

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

*This 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

*Next weekend: 16th July*

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

Leader: H. Webb  
Reader: volunteer please  
Ministers: A. Burns, A. O'Brien  
Gifts: Ciara Leonard, K. Carr  
Welcome: F. Mizzi

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: K. Howman  
Reader: M. Kearney  
Ministers: D. Arnott, A. Loving, I. Eichler  
Gifts: L & D Goebel  
Welcome: M. King

**Church Flowers:** Kath McNamara

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

**Church Cleaning:** 09/07 M. Lambert, J. Burns  
16/07 C. Legg, P. Laidlaw

**Heywood:** 02/07 Vicki

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

If you would like to receive a weekly copy of "The Spire" by email, please send us an email and we can add you to a list of subscribers

**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 : \$ 1,508.00

**Target \$65,000**

**Total YTD 30 June 2018 \$ 1,508.00**

**Total YTD 30 June 2017 \$ 1,725.00**

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 \$ 451.30

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



**9th July  
2017  
14th Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A**



#### Weekday Services 11/07 to 14/07

**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:

Robert Munn, Patrick Crowe (Fr. Crowe's brother),  
Don Keiller

#### Anniversaries:

Stephen McNamara, Helen Sobey, Maria Lamplough,  
Brian Guthridge, Marie Mugavin, Bill Ough, Win Fidler,  
Tom Lloyd, Iris Clark, Pat Marriner, Mick Beasley, Nance  
& Jock Campbell, Ursula Turpie

#### 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 23rd  
Mel**

## "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 144

I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down.

I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

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## Gospel Connections - Matthew: 11: 25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



## Gospel Commentary - 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.'

One of the issues faced by the first Christians was how to speak about Jesus and his relationship with God. Within a decade the disciples were giving Jesus divine status and yet holding true to their Jewish creed, 'Hear O Israel the Lord our God is one.' They looked to the Old Testament to find precedents for the paradox they experienced – the oneness of God and the divine status of Jesus. Matthew's Gospel draws on the image of Divine Wisdom – present with God from the beginning, coming forth from God and coming into the world. For his Jewish community, Matthew presents Jesus as Divine Wisdom who invites all to come and 'team up with' (be yoked to) him.

Just before the passage we have in today's Gospel there is a reflection on John the Baptist who by this stage in the Gospel is in prison. Jesus speaks highly of John then compares his own ministry and its response with John's, 'For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon";

the Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is shown to be right by her deeds.' (Matt 11:18-19)

Here, Jesus identifies himself with Wisdom who is known to be right by her deeds. This is similar to the response Jesus gave to the disciples of John the Baptist when they were sent to ask Jesus if he was the one whom John had said was coming after him. Jesus' response to John's disciples was – look at my deeds. 'The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the good news preached to them.'

The deeds of Jesus point to his identity and show that he is right in his teaching.

Listen to Wisdom describe herself in the Old Testament book of Sirach:

Come to me, you who are untaught, and lodge in my school. Put your neck under the yoke, and let your souls receive instruction; it is to be found close by. See with your eyes that I have laboured little and found myself much rest (Sir 51:23, 26-27).

Matthew draws on these images of divine Wisdom in his presentation of Jesus. Later in the Gospel Jesus will accuse the Pharisees of laying a heavy burden on people's shoulders. (23:4) By contrast the burden of Jesus is light.

The prayer Jesus offers is typical of the blessings that are part of Jewish prayer life.

Blessed are you, Lord our God creator of the earth and the heavens. Grant us our Father, knowledge of you, the understanding and discernment of your Law.

Jesus' prayer is similar: Blessed or Praised be you Father, Lord of heaven and earth. Jesus then continues with the reason why God is to be praised and this is for the mutual intimate knowledge of Father and Son. This knowledge Jesus has revealed to his followers who are likened to 'babes' or 'infants'. Both John and Jesus experience opposition from those who were looked to for leadership. For all their learning or status, these leaders, Herod, the High Priests, the Pharisees, could not accept the message of John or the teaching of Jesus. It was the 'little ones' not the mighty who were open to his message.

The wisdom Jesus offers contradicts the wisdom of the world which is why the learned and clever cannot accept it but those with childlike simplicity of heart can. Jesus has a vision of what is essential that cuts through the many false complexities that life suggests as ways to find meaning – busyness, wealth, power, having more of everything. The soul finds no rest in such things. In the words of St Augustine, 'You have made us for yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.'

**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.

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.

### 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. **Giving to date \$349.20**

### 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

### Youth Synod Questionnaire:

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (Latest News on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017. For more info contact [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 5337 7125.

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for July - Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.