

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

This weekend: 30th July

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: Ciara Leonard
Ministers: D. Kierce, A. Burns
Gifts: D. Baudinette, G. Priestley
Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: P. Howman
Reader: I. Eichler
Ministers: D. Arnott, K. Arnott, J. Fitzgerald
Gifts: T. Mizzi, C. Boyadjian
Welcome: M. King

Next weekend: 6th August

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Loftus
Reader: K. Loftus
Ministers: J. Fitzgerald, L. Goebel, D. Arnott
Gifts: J & A Milani
Welcome: L. Goebel

Church Flowers: Kath McNamara

Church Linen: 30/07 J. Fitzgeral

Church Cleaning: 30/07 The Crespan Family
06/08 M & Y Crooks

Heywood: 30/07 Kaye

Dartmoor: **Cleaning:** Tracy Bull
Flowers: volunteer pls
Mowing: Noel 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 : \$ 1,030.00

Target \$65,000

Total YTD 30 June 2018 \$ 4,635.00

Total YTD 30 June 2017 \$ 5,844.00

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 \$ 551.45

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



30th July 2017
17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Weekday Services 0108 to 04/08

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:

Tim Buckley, Bob Newton

Anniversaries:

Keith Wilson, Sr Dorothy Finnegan, Elsie Johnson, Helen Elliott, Graham Kempton, Sr Ruth Winship IBVM, Laurie Leonard, Sr Moya Mottram IBVM, Basil Pye, Monica Mutch

Prayer Requests:

Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Claire Jesser, Sr. Margaret Keane sjs, 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
August 13th
Julie/Gabrielle

"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 118

Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Lord, I love your commands.

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: 13: 44 - 52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'



Gospel Commentary - An investment of heart and spirit

Today's gospel passage begins and ends with reference to treasure. It invites us to pause and name what constitutes the real "treasure" in our lives, to know our own hearts. What do we really want? Many of our contemporaries are asking that question in relation to a consumerist lifestyle that appropriates far more than our share of the world's resources and leaves little time or energy for considering either the plight of our endangered planet or the needs and aspirations of those on the edge. There is a new realisation that standard of living and quality of life are far from synonymous.

Several years ago, I had the good fortune to meet Kamran Mofid, an Iranian-born economist who holds dual British and Canadian citizenship. For two decades, Mofid had espoused and taught his students an "economy first" approach to life. Then, in a "search for life's bigger picture", he took up studies in pastoral theology and subsequently founded Globalization for the Common Good, an Oxford-based organisation dedicated to a global economics for the good of all rather than the benefit of the few. Mofid and his team believe that "the rich heritages of the world's religions" are a key resource for the promotion of global peace, justice, and the well-being of all earth's creatures. They invest their energies and resources in establishing dialogue at multiple levels, celebrating religious diversity, and seeking ways to overcome ideological divisions. They seek in these ways "to harness the wealth of the world's diverse spiritual and ethical traditions to create a sense of common purpose that can enable us to build social and economic policies that are truly humane and life-enhancing." Mofid turned his whole life around at considerable personal sacrifice for the sake of a "treasure" previously hidden to his consciousness. With like-minded people of diverse faiths, he now pursues a path that is named in Matthew's gospel as the reign or empire of the heavens.

Like Matthew's community, we need to be "scribes" trained for or educated in the ways of God. We need to bring out of the treasury of our traditions "what is new and what is old", wisely discerning what to keep and what to relinquish. Parables help to subvert our presuppositions, our ways of looking at the world. They disturb our complacency if we allow them to do so. The parables of the buried treasure and the pearl of great price remind us that gospel discipleship demands an all-embracing investment of heart and spirit. We don't have to re-invent the wheel. We simply need to search our hearts to know where our treasure lies and join with others like Kamran Mofid who show us how we might claim it for the common good of the entire Earth community. - by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

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.

Celebration for Father Greg's 25 years since ordination

A celebration will be held at Bayview after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 27th August. Please let Marg Herbertson or Di Kierce know if you will be attending by Friday August 18th for catering numbers. (you are also able to email Antonella on portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

If you would like to make a contribution to a gift for Father Greg, please put it in a marked envelope and place in collection plate or give it to either Marg or Di.

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 \$1,422.40**

This will be the final week for donations.

All Saints Outreach 2016 - 2017

Outreach has allocated \$2,000 to the following missionaries/charities:

The Shared Table - A project setup 12 years ago by Fr. Michael McKinnon, while he was working on the edge of the city of Lima with the Missionary Society of St Columban in a particularly poor parish, many of the children went without proper nourishment every day. Fr Michael sends his thanks to the generous band of volunteers that still donate to this project.

Mary Ward International - Loreto Sisters of East Timor - Natalie Houlihan IBVM. Margy Burke IBVM, Diann Stewart IBVM and other Loreto Sisters educating the children and supporting them with accommodation in Timor Leste.

Salesian Mission Australia - Education and Health support to Timor Leste children and adults.

Daughters of the Sacred Heart, South Africa - Finance, health, children's accommodation, developmental projects and education at Bakhita Village & Dwars River.

Fr Albert Yelds MSC - Financial support at Kiribati, children and family support in schools and MSC seminarians

Ali Project Northern New Guinea - Finance for building school, water tank and school supplies.

Food 4 Thought - Breakfast in our local schools \$2,600

Schoolies with a Cause (Bayview College) - \$500 for recent trip to Vietnam for books and school supplies to take to Vietnam.

Welfare for Portland & District families - Over \$8,000 and \$4,000 in material aid.

Parish - \$52,000 donated to Parish building program

Sincere thank you to all the volunteers who work at Outreach, without your generous support none of these good works would be possible.

Marg Herbertson, Co-ordinator/Treasurer, Outreach