

Liturgy Rosters:
Many thanks for your ministry in our Parish!

This Weekend: 27th & 28th May

Saturday: 6.00pm

Readers: P Howman
Prayers: K Howman
Minister: [Volunteer Please](#)
Computer: D Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M Picard
Prayers: K Loftus
Ministers: J Sandeman
Computer: [Volunteer Please](#)

Next Weekend: 3rd & 4th June

Saturday: 6.00pm

Readers: D Baudinette
Prayers: P O'Brien
Minister: D Kierce
Computer: A O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K Arnott
Prayers: M Schultz
Ministers: K Loftus
Computer: B Dillon

Following Weekend: June 10th & 11th

Saturday: 6.00pm

Readers: P O'Brien
Prayers: P Howman
Minister: K Howman
Computer: A O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J Sandeman
Prayers: A McIntyre
Ministers: M McGennissen
Computer: B Dillon

All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Woolworth's Car park) Phone: 5521 1587
The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is in 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 1pm - 3pm
Tuesday 10am - 3pm
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.

Please contact Kate Howman 0428 235 218 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.

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portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au



28th May 2023

Pentecost Sunday Year A



Weekday Services 23/05 to 28/05

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
Friday: 9.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass
5.30pm Night Prayer
Saturday: 6.00pm Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths: Joyce Sanders

Anniversaries: Jack Foley, Gaye McLean, Paul Murphy, 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, Bev Porter, Roger Schultz, Brett Baker, Kevin Fitzgerald, May Phillips, Margaret Belden, Annie Brown, Irene Harrington, Joseph Harrington, Russell Hurst, Frank Sileni

Prayer Requests: Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, 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
1st Saturday of the month 10am
or any other time by appointment with Fr Gregory

2023 Annual Mass Count

The 2023 Diocesan Mass Count will continue over this weekend. Collectors please take note.

Please mute your Mobile phone inside the church.



The Spire

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am till 3.00pm
Friday by arrangement 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 present and emerging. We commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation and constitutional acknowledgement of first peoples.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:
May 21-28, 2023

The theme for the 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Do good; seek justice." (Isaiah 1:17). The Australian context for this theme is, "Learn to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow".

Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity

God of justice and truth, we seek your guidance to embody the prophet's call to do good and to seek justice.

May we grow with the courage and compassion of Christ, and walk in the way of peace and reconciliation.

May God's Spirit enliven and embolden us to stand in solidarity with others until all are treated with dignity and worth.

May our holy living be a foretaste of the mercy and blessing of the reign of God. Amen.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023.

Enrolments for Confirmation are now open for all Children in grade 4 and over. Please contact Fr Gregory for registration on 0473512530 or greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Registrations must be completed by June 23rd. Don't leave your registration to the last week.

Proof of baptism is required for Registration

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 776.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2023 \$ 54,471.03 to May 23rd

Please have you contributions finalised by June 25th

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. 51598 1661

Presbytery Account

Priest support: inc. EFT \$ 523.10

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

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome, Jews and proselytes alike, Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jewish Authorities. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Common Prayer for the 8th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them, you created us in your own image and made us stewards of all your creation.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation.

Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.

May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true conversion of heart. Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic.

Help us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good.

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary, Help of Christians, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reflection Greg Sunter.

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

Historical Context – Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Have you thought? The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, 'Veni Sancte Spiritus', has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

Questions for Reflection.

1. In what ways was the Pentecost experience, 50 days after Easter, the 'right time' for the disciples.
2. How would you have reacted if you were in the disciples' place?
3. Have you ever had an experience of being aware of the Spirit's presence/action?
4. Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

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ACU Centre for Liturgy launches Australian-first liturgy podcast

The ACU Centre for Liturgy proudly presents an exciting array of local and international experts who explore a wide range of liturgy-related topics. The podcasts feature thought-provoking discussions on Catholic liturgy, liturgical music, art and architecture, liturgy in Catholic schools, preaching, and more. Listen at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/the-liturgy-channel>

Southern Stars Family Group.

May's activity will take place at 2pm on June 4th at the Fauna Park, Bridgewater Rd, for afternoon tea, a play, and hopefully a short stroll with some animal sightings. Please bring with you some sunshine and something to share. See you there! Regards, Fiona Arnott.