

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

This weekend: 28th January

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: P. Kierce
Ministers: D. Kierce, A. Burns
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson
Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: J. Sandeman
Reader: K. Loftus
Ministers: A. McIntyre, F. Arnott,
B. McGenniken
Gifts: L & D Goebel
Welcome: M. King

Next weekend: 4th February

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: P. O'Brien
Ministers: A. O'Brien, F. Mizzi
Gifts: D. Baudinette, G. Priestley
Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Loftus
Reader: B. Healy
Ministers: M. McGenniken, K. Arnott,
J. Fitzgerald
Gifts: K. Sullivan, J. Hall
Welcome: A & M Francis

Church Flowers: Marie McGenniken

Church Linen: 28/1 L. Goebel

Church Cleaning:

28/01 K. McNamara, M. King
04/02 P & G Priestley, K. Howman

Heywood: 28/1 Vol. please

Dartmoor: Cleaning: Karen Bull
Flowers: Vol. please
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 Finance

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week : \$ 787.00

Target \$64,000

Total YTD 2017/18	\$ 37,398
Total YTD 2016/17	\$ 31,938

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: \$ 576.70

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



**28th January
2018
4th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekday Services 30/01 to 02/02

Tuesday:	No 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:

Sue McKenzie (Mel's mother),
Amanda Bourke (Olga's niece)

Anniversaries:

Claire Greenham, Norma Oliver, Marie Condon,
Paul Beattie, Noel Peck, Elaine Wallace,
Eugene Del Fierro, Charlie Keane, Kevin O'Connor,

Prayer Requests:

Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Claire Jesser,
Sr. Margaret Keane sjc, John Smith, Lea-anne Bourke,
Rudy Legray, Graeme Sewell, Michelle Mutch

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.

"The Spire"

All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webbstock
Tuesday & Thursday 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 94

If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

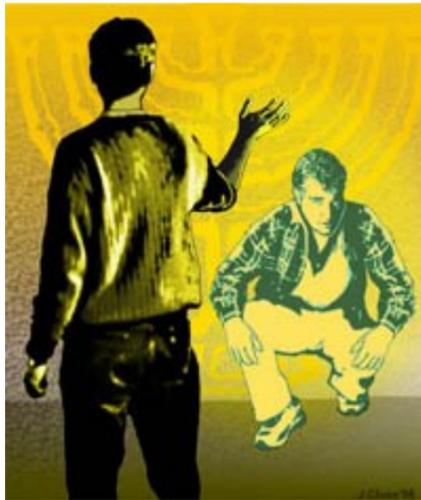
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!
A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

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Gospel Connections - Mark 1: 21 - 28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.



Reflection - Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel reading recounts the first episode in a section of Mark's gospel that focusses on a typical day in the ministry of Jesus as authoritative teacher and prophetic healer (1:21-38). Jesus comes with his disciples to Capernaum. On the Sabbath day, Judaism's holy day, he goes into the synagogue, Judaism's local gathering place, and preaches. The verbal forms in the first sentence indicate that teaching in the synagogue was part of his customary activity. Jesus is thus located firmly within Israel's prophetic tradition of mediating God's word.

In today's first reading from Deuteronomy (18:15-20), the term "prophet" appears eight times. Moses tells the people that God will respond to their request at Sinai (Horeb) and raise up from among them a prophet like himself, a mediator between God and God's people, one who will speak God's word. Prophets do not appoint or authorise themselves: God calls and authorises the prophets to speak God's word. Failure to heed the prophets carries its own consequences as does the attempt to assume a prophetic role without God's authorisation. Just as the prophets of old speak the authentic word of God only when they are authorised by the God of Israel, so Jesus of Nazareth, later to identify himself in this gospel as God's prophet (6:4), speaks and acts "with authority". In other words, he speaks with the authority of the God of Israel.

In this first Markan story of his divinely authorised activity, Jesus is approached by a man "with an unclean spirit". The man's loud scream sets up a confrontation between the power of God, mediated through Jesus, and the forces of destruction that often take hold of human lives. Jesus silences and expels these destructive forces and thus renders a seriously troubled person whole. Confounding the unclean spirit(s) brings social and communal benefits to the troubled person as well as physical and emotional healing.

God's reign or empire is made real through a healing action that is perceived as "a new teaching". No word of Jesus' teaching is reported, only his actions. Those actions are presented as "teaching". We teach by who we are and what we do. For Jesus, as for his disciples, congruence between words and actions is integral to authentic gospel proclamation.

Jesus is demonstrating to his newly formed group of followers that the gospel they are to proclaim is grounded in the ordinary struggles of ordinary people. This gospel carries the power to lift the burdens and restore the troubled to wholeness and health. We may wish to identify the "unclean spirits" that take hold of us from time to time so that we can open ourselves to the power of God mediated through God's teacher-healers in our time.

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.

Dates to Remember

14th February - Ash Wednesday

17th February - RCIA Rite of Election St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat 12.30pm

26th March - Mass of the Oils: St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat 6.30pm

Lenten Program 2018: 'Blessed + Broken'

The program will be suited to all parishioners either to use individually or in groups. It will be particularly helpful for adults who are preparing for initiation at Easter.

The elements for each week of the program are: prayer (opening and closing prayers in the book, hymn on audio), Gospel (book and audio), Gospel Reflections (book and audio) questions for reflection and sharing (book) and Bless, Break & Give (suggestions and ideas for living as a 'missionary disciple' day to day).

If you would like to order a copy of the booklet on its own, and the CD please record your name on the list at the front of the church. The cost for the booklet alone is \$7 and booklet & CD's \$9.

Briny Bunch Family Group

The Briny Bunch Family Group will have its first get-together for 2018 on Friday, 2nd February at 25 Lalor Street. We will be planning our activities for the coming year, so bring your ideas and some finger food to share. Any queries, contact Anne McIntyre

Catholic Social Services National Conference

The 2018 Catholic social services national conference, Hearing Healing Hope (from February 21-23, 2018) provides an opportunity to reflect on the major issues that affect our communities of concern, our Catholic social service organisations, our parishes and ourselves as leaders. The conference will be held in Melbourne and will be interactive at all stages – hearing, healing and building hope is not a passive program! The conference includes forums on:

- A healthy earth for a flourishing society, with Jacqui Rémond, Gavin Dufty and Bronwyn Lay.
- Economics for a flourishing society, with Joe Zabar, Ged Kearney and John Roskam.
- Responding to abuse, ensuring safe environments and dedication to service, with former Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald and Sheree Limbrick.
- The 2020 Plenary Council of the Church in Australia, with Lana Turvey Collins.

Fr Frank Brennan SJ discussing current issues in human rights (as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights).

Workshops will focus on NDIS, housing, governance issues, Indigenous engagement, parishes and service, caring for vulnerable clients and family violence. For more information, the program and bookings, go to <http://www.css.org.au/Conferences/Hearing-Healing-Hope-2018>.

Grief to Grace Retreat in Tasmania

Healing pathways Tas. Inc., of which Archbishop Porteous is the patron, is conducting its second Grief to Grace retreat from April 8 -13, 2018. Grief to Grace is a Catholic based retreat dealing with the effects and consequences of abuse. It aims to support victims of physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse, including domestic violence, in childhood, adolescence or as an adult on a journey of psychological and spiritual healing and reconciliation within a therapeutic, safe, compassionate, respectful and professional environment. The retreat has the support of the Diocese of Ballarat. More details www.grieffograce.org