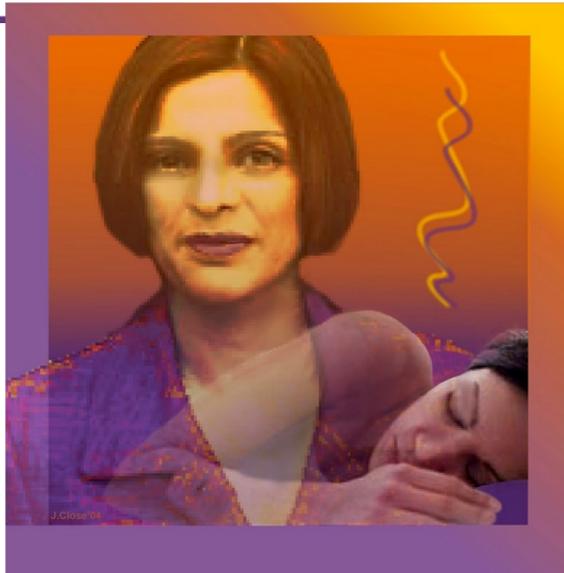
Prayer After Communion:
(For Minsters to the Home-bound)

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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**27th November
2016
1st Sunday
Advent
Year A**



Weekday Services, 29/11 to 2/12

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 5.00pm Mass
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
Friday: 9.30am Adoration
10.00am Mass
6.00pm Evening Prayer Advent

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

Recent Deaths:

Anna Goossens

Anniversaries:

John Finnegan, Kath Dent, George Cumbo

Prayer Requests:

Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Claire Jesser, Sr. Margaret Keane sjc, 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

Psalms 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.

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.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Gospel Connections - Matthew 24: 37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Reflection: Finding Life in our Living

"Where is the Life we have lost in living?" asks the Chorus in T. S. Eliot's The Rock. The Jesus of Matthew's gospel is implicitly asking much the same question as Eliot's Chorus. He is making much the same observation as Henry David Thoreau, "Most [people] lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them." We are invited to find Life in our living and to sing the songs that are in us. We are to be agents of our own future rather than unthinking participants in the inevitable round of daily activities that have preoccupied humans from time immemorial.

As we begin a new liturgical year, Matthew's Jesus invites us to contemplate the ultimate realities even as we attend to the demands of the present. He tells us to be "awake", to be "ready" all the time, not because death or the end of the world are around the corner, but because we need to recognise the multiple "advents" or arrivals of the Christ, the Human One, who calls us beyond self-absorption to Life. He reminds us that we are no different from our forebears who from earliest days have gone about their daily business without being sufficiently attentive to what really matters.

In our times, we have allowed thieves to break in and plunder our planet, our common home, because thieves come in guises that we fail to recognise. They so often look just like us and do the things we do. It may be that we must first be attentive to our own ways of plundering the house that is home to all of God's creatures.

We spend much of our time looking back. That has its place, since our history informs our present and helps us in shaping our future, though all the while we know with Auden that '[t]he past is foreign country: they do things differently there'. Advent invites us to look forward rather than back and to dream gospel-inspired dreams that will enable creative change in our own lives and in the life of our planet. It invites us to be awake, to be ready for any eventuality.

Dreams and visions have always been the precursors to effective and life-giving change. We need the grace to see visions and to dream dreams that make for justice and peace and that permit us to walk more freely in the light of God's ways. We seek the grace to "see" God's word as did the prophet Isaiah in the first reading (Isa 2:1-5). We need to put our energy into creating life-generating systems that enable us to move forward in the paths of gospel compassion and love. - Sr Veronica Lawson



First Week of Advent – Blessing of the Advent Candles

Priest: May this circle of light which has no beginning and no end, be a sign of God's everlasting love for us.

All: **Come Lord Jesus.**

Priest: As we kindle the flames on these candles each week, may a spirit of love be kindled in our hearts.

All: **Come Lord Jesus**

Priest: May his coming bring true peace on earth and herald the dawn of a new day.

All: **Come Lord Jesus**

The Four Weeks of Advent

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical colour that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.

Traditionally, each of the four Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is depicted in the lovely Four Weeks of Advent Pewter Wreath:

- The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

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.

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 5/6 CA (Ms Anderson's class) will be attending mass on Friday 2nd December. 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.

