

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

**This Weekend: 11th August**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

Leader: H. Webb  
Reader: P. Rowe  
Ministers: M. Lambert, D. Kierce  
Gifts: D. Baudinette  
Welcome: F. Mizzi

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: Vol. please  
Reader: K. Loftus  
Ministers: W. McGennissen, T. McCallum,  
F. Arnott  
Gifts: D & L Goebel  
Welcome: A & M Francis

**Next Weekend: 18th August**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

Leader: L. Cooper  
Reader: P. Couttie  
Ministers: K. O'Toole, F. Mizzi  
Gifts: K. Carr  
Welcome: D. Kierce

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Leader: K. Loftus  
Reader: K. Arnott  
Ministers: F. Mizzi, J. Fitzgerald, D. Arnott  
Gifts: C. Boyadjian  
Welcome: L. Goebel

**Church Flowers:** Kath McNamara

**Church Linen:** 11/08 J. Hall

**Church Cleaning:**

11/08 The Crespan Family  
18/08 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: \$ 834.00

Target \$64,000

Total YTD 2018/19 \$ 5,923  
Total YTD 2017/18 \$ 7,747

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: inc. EFT \$ 631.40

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 August  
2019  
19th Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year C



#### Weekday Services 13/08 to 16/08

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass

Wednesday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass - Assumption BVM

Thursday: 10.00am Mass - Assumption of the BVM  
All Saints Parish School

Friday: 9.30am Morn. Prayer & Adoration  
10.00am Mass  
1.30pm Harbourside Service

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

#### Recent Deaths:

Joan Hannaford (Casterton), Evelyn Freeman  
Sr Josie Jeffrey (Joseph Carmel) IBVM

#### Anniversaries:

Gerald William Hall, Chris Annett, Lorna Rock, Kath Briggs, Keith Whitbourn, Tom Nolan, Richard Nash, Joan McCabe, Eileen Wright, Sr Sheila Hynes IBVM, Patrick Burns, Henry Nickless, Rita Seymour, ETTY McKinnon

#### Prayer Requests:

Margaret Couttie, Patricia Bailey, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky Schultz, Claire Jesser, John Smith, Lea-anne Bourke, Rudy Legray, 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 6.00 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 8.30am Mass

Baptisms by appointment with Fr. Gregory

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 10.30am or any Saturday 6.00pm vigil

Marriages by appointment with Fr Gregory Tait.

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment with Fr Gregory.

Children's Liturgy  
11th August  
Julie & Gabrielle

## "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 32

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Gospel Connections - Luke 12: 32 - 48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



## Reflection - Diane Bergant CSA

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

## Parish Events & Dates to Remember

**November 3rd:** 175th Anniversary of the first Mass in Portland. Bishop Paul will celebrate the 10.30am Mass with us this day and a lunch to follow. **Please keep it free.** (This is also UP-welling Weekend)

## 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.

Outreach is a significant fundraiser within the Parish and we regularly need Volunteers to give 3 hours in the mornings or afternoons.

**Please contact Marg Herbertson at Op-Shop for further information.**

## Shared Table Project - Fr Michael McKinnon - Lima Peru

Can any further contributions please be finalised in the coming weeks. For further information contact Marg Herbertson mobile 0447 617 467. **Total to date: \$1,464**

## Plenary Council: Report on Phase 1 - Statement from Bishop Paul Bird

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has published a report on the Listening and Dialogue phase that has been held in preparation for the 2020-2021 Australian Plenary Council. The report is comprehensive, running to 314 pages, and summarises submissions made by more than 222,000 people who have been engaged in the first phase of preparation for the Plenary Council.

The lead author of the report is Dr Trudy Dantis, who is the director of the National Centre for Pastoral Research. She has spoken of the large number of submissions received and the challenge involved in reflecting the many views expressed on many topics.

People's varied views are reflected in fourteen chapters, covering a wide range of topics: Love God, Love Neighbour; The Mass; Sacraments; Leadership and Church Governance; Sexual Abuse and the Royal Commission; Social Justice and the Environment; Outreach; Evangelisation; More Listening; Youth Ministry; Catholic Education in Schools; Parishes; Bringing the Church into the 21st Century; Better Plenary Council Process.

The report is clearly written and well presented. It is a document through which we can hear the voices of many people.

Pope Francis has encouraged us to grow as a "synodal" Church, a Church that "journeys together", a Church of mutual listening, in which everyone has something to learn. This report is one way in which we can all learn from the many people who have contributed to the Plenary Council process so far.

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins has noted that we will now move into a second phase of preparation – Listening and Discernment. It is through the time of discernment that the agenda for the Plenary Council will begin to take shape.

The final report of the Listening and Dialogue phase can be found on the Plenary Council website: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/)

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

## Summary of Parish Pastoral Team Meeting 1st August 2019

### Safe Church Workshops

- 3 x parishioners (2 x members PPT) have completed the workshop.

### 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- L. Cooper well underway with the organising the publicity for the event. Advertising in paper, Portland – What's On website, Diocesan information for Parishes etc. Banners also to be organised.
- Working Bee – to be organised for garden area and church
- Liturgy Committee – organising what will happen on the day, hymns, songs etc. setup and the Consecration of the Altar.
- **Presbytery/Office** - Demolition to begin – should take 2 weeks approximately.
- **Plenary Council** - Parish co-ordinator will be Kerrie-Anne O'Keefe. Kerrie-Anne will attend training session and further session with Lana Turvey and the next steps to be undertaken with the Parish.
- **Confirmation** – 13 children will be celebrating the sacrament of confirmation.