

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

This weekend: 9th April

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper

Reader: P. Kierce

Ministers: A. O'Brien, D. Kierce

Gifts: K. Carr, C. Leonard

Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Howman

Reader: P. Couttie

Ministers: K. Arnott, J. Fitzgerald, K. Loftus

Gifts: K. Sullivan, J. Hall

Welcome: L. Goebel

Next weekend: 16th April

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb

Reader: P. O'Brien

Ministers: F. Mizzi, M. Lambert

Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson

Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: A. McIntyre

Reader: I. Eichler

Ministers: L. Goebel, J. Burns, D. Arnott

Gifts: T. Mizzi, C. Boyadjian

Welcome: B & M McGenniken

Church Flowers: M. Schultz, J. Sandeman
Easter: J. Crimmins

Church Linen: 31/03 L. Goebel
09/04 P. Bailey

Church Cleaning:
09/04 M. Lambert, J. Burns
16/04 C. Legg, P. Laidlaw

Heywood: 02/04 Vicki
16/04 Kaye

Dartmoor: **Cleaning:** Karen Bull
Flowers: Kizzie O'Dea
Mowing: Leo 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:	\$ 2,028.50 (inc. EFT)
Project Comp:	\$ 378.20
Presbytery:	\$ 518.90

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**9th April
2017
Passion
Sunday
Year A**



Weekday Services 11/04 to 14/04

Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday: 5.00pm Mass
Thursday: 1.30pm Heywood Hostel Service
7.00pm Lord's Supper
Friday: 3.00pm Stations of the Cross

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Maria Fe Rodriguez, Florentino Rodriguez, John Roach, Carmel Malone, Wes Sawyer, Dawn Clancey, Matthew Couttie, Norma Grayson

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.

Children's Liturgy
23rd April
Kate

"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 21

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death

dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Connections - Matthew: 21: 1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem
and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,
'Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately you will find an ass tied,
and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.
If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,
"The Lord has need of them,"
and he will send them immediately'.
This took place to fulfil
what was spoken by the prophet, saying,
"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.
The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;
they brought the ass and the colt,
and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.
Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road,
and others cut branches from the trees
and spread them on the road.
And the crowds that went before him
and that followed him shouted,
'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!'
And when he entered Jerusalem
all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'
And the crowds said,
"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Gospel Reflection - A reversal of death and injustice

Capital punishment is abhorrent to most of us, particularly when a just person dies for specious reasons or to political ends. Public executions of convicted criminals were part of life in the ancient Roman Empire. That's what confronts us in today's gospel, although the gospel writers pay little attention to the details of the death and suffering of Jesus. They are much more interested in the meaning of these events.

The Romans execute Jesus outside Jerusalem when the city is filled with Jewish pilgrims who have come there for the Passover festival. For Jesus' friends and followers, every subsequent Passover is celebrated in the light of his death by crucifixion. They share their memories and reflect on the meaning of his death in the light of their sacred traditions. Every element of the Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of their ancestors from slavery, resonates with echoes of the experience of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that the final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of his story to be committed to writing.

Though Matthew draws much of his material from Mark, he fashions the tradition into a new narrative and adds several distinctive features. "To fulfil all righteousness" is Jesus' stated mission (3:15). He has declared "blessed" those who suffer for the sake of righteousness [justice]" (5:10-12). He now embodies his own teaching as the just or righteous one, the one in right relationship with God. The prayer on his lips as he faces death (Psalm 22) is that of the suffering just Israelite who is utterly faithful to his mission and whose trust in God never fails.

There are hints that Jesus' death is not the end, but rather the beginning of the new age of God's empire, a compassionate alternative to the brutality of Rome. In response to the high priest Caiaphas, Jesus points beyond death to his post-resurrection life "at the right hand of power...." Extraordinary signs follow his death: the tearing of the temple curtain; the trembling of the earth; the recognition of the Roman centurion and his companions that this man is of God; and finally, the opening of the graves and appearance of the dead in anticipation of the final resurrection. The story offers the hope of reversal to all who witness the events surrounding Jesus' death. It offers hope to the women who have followed him all the way from Galilee and "ministered to him". It offers hope to the male disciples who have deserted or denied him, to faithful disciples like Joseph of Arimathea, and even to his Roman executioners. It has the potential to bring hope to their counterparts through the ages such as those who keep watch for the condemned on death row or for desperate seekers of asylum. - Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

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

Anointing Mass - Tuesday April 18th April 11am All Saints Church

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

Easter Mass Times

Thursday	13/4	7.00pm	Lord's Supper	All Saints Portland
Friday	14/4	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord	All Saints Portland
Saturday	15/4	7.00pm	Easter Vigil	All Saints Portland
Sunday	16/4	10.30am	Easter Day Mass	All Saints Portland

Easter Mass Ministries

We are asking for volunteers to assist in the running of masses from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. If you are able to assist please put your name down on the sheets at the front of the church. Many thanks for your assistance.

Holy Land Appeal

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to Local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Last year Australian Catholics donated \$1.4million to this cause. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Looking Forward Parish Meeting

Bishop Paul Bird will visit Portland Parish on Friday 21 April to Monday 24 April. Also as part of the ongoing Looking Forward pastoral planning process, all parishioners are invited to a meeting with the Vicar-General, Fr Justin Driscoll, and Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant, at All Saints, 5pm Thursday 4 May. Should you have any matters you wish to raise ahead of the Bishop's Visitation or the Looking Forward meeting, you are most welcome to contact Amanda on 5337 7125 or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au Thank you.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, April 10, 2017

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 10, 2017. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All welcome to attend.

Southern Stars Family Group

The Southern Stars Family Group Activity this month is a bush walk and picnic at Mt Eccles, 2pm Sunday April 9th.

Bring afternoon tea to share, walking shoes and rain coat in case of inclement weather.

It is about an hours drive so if anyone needs transport please contact Gabrielle Lewis on 0408590 594.