

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

This weekend: 11th February

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: M. Schultz
Ministers: M. Lambert, A. Burns
Gifts: Ciara Leonard, K. Carr
Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Howman
Reader: K. Arnott
Ministers: K. Loftus, L. Goebel, D. Arnott
Gifts: T. Mizzi, C. Boyadjian
Welcome: L. Goebel

Next weekend: 18th February

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: D. Baudinette
Ministers: vol. please, A. O'Brien
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson
Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Arnott
Reader: A. Francis
Ministers: K. Howman, A. Loving, I. Eichler
Gifts: J. & A Milani
Welcome: B & M McGennissen

Church Flowers: Judy Hall

Church Linen: 28/1 L. Goebel, 11/2 P. Bailey

Church Cleaning:

11/02 A. McIntyre, G. Lewis
18/02 M. Antony, M. Kempton

Heywood: 28/1 Vol. please, 11/2 Kaye

**Dartmoor: Cleaning: Tracy Bull
Flowers: Vol. please
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 Finance

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week : \$ 1,366.00

Target \$64,000

Total YTD 2017/18	\$ 39,745
Total YTD 2016/17	\$ 33,697

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: \$ 514.40

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



**11th February
2018
6th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekday Services 13/02 to 16/02

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass (Presbytery)

**Wednesday: 10.00am Ash Wednesday Mass (school)
7.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass (school)**

Thursday: 10.00am Mass (Presbytery)

**Friday: 10.00am Mass - All Saints School
1.30pm Harbourside Service**

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

Recent Deaths:

Kevin Goggin, Greg Lindsey, Margaret Gray IBVM, Laura Fleri,

Anniversaries:

Gemma Fleri, Jan Berry, Peter Crowe, Sr Rosalie SJG, Barbara Couttie, Mollie Walsh, Eric Spencer, Helen Troeth, Anne Sharrock, Margaret Lardner, Pat Lloyd, Don Mulraney

Prayer Requests:

Paul Kierce, Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Claire Jesser, Sr. Margaret Keane sjs, 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.

**Children's Liturgy
February 11th
Anne & helper**

"The Spire"

All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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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 31

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart .

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

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Gospel Connections - Mark 1: 40 - 45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.



Reflection - Veronica Lawson RSM

We all seek to be part of family and community because we are social beings who need to engage with others and with our environment. Some are deprived of choice in this respect, in our times as in ancient times. Repeated name-calling and labelling is an age-old strategy of exclusion. "Illegals" is a label that excludes some of the most vulnerable people in today's world. "Leper" is a label that is used metaphorically of those who are not welcome, of those deemed to be "infectious". Today's gospel about a man with leprosy invites us to reflect on the pain of exclusion.

To be a leper in the world of early Judaism was to have some sort of skin disease that excluded a person from community and in particular from public worship. There were very strict regulations regarding such lepers (see the first reading from Leviticus, dating from several centuries before the time of Jesus). Their condition required ritual cleansing by a priest and an offering that cost money. That seems horrifying from our perspective, and it was.

In Mark's story, the man with leprosy approaches Jesus of Nazareth who is not one of the priests. This afflicted person thus cuts across the established procedures. Jesus is "moved with compassion", literally "moved in his gut, or in the depths of his being". In other words, Jesus empathises deeply with the suffering person. He has a physical reaction in the face of suffering. Some manuscripts have "moved with anger". A later scribe probably considered that expression too harsh as an emotion for Jesus and softened the text.

Jesus speaks and acts. He declares that he wills the cure of the man. He actually reaches out and touches him: a bodily encounter brings healing. He then sends the man back to tell the priests "as a proof to them". The verb used for "send back" suggests that the priests had already been approached without success. Jesus, the Galilean healer, succeeds in mediating the power of the God of Israel and so restores this outcast to life in the community and the community itself to greater wholeness through this healing. The widespread report of Jesus' healing activity will incur the anger of some of the authorities.

For our part, as followers of Jesus, we might reflect on the fact that sickness and disability are not only physical phenomena. They also have social and emotional impacts on individuals and the communities to which they belong. Healing enables people to live again, to be with others, to do the things they want to do. It brings new life and integrity to community. Jesus demonstrates that the combination of a compassionate word and a healing touch can work wonders. That was true in the ancient world. It is equally true for us today.

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.

Church Renovations

Godrik Constructions will be completing plaster work and painting in the church to the end of February and possibly a further week. As such week day masses will be held in the presbytery (unless advised) and weekend masses will be in the hall at All Saints Parish Primary School commencing 12th February.

Dates to Remember

- 14th February - Ash Wednesday
- 17th February - RCIA Rite of Election St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat Saturday, 12.30pm
- 2nd March - World Day of Prayer Service, All Saints Parish School, Friday 10.30am
- 26th March - Mass of the Oils: St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat, Monday, 6.30pm
- 27th March - Sacrament of Penance, All Saints Church, Tuesday 7.00pm
- 3rd April - Anointing Mass, All Saints Church, Tuesday 11.00am

Southern Stars Family Group

The Southern Stars Passionist Family Group will meet for a picnic/BBQ lunch on the foreshore adjacent to the Trawler Wharf, Skate Park and children's play area at 1200 noon on Sunday 11th of February. Please BYO everything and something to share. New members, including any recent arrivals into the Parish, are very welcome. Any queries contact Pat O'Brien.

World Day of Prayer

This year All Saints' is the host community for the World Day of Prayer.

Since 1887 on or near the first Friday in March every year, millions of Christians have gathered throughout the world to pray for the issues of family violence, child abuse, human trafficking, and other forms of injustices.

In 2018 that prayerful support will be directed to the people of the Republic of Suriname on the north eastern coast of South America.

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held at All Saints Parish Primary Scholl, Fawthrop Street on Friday 2nd March at 10.30am. The theme of the service is 'All God's Creation is Very Good!'



Project Compassion Sunday



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future", celebrating the Year of Youth. 

As Pope Francis said, "Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation."

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support!

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.