

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

**This weekend: 25th February**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

Leader: H. Webb  
Reader: Ciara Leonard  
Ministers: F. Mizzi, M. Lambert  
Gifts: D. Baudinette, G. Priestley  
Welcome: F. Mizzi

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: A. McIntyre  
Reader: P. Couttie  
Ministers: P. Howman, J. Sandeman, F. Arnott  
Gifts: K. Sullivan, J. Hall  
Welcome: M. King

**Next weekend: 4th March**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

Leader: L. Cooper  
Reader: P. Couttie  
Ministers: A. O'Brien, A. Burns  
Gifts: K. Carr, Ciara Leonard  
Welcome: D. Baudinette

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: J. Sandeman  
Reader: I. Eichler  
Ministers: A. McIntyre, B & M McGenniken  
Gifts: D & L Goebel  
Welcome: A & M Francis

**Church Flowers: Judy Hall**

**Church Linen: 26/2 A. McIntyre,  
11/3 M. Francis**

**Church Cleaning:**  
25/02 M. Schultz, J. Sandeman  
04/03 The Arnott Family

**Heywood: 26/2 Vol. please**

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

#### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week : \$ 760.50

Target \$64,000

Total YTD 2017/18	\$ 41,090
Total YTD 2016/17	\$ 35,972

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: \$ 645.15

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



25th February  
2018  
2nd Sunday  
Lent  
Year B



#### Weekday Services 27/02 to 02/03

**Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass - Presbytery**

**Wednesday: 5.00pm Mass - Presbytery**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass - Presbytery**

**Friday: 10.30am World Day of Prayer  
All Saints School  
6.00pm Evening Prayer - Presbytery**

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

#### Recent Deaths:

Janette McKenzie, Dorothy Stevens (Fr Greg's aunt)

#### Anniversaries:

Paul Couch, Maureen O'Brien. George Kennett, Jack Manley, William Crowe, Ron O'Brien,

#### 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.

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment with Fr Gregory.

Children's Liturgy  
February 25th  
Anne & Helper

## "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 115

I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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## Gospel Connections - Mark 9: 2 - 10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean



## Reflection - Veronica Lawson RSM

The wilderness was the geographical and key symbolic focus of last week's gospel story. This week, the focus is a mountain. Wilderness and mountain remind us that God's Earth itself is the locus of mystery and grace, the place of Earth-divine encounter. The mountain, like the wilderness, links Mark's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites. Moses' encounter with God on the mountain of Sinai was a defining moment in the life of the people: the Israelites entered into covenant with God at this mountain and received the Law that was to guide their lives as a people. Some centuries later, at a time of crisis in Israel's life, the prophet Elijah returned to this mountain and experienced the presence of God in the gentle breeze.

In the gospel passage for today, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain and is "transfigured" before them and "his clothes become dazzling white". In the Book of Revelation, white clothes come to symbolise the clothing of martyrs, of those who die for their faith. Elijah and Moses, the key prophetic figures of Israel, appear and enter into dialogue with Jesus, God's definitive prophet. The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he accepts his likely fate. If he continues to challenge oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. He struggles with that realisation in the "wilderness" and comes to terms with what it involves on this unidentified mountain.

The voice of God reaffirms the identity of Jesus that was announced in the opening words of the gospel and proclaimed at his baptism in the Jordan. It calls for a response from the disciples who have ascended the mountain in his company: "Listen to him". In the two preceding scenes, Jesus has spoken of the suffering that he and his followers will have to face. These words are crucial to an understanding, not only of Jesus, but of what it means to follow him. They seem to fall on deaf ears.

Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" and settle down. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to the mission. But that is not the way of discipleship. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We also need the courage and the good sense to return from the mountain and follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we sometimes experience. If we are to maintain the struggle for a sustainable, safe, and peace-filled world, we have to "listen" to the invitation of Jesus and come to terms with the personal and communal costs involved in a gospel way of life

**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

- 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

### Briny Bunch Family Group

Weather permitting, the Briny Bunch family group will meet at the Bridgewater Cafe car park at 1.30pm on Sunday Feb 25 for a walk along the beach and then afternoon tea.

### Lenten Prayer Group

Anyone interested in joining a prayer group during Lent is welcome at 25 Lalor Street on Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

We will be using the 'Blessed + Broken' program. Any queries please contact Anne McIntyre on 55237167.

### World Day of Prayer

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

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



### Anglican Men's Breakfast

Deacon Brian would like to invite the men of the parish to their next men's breakfast and fellowship to be held on March 3rd 2018 at 8am, cost \$7. Please invite your friends

### Project Compassion - Second Sunday Lent

Bayan, a 12 year old Syrian girl in Jordan, struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, providing just futures for others like Bayan.**

**A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.