

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

**This weekend: 29th July**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

Leader: L. Cooper  
Reader: P. O'Brien  
Ministers: M. Lambert, A. Burns  
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson  
Welcome: F. Mizzi

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: K. Loftus  
Reader: P. Howman  
Ministers: L. Goebel, D. Arnott, J. Sandeman  
Gifts: J & A Milani  
Welcome: vol. please

**Next weekend: 5th August**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

Leader: H. Webb  
Reader: vol. please  
Ministers: A. O'Brien, K. O'Toole  
Gifts: K. Carr  
Welcome: F. Mizzi

**Sunday: 10.30am**

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

**Church Flowers: 16/07 Judy Hall**

**Church Linen: 29/07 A. McIntyre**

**Church Cleaning: 29/07 The Arnott Family  
05/08 M & Y Crooks**

### 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, inc. EFT: \$ 767.00

Target \$64,000

Total YTD 2018/19 \$ 5,316  
Total YTD 2017/18 \$ 4,710

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: \$ 658.10

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



**29th July  
2018  
17th Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year B**

#### Weekday Services 31/07 to 03/08

**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:

#### Anniversaries:

Betty McDonald, Margaret Howard, David Dunlop, Sr Dorothy Finnegan, Richard Nash, Elsie Johnson, Laurie Leonard, Sr Maya Mottram, Helen Elliott, Basil Pye

#### Prayer Requests:

Paul Kierce, Margaret Coultie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Claire Jesser, Sr. Margaret Keane sjs, John Smith, Lea-anne Bourke, Rudy Legray, Graeme Sewell, Michelle Mutch, Merl & Ken Bridges, Michael McIndoe.

**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, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays,  
9.00am Mass  
4th Sunday, Lay Led Assembly, 9.00am

#### DARTMOOR

4th Sunday 5.00pm 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 12th  
Mel/Tamara**

## "The Spire"

**All Saints' Parish**

**Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor**

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Priest: Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, Adm.  
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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 144

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

### 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 - John 6: 1 - 15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.



## Reflection - Veronica Lawson RSM

The gospel readings for the next five weeks are taken from John 6, a section of the gospel that focuses on food and related themes: on hungry people; on the need for food/bread; on food/bread as metaphors for life. Bread has been the staple food for millennia in bible lands. To be without bread is to lack the very basics of existence, and that is how it is for so many in our world. Even the impoverished in the so-called "first world" know what it is like to be without the means of subsistence in a world of plenty. The present cycle of readings confronts us with questions about our own lifestyle, our exploitation of earth's precious resources, and our capacity to make a positive change in the lives of those whose access to the fruits of our earth is much more limited than ours.

In John's account of the feeding of the 5000, the crowds keep following Jesus because they see the "signs" he works among the sick. The Johannine Jesus consistently tries to lead the people beyond a form of discipleship that is simply based on seeing the signs that he works. The inadequacy of the crowd's response on this occasion becomes clear towards the end of the reading.

Both place and time function powerfully in the story. The "mountain" place evokes the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For the crowds, Jesus is the prophet like Moses who points to a way of satisfying hunger in the wilderness of life. The time is Passover, drawing into the narrative the passing over of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the desert and ultimately of the land where they could worship their God. This story is about the liberation that God brings through the agency of Jesus.

Jesus demonstrates that the answer to the suffering of the people, their liberation, is to be found in their care for each other. If they simply take the time to sit down together, discover the riches in their midst, give thanks, and distribute what they have, they may find they have more than they need. They must gather up the fragments, the "more-than-enough", so that nothing will be lost and others might benefit from their sharing.

Although the people partially understand Jesus' identity and teaching, their ultimate response is misdirected, even violent: they want to take him by force and make him king. He leaves them and returns to the mountain alone. We so often seek spectacular solutions to our problems. It may be that we too need to sit down together, on the grass or wherever, and discover the wealth we have at our disposal to satisfy the hunger in our world. That is what it means to be a Eucharistic people.

**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**

**Portland Combined Churches Service** - Sunday 29th July, 6pm All Saints Church. Please bring a plate to share.

**Parish Meetings this coming week**

Parish Finance Meeting - Wednesday 1st August, 1pm

Parish Pastoral Team - Thursday 2nd August, 6.30pm

**Shared Table Project - Lima Peru**

This is the final appeal for the Shared Table donations as we need to finalise our contribution.

**Giving to date \$1,358.20. Please ensure your donations are finalised in the next week.**

**All Saints Outreach 2017 - 2018**

Outreach has allocated to the following missionaries/charities and welfare as indicated over the past financial year:

**The Shared Table** - A project setup 13 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. - **\$3,000**

**West New Guinea Earthquake MSC Project** - **\$4,500**

**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. - **\$2,500**

**Salesian Mission Australia** - Education and Health support to Timor Leste children and adults -**\$2,500**

**Daughters of the Sacred Heart, South Africa** - Finance, health, children's accommodation, developmental projects and education at Bakhita Village & Dwars River. - **\$2,500**

**Fr Albert Yelds MSC** - Financial support at Kiribati, children and family support in schools and MSC seminarians - **\$2,500**

**Ali Project Northern New Guinea** - Finance for building school, water tank and school supplies. **\$2,500**

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

**Schoolies with a Cause (Bayview College)** - **\$600** for recent trip to Vietnam for books and school supplies to take to Vietnam.

**Than Loc Education Project** - Sponsorship, books, uniforms, fees - **\$460**

**Welfare for Portland & District families** - **\$12,116** which included \$8,000 Blaze Aid (St Patricks Day SW fire), \$2,250 Xmas Meat Hampers

**In kind local & SW fire victims clothing, crockery etc.**- **\$5,500**

**Parish** - \$50,000 donated to Parish building program and \$10,000 Parish Maintenance 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