

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

*This weekend: 25th June*

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

Leader: L. Cooper  
Reader: P. Kierce  
Ministers: D. Kierce, A. Burns  
Gifts: Ciara Leonard, K. Carr  
Welcome: F. Mizzi

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: K. Howman  
Reader: K. Loftus  
Ministers: A. Loving, I. Eichler, P. Howman  
Gifts: T. Mizzi, C. Boyadjian  
Welcome: L. Goebel

*Next weekend: 2nd July*

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

Leader: H. Webb  
Reader: P. Kierce  
Ministers: A. O'Brien, F. Mizzi  
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson  
Welcome: D. Kierce

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: K. Loftus  
Reader: B. Healy  
Ministers: V. Bailey, J. Fitzgerald, K. Arnott  
Gifts: J & A Milani  
Welcome: M. King

**Church Flowers:** Kath McNamara  
**Church Linen:** 18/06 B. Teal  
**Church Cleaning:** 25/06 M. Finnegan & L. Elford  
02/07 The Arnott Family  
**Heywood:** 18/06 volunteer pls  
02/07 Vicki  
**Dartmoor:** **Cleaning:** volunteer please  
**Flowers:** Ann-Marie Harvey  
**Mowing:** Gerald Harvey

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**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.**

### Our Finances

#### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week : \$ 4,062.00

**Target \$60,000**

**Year so far 2017 \$58,897**

**2016 same time \$50,028**

Direct deposit payments for planned giving and donations can be made electronically. Details are as follows:

**Account Name:**  
Portland Catholic Church  
**BSB:** 083 532  
**Account No.** 5159 81661

#### Presbytery Account

Priest support \$ 470.20

Direct deposit payments for the presbytery account can be made electronically. Details are as follows:

**Account Name:**  
All Saints Presbytery Portland  
**BSB:** 083 526  
**Account No.** 24476 6002



**25th June  
2017  
12th Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A**

#### Weekday Services 27/06 to 30/06

**Tuesday: No Mass**  
**Wednesday: No Mass**  
**Thursday: No Mass**  
**Friday: No Mass**

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

#### Recent Deaths:

#### Anniversaries:

Tom Kearney, Teresa Lynch, Jane Atchison, Patricia Harris, Bernard Keane, Augustiana (Margaret) Clark, Marilyn O'Neil

#### Prayer Requests:

Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Claire Jesser, Sr. Margaret Keane sj, Rita Madden, Maureen McKenzie, John Smith, 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

July 9th

Kate

## "The Spire"

### All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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Priest: Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, Adm.  
email: [greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au)  
Parish Secretary: Antonella Webbstock  
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 68

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!  
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

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## Gospel Connections - Matthew: 10: 26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.

## Gospel Reflection - To trust in God

Many of those who once looked through the barbed-wire fences of Australia's detention centres carry personal stories of fear of persecution. One such story, the story of Najaf Mazari, is beautifully narrated by Najaf and Robert Hillman in their joint work, *The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif*. Najaf is an Afghani Hazara who suffered persecution and torture at the hands of the Taliban. He escaped to Australia via Indonesia in 2002. After some time in detention, he established a rug making business in suburban Melbourne. He was reunited with his wife Hakeema and daughter Maria in 2008 and became an Australian citizen in June 2014.

Some of the first century Christian groups, including Matthew's community, were a bit like the Afghani Hazaras and Syrian or Iraqi Christians in that they are persecuted simply on account of who they are vis à vis those who seek exclusive political and cultural power. They have every reason to fear bodily harm and even death, as did Jesus and his followers. The scene at Gethsemane suggests that Jesus himself experienced deep fear in the face of his impending suffering and political execution. Yet Jesus tells his disciples not to fear those who kill the body.

How are these words to be understood? To return to the story of Najaf: the Taliban had power to destroy his body, but no power over his spirit. A man of deep faith, supported by a family who sacrificed their own comfort and placed their trust in God (Allah), he survived against the most incredible odds. Even if he had died in the effort to find freedom, his faith in the fullness of life with God and the witness of his courage would remain, in stark contrast with the bullying power of the Taliban who could kill the body but not an indomitable spirit.

Trust in God is at the heart of Jesus' response to suffering. The disciples are sent out on mission. They are to proclaim in the marketplace or from the "housetops" the gospel they have received in the security of the household. They can expect rejection and humiliation. They are not to be deterred from their mission. Above all, they are not to give up the struggle or capitulate in the face of persecution. Like all God's creatures, they are precious in God's eyes and will not be abandoned. On the contrary, Jesus will "acknowledge" them before God "in heaven". Trust in the author and sustainer of life is the appropriate response to suffering endured for the sake of God's empire. Trust in God does not take away the pain. Rather, it puts the inevitable suffering of the disciple on mission into the broader perspective of life in its fullest expression. - Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

### My Parish

My Parish is comprised of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring people into worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a Parish of loyalty, and love, of fearfulness and faith, and a Parish with noble spirit.

If I, who make it what it is am filled with these things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all these things that I want my Parish to be.

**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.**

### Urgent Request

Winter is upon us and the Op Shop is in urgent need of winter coats for men, women and children.

Please drop off at Outreach. Thank you

### Dates to remember

**Family Matters - Strengthening Respectful Relationships forum** - Warrnambool Saturday 22 July

**Liturgical Formation Workshop** - Warrnambool Sunday July 23rd. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass in parishes on these days. Workshops on offer are Funeral Ministry, the Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program, "Let the Children Come" and Formation for Lectors. If you require registration forms please contact the parish office by email [Portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or phone 5523 1046.

### Planned Giving

The end of financial year is quickly approaching, so can you please ensure that your planned giving is up to date over the next month. We realise there can many pressures on family finances so we do appreciate your support of our Parish financial responsibilities.

### 2017/18 Planned Giving Envelopes

The 2017/18 Planned Giving envelopes are available for collection at the front of the church. Please ensure that you collect your box/envelope. Also please note that some of your numbers have changed in order to group cash, EFT and periodic payments together. Many thanks Antonella

### All Saints Primary Catholic School Annual Report

The 2016 Annual Report to the School Community has been uploaded onto the school website [www.asportland.catholic.edu.au/annual-action-plan](http://www.asportland.catholic.edu.au/annual-action-plan). You are more than welcome to download it and celebrate and reflect on the achievements the school made last year.

### Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be Thursday June 29th 2017 at 8.00 p.m. at 5 Poland Street, Portland.

The Book: "Everywhere I look" by Helen Garner

### Youth and young adults: Pope Francis' Online Survey now open

Please encourage young adults you know to do this survey (Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone whether they are actively connected to church or not). This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on 2 July 2017. Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) For more information: [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 5337 7125.

### Sisters of the Good Samaritan - The Good Oil 2017 Young Writers' Award

The Good Oil 2017 Young Writers' Award seeks to encourage and support the development of younger writers interested in exploring ideas, contemporary issues and stories about people and happenings from a contemporary Christian perspective. The award is open to ALL secondary school students and post-school young adults in Australia, Japan, the Philippines and Kiribati. Entrants are invited to submit a piece of writing, between 750 and 1000 words adopting one of the following writing styles: journalistic feature writing (e.g. profiles of people or issues-based articles based on interviews); opinion writing; creative writing or first person reflective writing. In their chosen writing style, entrants are asked to explore the theme "Who is my neighbour?". Entries for the award close on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Thanks to the generous support of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and Good Samaritan Education, a total of \$3,000 in prize money is on offer. More details can be downloaded from the Good Samaritan Sisters' website [www.goodsams.org.au](http://www.goodsams.org.au)