

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

This weekend: 12th August

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Next weekend: 19th August

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Church Flowers: Judy Hall

Church Linen: 12/08 J. Hall

**Church Cleaning: 12/08 K. Howman, G. Lewis
19/08 M. Kempton, M. Antony**

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: \$ 1,565

Target \$64,000

Total YTD 2018/19 \$ 8,197
Total YTD 2017/18 \$ 6,961

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: \$ 522.00

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



**12th August
2018
19th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekday Services 14/08 to 17/08

Tuesday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass Feast of the Assumption
Wednesday: 10.30am Mass @ BUPA
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
**Friday: 9.30am Adoration
10.00am Mass
1.30pm Harbourside Service**

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Patrick Burns, John McCabe, Henry Nickless, Richard Nash, Eileen Wright, Tom Nolan, ETTY McKinnon, Anthony Ward, Rita Seymour, Bill Grant, Felicity Trotter, Phyllis Arnott

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, 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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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webstock
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 33

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Gospel Connections - John 6: 41 - 51.'

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,

is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,

everybody who believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



Reflection - Dianne Bergant css

There are times God seems to ask too much of us. We labour for others, but do not see the fruits of our labour. Our families take us for granted, and we are exploited at work. This is particularly trying when we only wanted to be of service to others, to help them wherever we could. What's the point of giving of oneself when it only seems to be futile? In this we are like Elijah.

There are other times when we are challenged to change our way of thinking and to accept what seems to make extraordinary demands on us. A new way of understanding church may call us to be open to the cultural diversity within the community. Or it might claim that we have a responsibility toward the poor and homeless in our midst. New biblical insights make us question our familiar understanding of God or of Jesus or of ourselves. In this we might be like the Jews who murmured against Jesus.

We want evidence to substantiate these radical new claims. But the evidence that Jesus offered could only be accepted in faith. And so it is with us. When we ask God for some kind of sign that will assure us that this new challenge is really what God wants, the answers received must themselves be accepted and understood in faith. The only assurance we have is rooted in faith, and those who are not open in faith will not understand. God does indeed ask a great deal from us.

Reflection by Artist - Jenny Close

In this week's gospel Jesus refers to himself as the 'bread that came down from heaven'. His role here is not only to nourish and sustain but also to sacrifice himself: 'The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The shadow of the cross hangs over this statement.



All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Target Car park) Phone: 5521 1587

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

Tuesday 14th August - Vigil Mass Feast of the Assumption, 6pm

Class attending Friday Mass

Children from both Foundation classes will be attending mass on Friday 17th August. All parents and grandparents welcome.

Ministry Renewal

Renewal sessions for current and prospective ministries will be held after masses for both Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Children's Liturgy of the Word. Sessions will be no more than 1 hour.

- ◆ Saturday August 18th after Mass & Sunday 19th after Mass
- ◆ Saturday August 25th after Mass & Sunday 26th after mass

Please indicate, which session you will be available to attend on the sign up sheets at the tower entrance of the church. You only need to attend one of the sessions. Commissioning for these ministries will take place at Sunday masses, dates to be confirmed.

Shared Table Project - Lima Peru

Thank you for your generous donations to the Shared Table Project in Peru. **We have now finalised the donations and forwarded a total of \$1,774.20 to the Shared Table appeal.**

Marg Herbertson - the Parish Co-ordinator of Shared Table Project.

Book Club

This month we will be discussing the novel 'The Mercy Seat' by Elizabeth H Winthrop. It will be held at Pat and Anne O'Brien's residence, Cape Bridgewater at 8 pm on the 23rd of August.

Southern Stars Parish Family Group

The next Southern Stars Parish Family Group activity will occur on Sunday 19th August commencing at 1230 hrs at Pat and Anne's house at Cape Bridgewater. "Stars" are invited to contribute an individual, or participate in, a group performance of an artistic nature e.g. singing, recitation, poetry reading, musical, drama, comedy, mime or other. BBQ food will be provided. BYO drinks and chairs and props! See you there for a Performance at Pat and Anne's (PAPA)! New members welcome. Contact details available from the Parish Office.

Social Justice Support Survey

This very short survey will collect valuable information about the support people need to enable them to action social justice initiatives within their communities. The information gathered will inform the design of an online resource accessible to all. The purpose of the survey is to find out what you want and need for learning about and living out social justice. There are only 12 statements to answer yes or no to.

To complete the survey go to www.goo.gl/forms/LSaONqXBRCcmLjwv1

Sunday 2 September Joy+ Youth Festival in Warrnambool!

The Warrnambool Joy+ Youth Festival is on Sunday 2 September at Warrnambool West. 15-30 yo all welcome. 12noon - 6pm. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band. Choice of breakout sessions including music-making with Genevieve - bring your musical instrument if you wish.

This is a free event, including lunch, please let us know in advance for our planning.

Register at www.trybooking.com/WHVU or contact us at youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au. This is an initiative for the Year of Youth - Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy!