

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

This 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

Next weekend: 12th February

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper

Reader: C. Leonard

Ministers: A. O'Brien, D. Kierce

Gifts: C. Leonard, K. Carr

Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: J. Sandeman

Reader: P. Howman

Ministers: A. Loving, I. Eichler, C. Brevet

Gifts: J & A Milani

Welcome: B & M McGennissen

Church Flowers: Marie McGennissen
Helen Farrell

Church Linen: 03/02 P. Bailey
17/02 A. McIntyre

Church Cleaning:
05/02 The Crespan Family
12/02 M & Y Crooks

Heywood: 05/02 Kaye

Dartmoor: Cleaning: T. Bull
Flowers:
Mowing: N. 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)

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**5th February
2017**

**5th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A**



Weekday Services, 07/02 to 10/02

Tuesday:	5.00pm	Mass
Wednesday:	5.00pm	Mass
Thursday:	10.00am	Mass
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:

Mark Araldi

Anniversaries:

Gary Andrew, Angelo Costa, Johnny Panozzo, Don
Mulraney, Marie Walsh, Evelyn Ennis,

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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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 111

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

the man who follows me

will have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Gospel Connections - Matthew 5: 13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Gospel Reflection - Standing strong in the face of persecution

In today's gospel, Jesus addresses two short parables to his disciples in the presence of the crowds. The crowds as well as the disciples hear what he has to say. Parables were intended to tease their hearers, inviting them to see things differently or from a new perspective, to see themselves in a new light. One of the difficulties for us is that Jesus told these parables in early first century Palestine with its particular symbol system, while we hear them through the multiple layers of our own twenty-first century contexts and symbol systems. "Salt" and "light" have slightly different resonances in different contexts, as do "earth" and "world". Exploring those resonances or nuances can bring us to a deeper appreciation of the text.

This short reflection allows for a focus only on "the salt of the earth" parable or metaphor. For Jesus' Palestinian audience, salt was used to preserve and season food. It also functioned as a cleansing or purifying agent. It could only lose its savour if contaminated by additives. We can resonate with all of that. For some of the Jewish rabbis, salt signified wisdom: a "salted" disciple was a "wise" disciple. In some parts of the ancient world, as in Pakistan today, salt was used in dyeing processes as a way of intensifying as well as preserving the colour of fabrics. Many Westerners are not aware of this practice. Farmers today are rightly concerned about high levels of salinity in overworked soil. That was certainly not the case for first-century Palestinians.

When we declare someone to be "the salt of the earth", we are generally referring to the sheer goodness of the person in question, her/his down-to-earth reliability, lack of pretentiousness and practical wisdom. To be salt of the earth is to season the earth community, to intensify its beauty, to be wise in one's judgments and just in all one's dealings. This parable, with its multi-layered symbolism, certainly teases the mind.

In the original Greek, the emphasis is on the first word in the sentence. Jesus is telling his hearers, disciples and crowds, that they are the salt of the earth. They do not have to become the salt of the earth; they are the salt of the earth. In short, he is affirming their worth. In its literary context, that assertion contrasts Jesus' followers with those who might persecute them. It affirms their capacity to stand strong in the face of opposition, "for the sake of justice". If they allow themselves to be overwhelmed or their commitment to be shaken, then the "salt" will be contaminated and the "earth" cannot be seasoned. As we reflect on the diverse metaphorical applications of salt and earth, we might take a moment to give thanks to God for the gift of the material realities that underlie these metaphors. - Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Living the Gospel - Be the Change

Gandhi, the great leader of the Indian independence movement, is credited with saying, "You must be the change you want to see in the world." He sought a life free from tyranny and violence and so led a movement of non-violent resistance.

It's tempting to think that he may have been influenced by some of the teachings of Jesus' call for justice.

The charge to be the light of the world that shines in the sight of all and sets an example for all is echoed succinctly in Gandhi's words.

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sr. Claire Gardiner IBVM who is celebrating 70 years of religious life on Saturday 11th February. Her current address is 71 Carabella St Kirribilli NSW 2061 ph 02 99232900.

Sr Claire spent 3 terms in Portland. God Bless Claire on an awesome commitment.

2017 Lent Program - Up from the Waters

The title of the 2017 resource is taken from the Gospel of Matthew (Year A):

"When Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' (3:16)"

The Lenten Gospels include the three fundamental texts for our baptismal journey to Easter: the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well; Jesus healing the blind man and the washing in the pool of Siloam; and the raising and unbinding of Lazarus to new life.

We will purchase booklets depending on the numbers required. (Please place your name on the list at the front of the church). The cost of the booklet will be \$8. We can also provide a copy of the CD's as required. Please indicate on the sheet if you would like a copy of the CD's.

Religious honoured on Australia Day 2017

We congratulate many volunteers and leaders who have been honoured on Australia Day 2017 for their community service, which include four inspirational religious women.

Sister Anne Gardiner OLS was named Senior Australian of the Year for serving the Northern Territory's Tiwi people for over 50 years. She used her acceptance speech to call for recognition of indigenous people in government policy.

Good Samaritan Sister Mary Agnes O'Shannassy, Director of Catholic Prison Ministry Victoria, was honoured with an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) this year for her service in prison chaplaincy.

Two Presentation Sisters, Mary Kavanagh and Rosemary Ellen Terry, were awarded Order of Australia medals. Sr Mary was recognised for her service to education and her congregation in Victoria. Sr Rosemary was honoured for her service as a chaplain at the Junee Correctional Centre in Wagga Wagga.