

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

This weekend: 30th April

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: volunteer please
Ministers: A. Burns, A. O'Brien
Gifts: C. Leonard, K. Carr
Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: P. Howman
Reader: A. Francis
Ministers: K. Howman, A. Loving, I. Eichler
Gifts: J & A Milani
Welcome: M. King

Next weekend: 7th May

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

Church Flowers: M. Schultz, J. Sandeman

Church Linen: 07/05 B. Teal

Church Cleaning: 30/04 B & M McGenniken
07/05 The Crespan Family

Heywood: 30/04 Volunteer pls
07/05 Vicki

Dartmoor: Cleaning: Tracy Bull
Flowers: volunteer please
Mowing: Noel 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:	\$ 672.00 (inc. EFT)
Project Comp:	\$ 1,502.50
Presbytery:	\$ 712.65

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**30th April
2017**

**3rd Sunday
Easter
Year A**



Weekday Services 02/05 to 05/05

Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday: No Mass
Thursday: No Mass
**Friday: 10.00am Mass
6.00pm Night Prayer**

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Kerrin Hurley, Allan Carman, John Cassie, Dawn McIntyre, Natale (Jimmy) Luigi, Kevin Kelly, Desmond O'Neill, Jack McNamara

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.

Children's Liturgy

May 14th

Mel

"The Spire"

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Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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Wednesday & Friday 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 15

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

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Gospel Connections - Luke: 24: 13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Gospel Reflection - Opening our lives to strangers

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger or "foreigner" on the road of life. That seems to be a key element in today's gospel passage from the well-known and well-loved Emmaus story. Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, a few kilometres away. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women's account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes.

Jesus engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he reveals to them the meaning of his death and resurrection in the light of their sacred scriptures. Yet still they fail to recognise the one whom they have described as "a prophet mighty in deed and word." They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the blessing and breaking of the bread they share with him. He disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that Jesus is alive and once more present to them, but in a new and transforming way.

Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to share this good news with the other disciples. Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of Jesus in their midst. They too pass over the women's story; it is the appearance to Peter of the resurrected Jesus that is the ground of their new faith. As the story continues beyond today's reading, we learn that the male disciples will also share a meal with him and he will open their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything will fall into place. The fear that has paralysed them will fall away. They will not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery.

Extraordinary things can happen to those who are hospitable enough to "break bread" with "foreigners" in whom they do not immediately recognise God's presence. If we open our hearts and our homes to those who seek a welcome on our shores, we might come to participate a little more deeply in the joy of the resurrection.

- 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.

We would like to welcome Fr Kevin Arundell who is relieving for Fr Greg this weekend.

Looking Forward Parish Forum

Please note the Parish Looking Forward Forum - Thursday 4th May 5.00pm - 6.30pm, All Saints Church. All parishioners are invited to take part in this parish forum with Vicar-General Fr Justin Driscoll and Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant.

At each of the Looking Forward forums, the parishes involved so far have revisited their self appraisal documents promoting dialogue about the strengths and challenges of each parish. The current profile of the parish is then presented followed by facilitated discussion. The forum is a listening exercise about all the information presented, which includes data about the parish that is collected annually by the Diocese

Project Compassion

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. You are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten appeal.

Receipts for your donations can be collected at the front of the church if you had requested one.

Planned Giving

Statements for the period 1/7/16 to 2/4/17 have been printed and are available for collection from the front of the church. Please collect your envelope or contact the office if you would prefer us to email to you. Many thanks, Antonella

30th Anniversary Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Peter Connors

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR and the people of the Diocese of Ballarat invite you to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Peter Connors. Mass will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 10.30am. Morning tea will follow in the Hall.

"Lessons from the Long Paddock" econference

The Diocese of Wilcannia- Forbes is offering an econference online event called "Lessons from the Long Paddock" on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. This econference opens the conversation about what the experience of faith actually feels like in ordinary life. Participants engage with conversations which signpost essential spiritual markers relevant to knowledge about what leads into fuller humanity, Christian, Catholic and Australian life. The econference has two keynote speakers, Bishop Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, who will discuss Australian and Outback Spirituality.

For more information please contact Kate on, ph. 0420 309 689 or <http://www.wf.catholic.org.au/>

