

Liturgy Rosters:  
Many thanks for your ministry to the Parish!  
**\*\*Communion ministers please have a mask\*\***

**This Weekend: 28th May & 29th May**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: D. Kierce  
Prayers: D. Bennett  
Minister  
Computer: L. Cooper

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: J. Sandeman  
Prayers: M. Schultz  
Ministers: K. Loftus  
Computer: A. Francis

**Next Weekend: 4th & 5th June**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: D. Bennett  
Prayers: D. Baudinette  
Minister  
Computer: C. Leonard

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: B. Healy  
Prayers: M. Picard  
Ministers: M. McGennissen  
Computer: A. Francis

**Following Weekend: 11th & 12th June**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: D. Kierce  
Prayers: K-A. O'Keefe  
Minister  
Computer: C. Leonard

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K. Loftus  
Prayers: K. Arnott  
Ministers: D. Arnott  
Computer: A. Francis

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

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is in urgent need of good quality 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 Thursday 10 am - 3pm  
Friday 10am - 4pm  
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.*

**National Reconciliation Week: May 27 – Jun 3**

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

*A prayer of the faithful from Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria: Lord, open up our hearts so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which the wrongs of the past are recognised - a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which all burn with the desire to have your peace and justice reign. We ask this in Jesus' name.*



**29th May  
2022**

**The Ascension  
of the Lord  
Year C**



**Weekly Services 30/05 to 03/06**

**Monday: 5.30pm Prayers Baptist Church**

**Tuesday: \*\*No Mass\*\*  
5.30pm Prayers Uniting Church**

**Wed: 10.00am Mass  
5.30pm Prayers Anglican Church**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass  
5.30pm Prayers Presb. Church**

**Friday: 9.30am Eastertide Morning  
Prayers & Adoration  
10.00am Mass  
5.30pm Prayers All Saints Church**

**Saturday: 6.00pm Mass**

**Sunday: 10.30am Mass**

**Recent Deaths:**

Joseph-Nguyen-Van-Cuong

**Anniversaries:**

Dwayne Alexander, Merv Powell, Pat Pluckhahn, John Bowden, Charlie Mifsud, Michael Kierce, Margaret Clark, Kathleen Wilson, Sam Debono, Lucrica Cresencia, Marg Van Heughten, Keith Barnes, Brett Baker, Kevin Fitzgerald, Mary Phillips, Margaret Belden, Annie Brown, Irene Harrington, Joseph Harrington, Russell Hurst, Frank Sileni, Emmanuelle Mifsud

**Prayer Requests:**

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Claire Jesser, Lea-anne Bourke, Michelle Mutch, Deanne Atkinson

*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*

**Baptisms and Marriages**

by appointment with Fr. Gregory Tait.

**Sacrament of Penance**

by Appointment with Fr Gregory

**“The Spire“**

**All Saints' Parish**

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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webstock

Wednesday & Thursday 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.*

*All Saints Parish Portland acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which our Parish Community meets, the Gunditjmarra people. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation and constitutional acknowledgement of first peoples*

**Prayer for Peace & Justice in Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength  
to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**A Christian Prayer for Unity**

One only Holy Spirit of Father and Son in whom all are baptised,

one giver of many gifts, one tree of many fruits  
one speaker of every tongue, renew in our day the  
wonders of Pentecost,

grant that people of every race and nation may understand one another,

and as one, proclaim the praises of God.

Grant that all may be one

as you, Spirit, with the Father and the Son are one  
God, one Lord.

Grant unity to the Body of Christ; grant unity to the  
human family.

Sole breath of every living thing, may all be one who,  
in you, live and move and have their being.

- Carl K. Moeddel, From Jesuit Resources

## Our Finances

### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,419.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 53,756**

**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 53,499**

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 \$ 735.00

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

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In my first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 46

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,

### Second Reading continued

you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples; "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord

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## Dates to Remember

### 175th Parish Anniversary 2022

Sat Aug 27 - Parish Dinner 6.30pm, Royal Hotel

Sun Aug 28 - 10.30am Anniversary Mass - celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird

Sun Aug 28 - Anniversary Luncheon 12 noon, Bayview College

### Confirmation Enrolment 2022

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be held in 3rd Term 2022 are open to all children in Grade 4 and above. Please contact Fr Greg on mobile [0475 512530](tel:0475512530) or email to [greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au) to register your child. All interviews to be completed please by Friday June 17.



### Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

Pope's intention for May: **For faith-filled young people:** We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest. May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.

## Don't suffer in silence

The pandemic has basically exacerbated the gap between the haves and have-nots.

If you have a big house you are said to be successful; if you drive a big expensive car you are also seen as a success. So, when people aren't meeting these economic metrics they may see themselves as not succeeding in life. For men particularly, the need to be a provider is a strong part of their ethos and values. And when they feel they are not able to provide for their family it can have a huge impact.

Many people, therefore, feel embarrassed if they have money issues and aren't coping. But a person's ability to purchase things should not reflect their true worth. There's a whole lot of different sorts of capital, social capital for one. It's not just about having money in a bank. But when the unexpected happens, many people feel a deep sense of shame and failure.

That is often one of the first barriers or blockages that prevents people from seeking help and to sit down and look at their budget. COVID has really recalibrated things for many people. It has provided a trigger to reassess priorities and to choose a simpler form of life. For others, there's been this revenge spending kind of phenomenon. There was a big problem during COVID with online gambling and online shopping.

It's easy to look at people who are experiencing money issues and think they shouldn't have bought the new car or gone on an expensive holiday. The first thing is to have a judgment free space because it can happen to anyone. It's also true to say that when people are stressed they will revert to old habits, whether it be drinking, smoking or gambling.

It is important not to be judgmental as people can be very stressed when they're dealing with their money problems; there's also the shame, embarrassment, denial, anger.

And then there's all the 'big life' events that can have an impact. A relationship that ends suddenly because of family and domestic violence, which was the case for me, and is much more common than people might realise. There's often an element of coercive control, particularly financial control in these types of relationships. Financial 'infidelity' is also an issue. A partner who has another family or leaves for someone else is also more common than people think and can be devastating.

A lack of financial literacy is another problem. Some people live from paycheck to paycheck and don't know how to manage their money. They may not have a household budget, or any savings goals. I think it's important to talk about money. There is no shame in having money problems because it can happen to anyone at any time. It can be anything from an unexpected event, such as COVID to the end of a relationship.

We're not taught these skills growing up as our parents (in many cases) didn't have these skills. It's really fascinating because people can be in a relationship and have children but never talk about money. It's this new taboo where you don't talk about money.

So, money issues can happen to anyone but if families or individuals are experiencing problems seek help. There are many groups that can assist. [www.majellan.media/financial-series-podcasts/](http://www.majellan.media/financial-series-podcasts/)