

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This weekend: 21st May

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: volunteer please
Reader: I. Eichler
Ministers: L. Goebel, D. Arnott
Gifts: T. Mizzi, C. Boyadjian
Welcome: B & M McGennisken

Next weekend: 28th May

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: M. Schultz
Ministers: A. Burns, A. O'Brien
Gifts: Ciara 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

Church Flowers: Kath McNamara

Church Linen: 21/05 P. Bailey
04/06 J. Hall

Church Cleaning: 21/05 A. Taylor, M. King
28/05 P & G Priestley

Heywood: 21/05 volunteer please
04/06 Kaye

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: \$ 574.00 (inc. EFT)

Presbytery: \$ 529.60

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21st May
2017

6th Sunday
Easter
Year A



Weekday Services 23/05 to 26/05

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 5.00pm Mass
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
1.00pm Heywood Hostel
Friday: 10.00am Mass
6.00pm Night Prayer

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

Recent Deaths:

Fr Mark McGuinness MSC,

Anniversaries:

Kate Cattanach, Carmel Smith, Sadie King, Joanne Wheeler, Marian May,

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 28th

Kate

"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 Parish website and noticeboard in the Tower Entrance of the Church.

Psalm 65

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. .

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

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Gospel Connections - John: 14: 15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Gospel Reflection - Laying down our lives for others

Those who defend themselves in court run the risk of being outsmarted by clever and sometimes unscrupulous adversaries. It is never a good idea to be too self-reliant even in a country with a basically sound legal system such as ours. Today's gospel implies that the disciples need a defense attorney or lawyer. Jesus has acted in that capacity for them in their struggles with the anti-gospel forces arrayed against them.

Now he is close to death and he gives them instructions that begin and end with reference to loving him and keeping his commandments. Jesus has given them "a new commandment" (13:34-35): "...that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Later in this discourse (15:12-14) the reader of the gospel learns what the actors in the drama already know about Jesus' commandments. "This is my commandment," says Jesus, "that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." This is no small demand, to be prepared to die for one another.

Given the opposition they are likely to face, the disciples cannot live out such a commitment on their own. Neither is Jesus leaving them "orphans" who have to fend for themselves. He will ask his Father to provide "another" defender or advocate who will act on their behalf, an advocate who will always be there. This new advocate is the "Spirit of truth". As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy thus points us in the direction of Pentecost and the gift of God's Spirit.

It is good to know we are never on our own. It is also good to reflect on the capacity we have for love. Most of us will never find ourselves in a situation where our love is tested to the point that we have to die for another. On the other hand, we are constantly being called on to put the well-being of others, even their survival, before our own comfort. With global warming and the life-style changes that will inevitably come sooner rather than later, we may well find ourselves "laying down our lives" in various ways for the sake of our friends, humankind and other-kind, across the planet. Even now, we have countless opportunities to "lay down our lives" to mitigate the effects of climate change or to protect the rights of those displaced by war or persecution. With the help of the Spirit, our Advocate, we can surely rise to the challenge.

- Sr Veronica Lawson rsn

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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2017

Registration for Sacraments of Confirmation & 1st Eucharist from the 24th of April to the 23rd of June 2017 with Fr Gregory Tait via the Parish Office. If you have any questions, they can be directed to Fr Gregory Tait at the Parish Office on 55231046 or 0475512530 or emailed to

greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au Brochure for Sacraments of Initiation is available on the parish website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parishes. All registrations must be completed by Saturday 24th June 2017.

Class attending Friday Mass

Children from 5/6 GM (Mrs Murrell's class) will be attending mass on Friday 26th May. All parents and grandparents welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

A service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at All Saints Church on Friday 2nd June, 5.30pm. All are welcome and invited and please bring a plate to share after the service.

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

Church Pews for sale

Church pews for sale- 3 wooden church pews with gothic pointed ends, approximately 2m long. \$600 each. Available at the Outreach Op shop.

All Saints Parish Primary School Arts Exhibition

All are invited to come and view the children's art work at the Portland Drill Hall, 26 Bentinck Street.

Open daily 10am - 4pm until Thursday 25th May. Come along and celebrate the artistic achievements of the students.

Community Meal Initiative Forum

Community Meal Initiative - facilitated forum. Thursday June 1st, 5 -6pm. Uniting Church Hall, Percy St., Portland. Light refreshments provided. The forum is to discuss provision of a regular free Community Meal, in response to a need identified by some local organisations, agencies and churches.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship – applications now open

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July 2017. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry>

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