

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

**This Weekend: 16th & 17th April**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: A. McIntyre  
 Reader: K. Loftus  
 Epistle Reader: K. Arnott  
 Offertory: I. Eichler-Onus, I. Eichler  
 Minister: D. Arnott  
 Computer: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: J. Sandeman  
 Prayers:  
 Ministers: D. Kierce  
 Computer: A. Francis

**Next Weekend: 23rd & 24th April**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: P. O'Brien  
 Reader: D. Bennett  
 Minister:  
 Computer: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**

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

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

**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.*

**Project Compassion**



**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.*

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.* You can donate through Project Compassion envelopes, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



**Total to date: \$ 1,415**



**17th April 2022**

**Easter Sunday Year C**



**Weekly Services 19/04 to 24/04**

<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Gospel Reflection &amp; Night Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Easter Morning Prayer &amp; Adoration</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Anointing Mass</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Easter Tide Night prayers</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>

**Recent Deaths:**

Clinton Baulchm Brian Gleeson, Gerard Barclay, Sr Genevieve Davey IBVM, Joyce Whyllie, David Edge

**Anniversaries:**

Mary Guy, Baylee Rogers, Margaret Noske, Valerie Dooley, Elizabeth Kearney, Fr Francis Madden, Rachel Twomey, Kathleen Holliday, Mignon Kinnane, Marianne Kirk, Peter Harris, Rudy Legray, Fr John Murphy SDB, Christopher Powell, Sr Eileen Riley

**Prayer Requests:**

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

*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**

**Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor**

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**Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.**

**email: [greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au)**

**Parish Secretary: Antonella Webbstock**

**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

## Our Finances

### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,141.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 45,289**  
**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 46,950**

Direct deposit payments for planned giving and donations can be made electronically. Details are as follows:

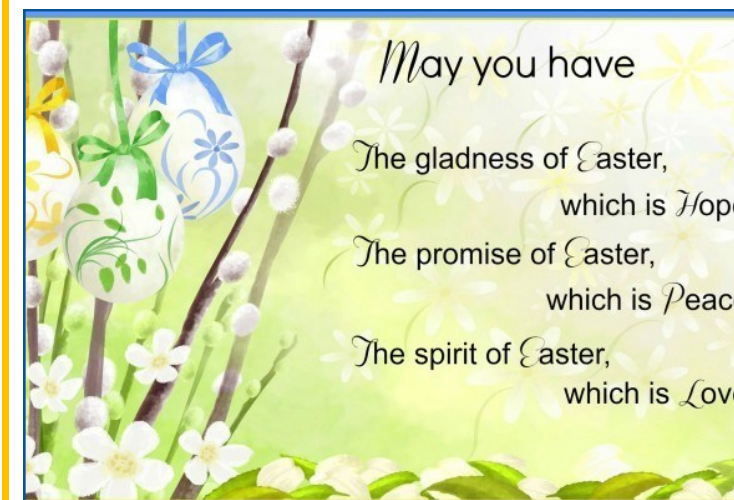
**Account Name:** Portland Catholic Church  
**BSB:** 083 532  
**Account No.** 5159 81661

### Presbytery Account

Priest support: inc. EFT \$ 533.65

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

Peter began to speak: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 117

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

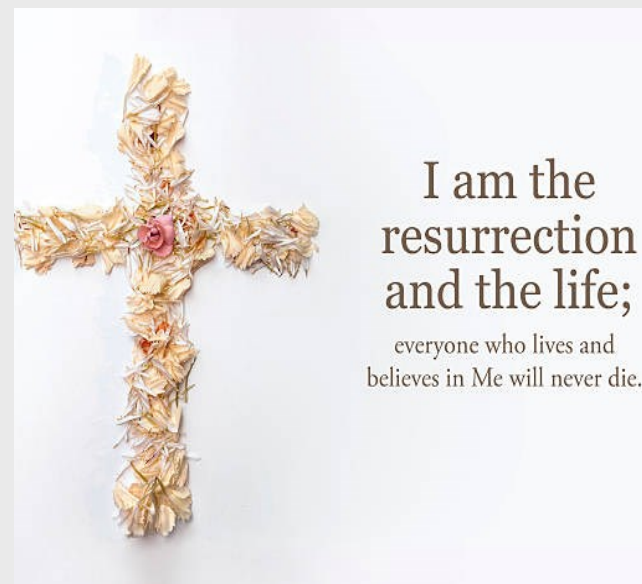
Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.



### Dates to Remember

Friday April 22

- Anointing Mass 10.00am, All Saints Church

Shared morning tea 11.00am, Presbytery

### A DAY OF SURPRISES



Easter Sunday is the day of surprises: kids hunt for eggs the adults have hidden around the garden. They open them to find jelly beans or chocolates inside. Families and friends give gifts to one another on a scale almost the equal of Christmas.

When my siblings and I were young, the Easter Bunny would visit: on Easter Sunday morning we would wake up to find at the foot of our beds a basket full of chocolate eggs, including a large chocolate bunny. In my excitement, I would inevitably eat a handful of the eggs and maybe an ear or two from the bunny. Too many sweets before breakfast: for some reason the stomach ache was always a surprise.

The fact that Easter is a day full of surprises in our community and family traditions is a fitting adornment to the reality of Easter. The empty tomb is the greatest surprise of history. A man, Jesus of Nazareth died. His flesh was fastened by metal to a wood cross until he drew his last breath. His brutalised body was placed in the earth. The stone was set against the tomb's entrance: he was buried. Then, in the most important event of all time, his body was given new life.

A man, Jesus of Nazareth was dead no more. He rose. And he is risen, now, forever, and is seated upon the seat of all authority and power. This is the life's breath of Christian faith: God has shown his hand; his final purpose has been revealed.

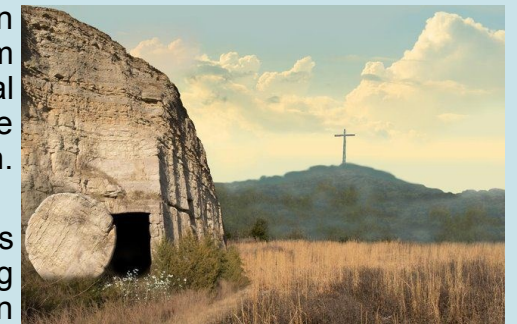
If the tomb really was empty, if Christian faith really is true, then the dawn's light spilling into a tiny cave outside of Jerusalem that Sunday morning was first witness to the Almighty's final answer to the enigma of history. It is a message for all people without exception, for God is the God of all, without exception. The joy of Easter is meant for everyone.

Is there any greater joy for parents than to see their little child's face light up with unqualified joy at the discovery of a big surprise? I find it hard to think of anything more enjoyable than my son's face when he looks up from an opened gift, or is discovered in his hiding place during a game.

Is that parental joy a faint echo of God's own on Easter? Does he swell with delight when his children discover the joy hidden in the empty tomb? C S Lewis once said that joy is the serious business of heaven.

The empty tomb is the great revelation of heaven's biggest secret: it is like the mouth of God the Father, opened wide, thunderous with laughter. This Joy of Easter will ring on and on into eternity. It is like the entrance to a bottomless abyss of enchanting mirth: its source is God's Love.

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## Alive in the Spirit

Being The Community Christ Calls Us To Be

### Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference

"Alive in the Spirit" is for lay and clergy, staff, leadership teams, finance teams, pastoral councils, pastoral ministers and volunteers, those in education, counselling, pastoral care, youth ministry, family ministry, aged care and chaplaincies and anyone who wants to be "Alive in the Spirit". For more information and to register go to <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>