

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This weekend: 19th February

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb

Reader: M. Schultz

Ministers: F. Mizzi, M. Lambert

Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson

Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Arnott

Reader: K. Howman

Ministers: P. Howman, J. Sandeman,
A. McIntyre

Gifts: B & M McGennicken

Welcome: A & M Francis

Next weekend: 26th February

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper

Reader: D. Kierce

Ministers: A. Burns, A. O'Brien

Gifts: C. Leonard, K. Carr

Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Howman

Reader: L. Cooper

Ministers: V. Bailey, B & M McGennicken

Gifts: L. & D. Goebel

Welcome: M. King

Church Flowers: Marie McGennicken
Helen Farrell

Church Linen: 17/02 A. McIntyre

Church Cleaning:
19/02 K. McNamara, A. Taylor
M. King
26/02 P & G Priestley
K. Howman

Heywood: 19/02 Elvira & Pilar

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

Planned Giving: \$ 1,478.50
(inc. EFT)

Presbytery: \$ 858.00

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**19th February
2017
7th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A**



Weekday Services, 21/02 to 24/02

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass
Thursday: 9.00am Mass
Friday: 9.30am Adoration
10.00am Mass

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

Recent Deaths:

Robert King, Lorraine Pfeiffer

Anniversaries:

Peter Lewis, Mary Phyllis, Jack Proudfoot, Bob Wood,
Peter Burch, John Smith

Prayer Requests:

Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Claire Jesser, Sr.
Margaret Keane sjs, Rita Madden, Maureen McKenzie,
John Smith. Gerard White, Lea-anne Bourke, Rudy
Legray

*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 102

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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verses, are from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International
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Gospel Connections - Matthew 5: 38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

Gospel Reflection - On anger and retaliation

Today's gospel is a continuation of Jesus' teaching on the sort of righteousness, the right relationship and justice, to which his followers are called in their living of the Law. The law of Moses (Exod 21:24, Lev 24:20 and Deut 19:21) included a law of retaliation designed to make punishment for wrongdoing to persons or property proportionate to the offence. It was quite enlightened legislation at the time. In a series of striking images, Jesus invites his followers to go far beyond the strict application of the law and to embrace a new way of thinking about and acting towards those who injure them/us.

Relinquishing your right to compensation is one thing. Giving more of your property to one who has stolen from you is quite another. Do we take this teaching literally or do we simply embrace the spirit of non-retaliation that seems to be at the heart of this teaching? A too-easy amnesty does not always bring justice. Last week's gospel reminded us that there is to be no place for uncontrolled anger or murderous thoughts in our hearts. Both that teaching and this seem to be about taking responsibility for how we live. Harboursing anger can have disastrous consequences for oneself as well as for others. It tends to skew our capacity for right judgement. What happens to us may be beyond our control. What we do with what comes our way is for us to decide. Jesus makes it clear that we have choices in the face of life's struggles. The disciple is called to choose the way of assuming personal responsibility and refusing the way of retaliation.

The final example or antithesis in the list of six that Jesus offers in the Sermon on the Mount is the most confronting of all: there are to be no limitations on love. Loving one's enemies is quite a challenge, on a personal as well as a global level. We learn the hard way that we cannot change others. We can only change our attitudes and approaches to them. Venerable Catherine McAuley, founder of the Mercies, wrote that her sisters "never to let the sun go down on their anger". I used to wonder how they managed that. Over recent years I have found that praying quite deliberately for those who give us a hard time or cause us grief is by far the most effective way of retaining one's peace of mind and of expelling retaliatory thoughts. For me, it is a matter of gently bringing these people to mind, of breathing in the loving kindness or chesed of God that suffuses the universe and of breathing it out for them. That enables me to think of them in kindly ways and act towards them without rancour, even when the sentiments are not reciprocated.- Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Living the Gospel - Love your enemy

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us - anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

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.

We would like to welcome Fr Tom Brophy who is relieving for Fr Greg who is unwell.

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

Book Club

The next Parish Book Club meeting is on Thursday, February 23rd 2017 at 8 p.m. 9 Whalers Court Portland.

The book to be discussed: own choice.

Outreach Donation

Thank you to Outreach for donating a new vacuum cleaner to the church. It is available for use when rostered to clean the church.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer service will be hosted this year by Bayview College on Friday 3rd March at 10:30am. All welcome.

Apparition Hill - the movie

Friday 24th February 7.30pm Hamilton Cinema



This movie is about seven strangers who investigate the mysterious phenomena of Medjugorje, a town in Bosnia-Herzegovina where the Virgin Mary is said to appear still today to six people. All welcome to come along and see for yourselves their findings. Tickets are \$20 each and can be bought from Ted Oliver 5572 2810, Chris Jansen 0407 719 530, or Anne-Marie Wheaton 0418 500 159.

Synopsis: Seven strangers journey to Medjugorje, a village in Bosnia-Herzegovina, to investigate reports of miracles and supernatural phenomena. Join two atheists, one believer, a mother struggling with cancer, a man diagnosed with ALS, a struggling addict, and a woman questioning her faith as they search for answers to life's big questions on Apparition Hill.