

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This weekend: 5th March

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: D. Baudinette
Ministers: D. Kierce, F. Mizzi
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson
Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Next weekend: 12th March

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: M. Schultz
Ministers: M. Lambert, A. Burns
Gifts: D. Baudinette, G. Priestley
Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: P. Howman
Reader: J. Burns
Ministers: K. Loftus, D. Arnott, K. Howman
Gifts: T. Mizzi, C. Boyadjian
Welcome: L. Goebel

Church Flowers: Judy Hall

Church Linen: 03/03 J. Hall
17/03 B. Teal

Church Cleaning:

05/03 G. Lewis, M. Francis
12/03 M. Kempton
M. Antony

Heywood: 05/03 Vicki

Dartmoor: Cleaning: volunteer pls
Flowers: A. Harvey
Mowing: G. Harvey

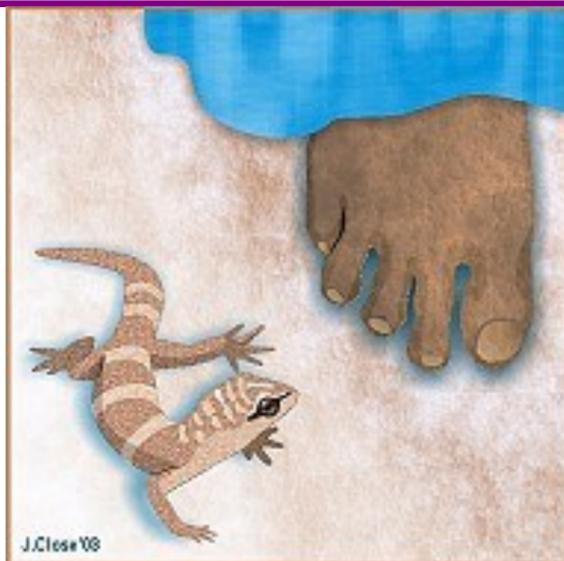
Prayer After Communion: (For Minsters to the Home-bound)

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.



Collections - Thank You

Planned Giving: \$ 1,212.00
(inc. EFT)

Presbytery: \$ 544.70

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**5th March
2017
1st Sunday
Lent
Year A**



Weekday Services, 07/03 to 10/03

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass (in Presbytery)
Wednesday: 5.00pm Mass (in Presbytery)
Thursday: 10.00am Mass (in Presbytery)
Friday: 10.00am No Mass

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

Recent Deaths:

Jan Berry, Louise Sheba

Anniversaries:

Joyce Arundell, Tilly O'Dwyer, Patricia Parker, Keah Finlayson, Owen Henman, Tom Finnegan, Kevin Cass, Michael McLoughlin, Margaret Humphries, Peter Hare, Dennis O'Keefe, Allen Radford, John Muldoon, Pauline Quinlivan

Prayer Requests:

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

All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webstock
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 50

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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Gospel Connections - Matthew 4: 1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,

and they will support you on their hands

in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,

Gospel Reflection - Understanding the righteousness of Jesus

Lent comes around each year and presents us with its usual challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts, and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into the "wilderness" and grappling with the mysteries of life, as well as a time of preparation for Easter. Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on Jesus' forty-day experience in the wilderness. Jesus is "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many humans before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness of life to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the Greek than is "tempted"].

Forty is a significant number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God. Explanations of its significance vary: a round number for long time; a time of testing or trial; totality or fullness.

The wilderness is ever so real and at the same time symbolic. In Israel's story, it is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deut 8:2). In Matthew's account, the "devil" is the "tester" or "tempter", the instrument of God's testing. In each instance, the test is expressed in terms of Jesus' relationship to God: "If you are the son of God...." The Matthean Jesus passes the tests that the people of Israel have failed in the wilderness of Sinai. He refuses the way of special favour from God, the way of status or self-aggrandisement. He is prepared to suffer whatever it takes to bring healing and wholeness to a broken world. In other words, he chooses the way of God's empire or the empire "of the heavens" rather than the brutality of the Roman Empire. Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed "of God".

Most people of faith would agree that being "of God" right now has more than a little to do with the way we relate to all of Earth's human and other-than-human inhabitants, the value we ascribe to Earth's precious resources, and the respect we show for life through our responsible use of those resources. Lent calls us to reject the path of domination or greed or status so that, like Jesus, we may be truly "of God".

- Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

10 Creative ways to practice Lent

- 1. Giving up food:** Popular ones to do without include meat, sugar, dairy, drinks other than water, non-organic food or non-fair trade produce.
- 2. Giving up experiences:** In a world soaked with privilege and information overload, some people choose to avoid social media, TV, eating out, entertainment, or even books other than the Bible.
- 3. Giving up comforts:** These practices tend to involve a level of discomfort. Some people stop wearing shoes and walk barefoot; others give up the convenience of driving, or household heating or cooling.
- 4. Giving away things:** The daily practice of giving away your things – either selling them and giving the money to those in need, or giving it to the op shop.

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.

Dates to Remember

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

Parish Looking Forward Forum - 4th May Thursday 5.00pm - 6.30pm, All Saints Church

Pledge cards

Thank you to the parishioners who have already returned their pledge cards. Can those yet to do so please ensure that they are returned in the next week.

Also we have had some enquiries in regard to bank account details, they are as follows:

Name: Portland Catholic Church

BSB: 083 532

Acct #: 51598 1661

St Patrick's Day Lunch

St Patrick's Day is being celebrated with a counter meal on Friday 17th March at the Gordon Hotel, 12.30pm. All interested in attending can you please indicate your attendance by putting you name on the list at the front of the church. Also anyone requiring transport please contact Marg Herbertson 0447 617 467

xt3 Lenten Calendar – online & free app

Starting on Ash Wednesday March 1, every day see a new Lenten resource, a Lenten Challenge and the Gospel reading for that day. For youth, young adults and everyone - online Lenten calendar and free app for your mobile device is now available at <http://www.xt3.com/lent/>

10 Creative ways to practice Lent - continued

- 5. Giving away money:** The love of money is a major barrier to relationship with God, and the regular practice of giving is a powerful way to bring change in your own life as well as the lives of the marginalised.
- 6. Giving away time:** The sharing of time is a great way to strengthen our communities. Perhaps you could show hospitality to those on the margins, share a meal with strangers, visit those who are lonely, or volunteer in your neighbourhood. Build social bridges.
- 7. Practising prayer and meditation:** Common examples are to pray the Daily Examen (an Ignatian prayer) each day, follow Phillis Tickles' Divine Hours book or the Lectio Devina, or simply commit to praying for those in need.
- 8. Practising biblical reflection:** For those who do not already read the Bible each day, this is an excellent way to start.
- 9. Practising intentional gratitude:** Some families choose to share experiences for which they are thankful, others write them down in a diary or blog, or light a candle at the dinner table.
- 10. Caring for the environment:** This has become a popular way of observing Lent. You could walk instead of using the car, plant trees or vegetables, or minimise electricity use.