

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

This weekend: 24th June

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: P. Couttie
Ministers: M. Lambert, F. Mizzi
Gifts: K. Carr
Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: J. Sandeman
Reader: K. Arnott
Ministers: K. Loftus, L. Goebel, D. Arnott
Gifts: K. Sullivan, J. Hall
Welcome: L. Goebel

Next weekend: 1st July

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: D. Baudinette
Ministers: A. Burns, K. O'Toole
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson
Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Loftus
Reader: A. Francis
Ministers: K. Howman, P. Howman, I. Eichler
Gifts: L & D Goebel
Welcome: M. King

Church Flowers: 01/07 Jeanette Sandeman
16/07 Judy Hall

Church Linen: 17/06 J. Hall, 01/07 B. Teal

Church Cleaning:
24/06 M. Lambert, J. Burns
01/07 C. Legg, P. Laidlaw

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

All Saints Parish has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your First Communion, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness.

By leaving a gift to your Parish in your Will, you will leave a legacy of faith – a legacy to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue both for today's needs and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.

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 : \$ 858.00

Target \$64,000

Total YTD 2017/18	\$ 61,433
Total YTD 2016/17	\$ 58,897

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: \$ 519.45

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



24th June
2018
Nativity John
the Baptist
Year B



Weekday Services 26/06 to 29/06

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 5.00pm Mass
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
1.00pm Heywood Hostel Service
Friday: 9.30am Adoration
10.00am Mass

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

Recent Deaths:

Br Dan Geary MSC

Anniversaries:

Nell Tait, Tom Kearney, Teresa Lynch, Jane Atchison, Patricia Harris, Bernard Keane, Marilyn O'Neil

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

June 24th
Anne & Mary

"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 138

I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you.

For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and moulded in the depths of the earth.

I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Gospel Connections - Luke 1:57-66. 80

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.



Reflection - Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel is a good news story. Most of us respond with joy to the birth of a child, especially when the odds are stacked against the parents conceiving. As the child grows to maturity, friends and family might look back and interpret later achievements in the light of childhood expectation and promise. Stories of birth and childhood are often told in the light of later events. The story of the birth of John the Baptizer is told with hindsight and against the background of Jewish expectations in the Second Temple period. The gospel writers reflect on the role John played in recognising the significance of Jesus of Nazareth and in pointing to Jesus as the unique agent and prophet of God's empire over against the Roman Empire.

Luke is the only gospel writer to reflect on John's "pre-history" and to hint that his birth belonged within the biblical tradition of the "wondrous" births of remarkable people. He interprets the birth of John as an expression of God's "great mercy". Luke narrates the childhood story of John in parallel and yet in appropriate relationship with the story of the child Jesus, whose identity and mission represent the ultimate revelation of Israel's God.

In announcing the birth of John the Baptizer, storyteller Luke uses the language of fulfilment: "the time came" [for Elizabeth to give birth] is literally "the time was fulfilled". The birth of this child is a time of the fulfilment of God's word, as previously announced by the angel Gabriel to his father Zechariah (Luke 1:13- 17). Zechariah had been told not to fear, for his wife Elizabeth would give birth to a son and "you will name him John".

Joy and gladness would be the response to the birth of this child who was to be "filled with Holy Spirit even before his birth". John's destiny was "to make ready a people". Jesus, the one for whom John is "preparing the way" will later refer to him as "a prophet" and "more than a prophet" (Luke 7:27). Zechariah, who refuses to believe that he and Elizabeth will have a child in their advanced years, is told that he will be mute "until the day these things occur" (1:17. "These things" encompass the birth of the child, the joy-filled response of the faith community and the naming of the child eight days after birth. John's name, meaning "YHWH (the God of Israel) has shown grace", foreshadows the extraordinary mark that this child, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, will make on his world and consequently on ours. Like John, we are called to "make ready a people", to prepare the way. For Australian Catholics, commitment to creative participation in the forthcoming Plenary Council preparations might be a fitting way to celebrate this feast.

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.

Briny Bunch

The next Briny Bunch get together is to be held on this **Friday 29th June** - 6.00pm, counter meal at the Gordon Hotel. **RSVP by Wednesday 27th** for catering purposes Marg Herbertson 0447 617 467 leave message if not answered. All welcome.

Planned Giving

The end of financial year is quickly approaching, so can you please ensure that your planned giving is up to date over the next month. We realise there can many pressures on family finances so we do appreciate your support of our Parish financial responsibilities.

2018/19 Planned Giving Envelopes

The 2018/19 Planned Giving envelopes are available for collection at the front of the church. Please ensure that you collect your box/envelope. Also please note that some of your numbers have changed in order to group cash, EFT and periodic payments together. Many thanks Antonella

Book Club

This months book club is on Thursday 28th June at 8pm, 5 Poland Street. The book that we will be discussing is 'Songs of a war boy' by Deng Adut. Next months discussion will be around a Neville Shute book of your choosing. Marika

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 13th year. Any further information Marg Herbertson - the Parish Co-ordinator of Shared Table Project. Mobile 044761467. Please note this donation is no longer a tax deductible contribution.

Liturgy Formation 2018

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering a Liturgy Formation Session in Hamilton on Sunday, July 29, 2018.

Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon. Lunch will be supplied by the parish at 1.00pm.

Registration is available via the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or registration forms available at the foyer of the church.

Responding to the Royal Commission - copy of letter available at the foyer of church

Dear Friends,

Please find attached a letter regarding our diocesan response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission, including the recommendation of a national redress scheme.

As you would be aware, the national redress scheme is to come into effect on July 1.

This letter will be available in electronic form via our diocesan e-news and our diocesan website.

I would be grateful if you could also print some copies and make them available to parishioners.

I hope this letter provides helpful information on the steps we are taking to assist those who have suffered and to care for children today.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul Bird