

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

This weekend: 29th January

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: M. Schultz
Ministers: A. Burns, A. O'Brien
Gifts: C. Leonard, K. Carr
Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: A. McIntyre
Reader: A. Francis
Ministers: B & M McGennissen, K. Arnott
Gifts: K. Sullivan, J. Hall
Welcome: L. Goebel

Next weekend: 5th February

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: P. O'Brien
Ministers: D. Kierce, F. Mizzi
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson
Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: P. Howman
Reader: G. Lewis
Ministers: J. Fitzgerald, K. Loftus, L. Goebel
Gifts: C. Boyadjian
Welcome: M. King

Church Flowers: Marie McGennissen
Helen Farrell

Church Linen: 20/01 L. Goebel

Church Cleaning:
29/01 B & M McGennissen
05/02 The Crespan Family

Heywood: 05/02 Kaye

Dartmoor: Cleaning: K. Bull
Flowers: K. O'Dea
Mowing: L. 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: \$ 588.00
(inc. EFT)

Presbytery: \$ 882.90

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**29th January
2017
4th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A**



Weekday Services, 30/01 to 03/02

Monday : 1.00pm Funeral Mass Dartmoor
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday: 5.30pm Vigil Funeral Mass
Thursday: NO MASS
Friday: NO MASS

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

Recent Deaths:

Claire Greenham & Ida Lesley

Anniversaries:

Kevin O'Connor, Lucy O'Toole, Charlie Keane, Eugene Del Fierro, Marie Condon, Paul Beattie, Noel Peck, Norma Oliver, Ethel Carr, Beryl Lovell

Prayer Requests:

Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Claire Jesser, Sr. Margaret Keane sjs, Rita Madden, Maureen McKenzie, John Smith. Gerard White, 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 & Thursday 9.00am till 3.00pm

All Saints Parish is committed to Child Safety - our Child Safety Policy and Code of Conduct are on display on the noticeboard in the Tower Entrance of the Church.

Psalm 145

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Gospel Connections - Matthew 5: 1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How blessed are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Blessed those who mourn:

Blessed they shall be comforted.

those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Blessed the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Blessed the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Blessed the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Gospel Reflection - Where God's favour rests

We have become so familiar with the beatitudes that there is a danger of our listening only to the mellifluous flow of language and of failing to attend to the extraordinary present and future reversal that they offer to all that suffer injustice, including the earth itself, and to those who choose non-violent ways of addressing the pain of the Earth community. With the escalation of violence across the globe and with powerful leaders opting for military rather than diplomatic solutions to global conflicts or threats, it is time to listen anew to these opening words of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

The mountain setting establishes Jesus as wisdom teacher like Moses of old. God's favour rests on the poor, on the humble, on those who grieve for the pain of the world, on serious justice seekers, on those who know how to mercy, on the pure in heart or single-minded, on peacemakers, and on those who suffer in the cause of right. The repetition of "blessed are..." (a better translation of the Greek makarioi than "happy are...") provides multiple links with Israel's collection of sacred songs, the Psalms. For Israel's lyricists, God's favour or blessing is on those whose hope is in God, on those whose delight is in God's way, on those who take refuge in God, on the guileless in spirit, and on those whom God forgives. The content of the beatitudes echoes the voice of Israel's prophets, especially Isaiah 61. God's spirit is upon Jesus. He brings the good news of God's present and future favour or blessing to the destitute and to those who mourn. The distinguishing mark of God's favoured ones is right relationship.

God's favour or blessing comes in diverse forms: the basileia or empire of the heavens; comfort in the face of grief; the earth for a heritage; the joy of being mercied; face to face encounter with God; a great reward "in heaven". If heaven is only a place to be enjoyed in the afterlife, it is little consolation for the desperately poor or for those who are persecuted or misrepresented to know that "the empire of the heavens is theirs" or that their "reward is great in heaven". Heaven is better understood as a way of talking about God or God's empire of justice and compassion in contrast with the heartless empire of Rome and its modern equivalents. Maybe the most urgent invitation in our present context is to mourn strategically the displacement of so many of earth's inhabitants who long for the blessing of God's kingdom in the form of comfort and mercy and the opportunity to share the fruits of the Earth. - Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Living the Gospel - Be-attitudes

One way to read the Beatitudes is that Jesus was commending and blessing the various people who found themselves in those sons of conditions. Another, is as a list of qualities that all people should strive to exhibit. It's not just some people who happen to be economically poor who are blessed. Rather, we must all have a poverty of spirit - a humility about our need for God's merciful action in our lives. All are called to hunger and thirst for justice and all are called to be merciful. The Beatitudes are not a menu to select from, but rather an essential list of ingredients.

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.

Requests for Spire

If you have any requests or information you would like to be put on the Spire, could you please let me know by the Wednesday prior. Many thanks Antonella

Dates to Remember

Parish Looking Forward Forum - March 9th 5.00pm - 6.30pm All Saints Church

Bishop's Parish Visitation April 21st - 24th Portland. Dartmoor and Heywood

Southern Stars Family Group

Southern Stars Family Group will begin its 2017 activities with a picnic on Sunday 5th February at 1200 hrs for 1230 hrs at the Foreshore Park 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, including any new members. Please BYO everything, including bright ideas for our activities for 2017.

Grief to Grace - Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held March 26 - 31, 2017 in Tasmania. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Youth Ministry Formation - Called and Sent: Developing foundations in youth ministry

The Melbourne Archdiocesan Office for Youth (AOY) invites young leaders from Ballarat Diocese to a youth ministry formation camp. If you are new to youth ministry, come along to 'Called and Sent', their first ever camp for developing foundations in youth ministry. From February 10-12, beachside, taking you deeper into the gospel message at the heart of your call to ministry, equipping you with practical ideas and helping you set goals for 2017. Places are limited! When: February 10-12, 2017, Don Bosco Camp, Safety Beach (south of Melbourne). Cost per participant is \$80.00 Phone AOY, 9287 5565 or contactamanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Pope Francis' Letter to Young People - 25 January 2017

"My Dear Young People,

I am pleased to announce that in October 2018 a Synod of Bishops will take place to treat the topic: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment." I wanted you to be the centre of attention, because you are in my heart. Today, the Preparatory Document is being presented, a document which I am also entrusting to you as your "compass" on this synodal journey.

I am reminded of the words which God spoke to Abraham: "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." (Gen 12.1). These words are now also addressed to you. They are words of a Father who invites you to "go", to set out towards a future which is unknown but one which will surely lead to fulfilment, a future towards which He Himself accompanies you. I invite you to hear God's voice resounding in your heart through the breath of the Holy Spirit.... " **to read the rest of the letter please go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news**