

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

*This 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

*Next weekend: 9th July*

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

Leader: L. Cooper  
Reader: P. O'Brien  
Ministers: M. Lambert, D. Kierce  
Gifts: R. Croft, G. Priestley  
Welcome: F. Mizzi

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: P. Howman  
Reader: K. Arnott  
Ministers: J. Fitzgerald, K. Loftus, L. Goebel  
Gifts: K. Sullivan, J. Hall  
Welcome: L & D Goebel

**Church Flowers:** Kath McNamara

**Church Linen:** 02/07 L. Goebel

**Church Cleaning:** 02/07 The Arnott Family  
09/07 M. Lambert,  
J. Burns

**Heywood:** 02/07 Vicki

**Dartmoor:** **Cleaning:** Karen Bull  
**Flowers:** Kizzie O'Dea  
**Mowing:** Leo Bull

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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 : \$ 1,503.00

**Target \$60,000**

**Total 30 June 2017 \$60, 365**

**Total 30 June 2016 \$50, 138**

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 \$ 478.05

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



**2nd July  
2017  
13th Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A**

#### Weekday Services 04/07 to 07/07

**Tuesday:** 5.00pm Mass  
**Wednesday:** 5.00pm Mass  
**Thursday:** 10.00am Mass  
**Friday:** 9.30am Adoration  
10.00am Mass

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

#### Recent Deaths:

Nora Finn (Fr Arundell's sister), John Lyons, Donna Currie, Jim Dwyer

#### Anniversaries:

Nelly Melis, Stephen McNamara, Bob Harders, Philip Walsh, Betty Henman, Sr Cynthia Wright IBVM, Robert Zelenc, Jennifer Riley, Glen Storer, Margaret Mary Sykes, Catherine Porter, Mary Boland, Betty Day,

#### Prayer Requests:

Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Claire Jesser, Sr. Margaret Keane sjc, 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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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 88

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

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## Gospel Connections - Matthew: 10: 37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward

## Gospel Commentary

Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.



**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

**We would like to welcome Fr Ted McCormack MSC to All Saints Parish who is filling in for Fr Greg while he is on leave. Please make yourselves known to Fr Ted.**

### Dates to remember

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

All are welcome to attend this forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ providing the opening address, followed by a number of workshops. The free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat in conjunction with Centacare. Workshops/seminars to choose from include: Family violence; having the suicide conversation; building trust/listening; enriching family relationships; keeping children the focus in blended families; tuning into kids. Register online: [www.2017familymatters.weebly.com](http://www.2017familymatters.weebly.com).

**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.

### 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.

### Shared Table Project - Fr Michael McKinnon - Lima Peru

The \$52 annual gift to the Project will take place in the month of July. Please put the \$52 in an envelope marked Shared Table and your name and address and put on Collection Plate. If you are a new parishioner and would like to donate \$52 to feed the children in Peru, you are most welcome to join our generous band of helpers. This is our 12th year. Any further information Marg Herbertson - the Parish Co-ordinator of Shared Table Project. Mobile 044761467.

### Annual Collection for the Pope – Weekend of July 8/9.

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (29th June 2017). The collection will be taken up in this Diocese on the weekend of July 8/9. I am aware of the many demands made on the people of our Diocese throughout the year by way of appeals for financial support. However, this particular Appeal does require special attention. Through this collection we have the opportunity of supporting the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world. I commend the 2017 Appeal to you and your parishioners. Yours in Christ, Paul Bird CSsR, Bishop of Ballarat