

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

This weekend: 14th May

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. Fitzgerald
Ministers: K. Loftus, D. Arnott, K. Howman
Gifts: T. Mizzi, C. Boyadjian
Welcome: L. Goebel

Next weekend: 21st May

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Church Flowers: Kath McNamara

Church Linen: 07/05 B. Teal
21/05 P. Bailey

Church Cleaning: 14/05 M & Y Crooks
21/05 A. Taylor, M. King

Heywood: 07/05 Vicki
21/05 volunteer please

Dartmoor: Cleaning: Tracy Bull
Flowers: volunteer please
Mowing: Noel Bull

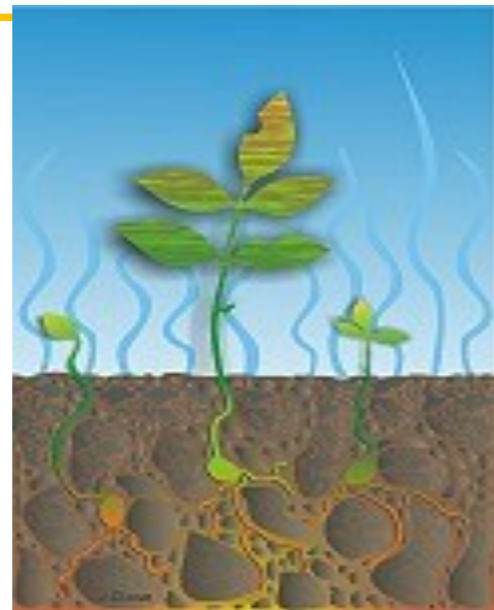
Prayer After Communion:
(For Minsters to the Home-bound)

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: \$ 1,244.50 (inc. EFT)
Presbytery: \$ 727.60

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14th May
2017

5th Sunday
Easter
Year A



Weekday Services 16/05 to 19/05

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass "BUPA"
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
Friday: 10.00am Mass
1.30pm Harbourside Service
6.00pm Night Prayer

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

Recent Deaths:

Peter Pham Nhu But, Dawn Armour

Anniversaries:

Katie Bourke, Joan Williams, Teofilo Gutierrez, Ann Parker, Margaret Stuchbery, Barry Strickland, Gloria Whitehead, Angelo Agius

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, Graeme Sewell

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

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"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 32

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

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Gospel Connections - John: 14: 1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,'
said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father '

Gospel Reflection - Led into nourishing pastures- Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

."Take from my heart all painful anxiety" is a gospel inspired prayer. It is the prayer of Catherine McAuley, the first Sister of Mercy. Like Jesus, Catherine knew in her being that a troubled heart is an ever present possibility: we deal with one problem and along comes another. When we don't have any serious worries in the present, we are often anxious about the future. There is a difference, of course, between having worries and having a troubled heart. The difference lies in how we deal with the inevitable problems and challenges that come our way.

Freedom from anxiety is the constant message of the gospels. "Do not let your hearts be troubled" is Jesus' word to his friends in John's gospel. The verb, here in passive mood ("be troubled"), is used of Jesus' spirit when he finds his friend Mary and her companions weeping over the death of Lazarus (11:33). It means literally to shake or to stir up. Jesus is really shaken by grief in that situation. As he faces his own death, he does not want his friends to be troubled of heart or spirit. He speaks here from his own experience.

Jesus points out the path to an untroubled heart: "Believe in God, believe also in me." The faith of the disciples is to be grounded in his care for them both in the present and into the future: "I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also". In this context, Jesus makes three claims: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The prologue to the gospel, which functions as an overture to the whole work, has introduced the notion of the glorified Jesus as "full of grace and truth" and the bringer of "grace and truth"(1:14, 17). He is the life that is the light of all (1:4). As the gospel unfolds, we learn that he is the bread of life, even the resurrection and the life. His claim to be "the way" is foreshadowed in the parable of the door or the gate: "I am the gate of the sheepfold."

If the disciples know Jesus, then they also know the way to God whom Jesus images in tender parental terms as "Father". He speaks of their mutual indwelling. If Philip, his persistent questioner, does not believe this, then maybe he can believe on account of the "works" of Jesus, works that are also the works of God. Those who believe have the power to do these and even greater works. This seems extraordinary, but is really just a matter of believing with untroubled hearts that the power comes from God - as next Sunday's gospel will tell us.

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.

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.

Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be Thursday May 25th 2017 at 8.00 p.m.
at 9 Whaler Court, Portland.

The Book: "The Last Painting of Sara De Vos" by Dominic Smith

Briny Bunch

The next Briny Bunch get together is to be held on the Friday 19th May - 6.30pm, counter meal at the Gordon Hotel. RSVP for catering purposes Marg Herbertson 0447 617 467 or 5523 3323 leave message if not answered. All welcome.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

ACYF is in Sydney December 7-9, 2017. A joyful 3 day immersion in faith with 15,000 other young Australians. Young people (yr 9-30yo) are encouraged to go. Information is on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Amanda on 5337 7125 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week, from 8 -14 May 2017, is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. According to Volunteering Australia, 5.8 million Australians or 31% of the population volunteer, make an estimated annual contribution of \$290 billion to our economic and social good. Thank you to all our volunteers in parishes, schools and agencies for their invaluable contribution to the Ballarat diocese.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord,

Thankyou for my mother. Thank you for blessing me with a mother who is kind, loving, strong. Bless her and protect her.

May you give her peace in times of worry and distress, may you give her comfort in times of sadness, may you give her hope when she feels hopeless, and may her heart be filled with joy each day. Let her feel your unconditional love and forgiveness as she has unconditionally loved me. May she feel loved and cherished on this day.

Amen

National Volunteers Week

Thank you to all who are involved in liturgical ministries, Parish Groups, who volunteer time and talents to these and to community organisations **U are important.**

**GIVE HAPPY
LIVE HAPPY**

**You cannot spell Ch_rch without u.
You cannot spell Yo_th without u.
You cannot spell S_ccess without u.
You cannot spell S_nday Mass without u.
You cannot spell Comm_nity without u.
The Community and Church needs u.**

THANK U