

Liturgy Rosters:
Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish

Weekend of 9th & 10th August:
Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: D Kierce
Prayers: G Priestley
Minister: A O'Brien
Computer: P Priestley
Sunday: 10.30am
Reader: K Loftus
Prayers: Volunteer
Minister: K & D Arnott
Computer: B Dillon

Weekend of 16th & 17th August:
Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: D Baudinette
Prayers: P Howman
Minister: M Lambert
Computer: A O'Brien
Sunday: 10.30am
Reader: P Couttie
Prayers: M Shultz
Minister: I Eichler
Computer: B Dillon

Weekend of 23rd & 24th August:
Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: D Bennett
Prayers: D Kierce
Minister: A Obrien
Computer: P Priestley
Sunday: 10.30am
Reader: A McIntyre
Prayers: J Sandeman
Minister: D & K Arnott
Computer: B Dillon

Collections 2025
Peter's Pence \$460.60
Shared Table \$572.00
Planned Giving
2024-2025 FY \$48,949.20

All Saints Outreach Op-Shop:
(In Woolworth's Car park)
Phone: 5521 1587

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is always in need of good quality clothing, bric a brac or furniture.

Donations during shop hours only.

Please ring Outreach for pick up if necessary. Thank you all for your ongoing support of Outreach.

Outreach is normally open

Monday 1pm - 3pm
Tuesday 10am - 1pm
Wednesday 10am - 3pm
Thursday 10am - 3pm
Friday 10am - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 12pm

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

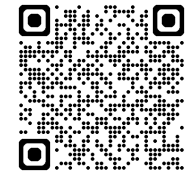
We currently have a pressing need for Volunteers on each of the days of operating during our advertised Hours, and for on-call volunteers who can fill in at other times.

Please contact Kate Howman 0428235218 or Diane Kierce 0427946053 for further information.

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



We now have CDF Pay: You can use this QR Code portal for all you giving if you wish.
****Before using please cancel any prior electronic payments**.**

When you access this code, follow the prompts for frequency of payment, then amount, then; "My giving is for ..." Stewardship, (Parish Account) or Priest Support (Presbytery Account), then record your personal and Card details as the prompts ask you. Thank you. Fr Gregory Tait PP

Planned Giving for Parish Account

2025-2026 FY to Date \$5260.00

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 \$821.15

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



10th of August
2025

19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year C



Weekday Masses & Prayers
12th to 17th of August 2025

Tuesday: 5.30pm Vigil Prayers Ellen Thomas
Wednesday: 10.00am Funeral Mass Ellen Thomas

Thursday: 4.30pm Rosary
10.00am Mass
Friday: 9.30am Moring Prayer & Adoration
10.00am Mass the Assumption of the BVM
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Weekend Masses
16th & 17th August 20th Sunday

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths: Ron Eichler.

Anniversaries: 11th to the 17th of August.

Garry Hincks, Dorothy Priestley, Donald Brady, Dave Dellow, Chris Annett, Lorna Rock, Kath Briggs, Tom Nolan, Richard Nash, Eileen Wright, Sean McKinnon, Sheila Hynes IBVM, Margaret Pickett, Patrick Burns, Joan McCabe, Sharon Murphy, John Smith.

Prayer Requests:

Les Hildebrand, Lea-anne Bourke, 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

1st Saturday of the month at 10.00am
or any other time by appointment with Fr Gregory

Please Mute your phone in the Church
during Mass or leave it in your car.



Praying with Pope Leo XIV

Prayer for August – For mutual coexistence:

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

“The Spire”

All Saints Parish

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9.00am till 3.00pm or by appointment
with Fr Gregory

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 Gunditjmara people. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and emerging. We commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation and constitutional acknowledgement of first nation peoples.

Creating the Next Tomorrow

We recently celebrated our older citizens on World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Our attention now turns to younger people.

The United Nations has designated August 12 (Tuesday) International Youth Day.

The day will follow soon after the Jubilee of Youth event, as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Young people from 146 countries gathered in Rome for the celebration, with more than one million attending the outdoor Mass at the weekend.

Half of the global population today is believed to be 30 or younger, a figure that is expected to reach 57 per cent by the end of 2030. Like every generation, today's youth will face new challenges, amongst them, a changing climate and a rapid increase in new technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI) in the workforce.

These will be exciting, confronting and challenging. The world has experienced numerous changes over the centuries, from the Industrial Revolution to major innovations in communication and transportation. Nothing stays the same for long. The desire to learn and improve are strong human traits.

But as Pope Leo XIV said at the outdoor Mass, "My young brothers and sisters, you are the sign that a different world is possible. A world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons, but with dialogue."

While the Church has had its share of difficulties, this past week in Rome has given us a glimpse of the future ... and there is room for optimism as today's youth create the next tomorrow. © Magellan Media

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

6That night was made known beforehand to our ancestors so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. 7The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. 8For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. 9For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, so that the holy ones would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers, and already they were singing the praises of the ancestors.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. 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. (R.)
2. 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. (R.)
3. 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. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

11:1Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." 13All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. 17By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son,

18 of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." 19He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead and, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:32-48

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples:

12:32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." 41Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?" 42 And the Lord said, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time?

43Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. 44Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. 45But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 46the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. 47That slave who knew what his master wanted but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted will receive a severe beating. 48But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

This week's gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late 1st Century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ (sometimes called the Second Coming or the Parousia). This is a familiar theme through the gospels and, in fact, across the gospels we can see that the communities were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. In the gospel of Mark, it is clear that the community expects the Parousia at any moment, while by the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 10 or 15 years later, we can see that the language has taken on an aspect of uncertainty about the timing – it could be sooner or it could be later ('It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third...').

What began to emerge was an attitude that if we don't know when the Parousia will come, then we need to live 'in anticipation' of it. We need to live as if the Parousia were imminent. So, rather than waiting for the kingdom of God to be delivered, we must live our lives in such a way as to bring about the kingdom; to draw the kingdom into the present. Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. If we all live the values of the kingdom, by our very actions we bring the kingdom into being. This gives an incredible significance to the way we choose to live our lives. If we 'invest' in the kingdom by living out the values of the kingdom and living in expectation of the Parousia, then that 'investment' is its own reward.

Historical Context – Parousia

The Greek word parousia means 'presence' or 'arrival'. In ancient times the word was usually associated with the formal visit of a king or a ruler. The parousia of a king was a significant and sometimes formidable event. In the writings of the New Testament, the word is used for the return of Christ, the drawing to a close of salvation history and the full establishment of the kingdom of God. The earliest Christians expected to see the Parousia in their own lifetimes. The realisation that this was not to be the case led to a rethinking about living a Christian life.

Gospel Focus – Answer the Question!

Peter asks Jesus very specifically, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' Frustratingly for Peter (and for the audience), Jesus doesn't give the direct question a direct answer, he answers the question with another story. Throughout the gospels, this is a constant tactic used by Jesus. He almost never gives a question a straightforward answer. By doing this, he invites the questioner to reflect on their own question and their purpose in asking it in the first place. He also cleverly avoids being tied down to a yes/no answer when a matter is not that simple.

Have you thought? – Stewardship

Jesus responds to Peter's questioning the gospel in a roundabout way by speaking about a steward acting either faithfully and with wisdom or alternatively irresponsibly and recklessly. A steward is one who stands in the place of the master during the master's absence – taking on the duties, responsibilities and authority of the master. That's exactly what Christian people are called to do: become stewards who act in the place of Jesus as we await his return. As the prayer of St Teresa of Avila says, Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Questions for your personal reflection:

1. How do you understand Jesus' saying, 'where your treasure is, there will your heart be also'?
2. In what ways does this passage suggest that we are accountable for our actions and attitudes?
3. Does the language of 'servant' and 'master' get in the way of a modern reader's understanding?
4. Where today do those who have 'had a great deal given' need to step up to what is expected of them?

Learning moments

Construct a personal 'treasure chest' and fill it with symbols of the things that you are passionate about – those things that represent 'where your heart is'. Construct a series of posters that promote actions to bring forth the kingdom.

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