

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

This Weekend: 3rd & 4th September

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Following Weekend: 10th & 11th September

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: K. Howman
 Prayers: P. Howman
 Minister
 Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: P. Couttie
 Prayers: J. Sandeman
 Ministers: M. McGennissen
 Computer: A. Francis

Next Weekend: 17th & 18th September

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Loftus
 Prayers: M. Picard
 Ministers: A. McIntyre
 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.

Parish P&L Summary year ending 30/6/22

	Actual	Budget
Donation	1,708	-
Planned Giving	61,818	64,000
Sundry Income	12,568	7,000
R & M Contribution	10,000	10,000
Total Income	86,094	81,000
Administration	26,996	32,250
Levies	13,368	14,900
Liturgical & Pastoral	1,364	4,500
Capital - expense	12,893	-
Property Costs	17,856	19,810
Repairs & Maintenance	10,717	10,000
Expense	83,194	81,460
Net Income	2,900	-460

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 653.50

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 12,968

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 9,553

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 \$ 710.35

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

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4th September 2022

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C



Weekly Services 06/0 to 11/09

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

Friday: 9.30am Adoration & Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Patricia Belfield, Murray Penrose, Fr Bob Markey, Agnes Nash, Pauline Johnson, Jim Wallers, Sr Anne McMillan, Jenni Stewart, Sr Meg Hannan, Fr Pat Kearney, Danny Frawley, Jeanette Buck, Therese Whiting, Thelma Rowe, Nicholas Carr, Isobel Hutchins

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

1st Saturday of the month 10am
 or any other time by appointment with Fr Gregory

"The Spire"

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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 Gunditjmara 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

Palms Australia Timor-Leste Encounter:

Join a small, guided group to experience Timor-Leste including its bustling capital of Dili, the beautiful Atauro Island and regional communities such as Maliana, Atabae and Balibo. Palms Australia recruits, prepares, sends and supports qualified and experienced Australians sought by grass roots communities overseas as mentors to assist sustainable solutions to poverty. Meet Palms personnel who are working with our overseas partners and engage directly with local Timorese people through project site visits. Stay overnight with a local Timorese family for an authentic, personal experience of cultural exchange. More information available at <https://palms.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Timor-Leste-Challenge-Encounter-2022-INFO-PACK-2.pdf>

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.

Pope's intention for September: For the abolition of the death penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

For who can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the thoughtful mind. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour, but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you and were saved by wisdom."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 89

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

Second reading continued

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

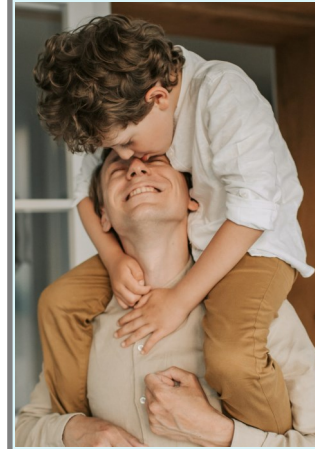
From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Happy Father's Day!



Father's Day is a time to remember that fathers do many things. They work, cut grass, teach, pay bills and much more. Some jobs are mundane like helping with housework. Others are singular like ridding the home of wasps.

It is a day for daughters and sons to recognise and celebrate their fathers and give a gift on a special day of the year. As a father I love Father's Day. I love having all the family over where we share a meal accompanied by lots of laughter.

For the rest of the year for us fathers the role of father can seem like a succession of tasks that are - usually - accepted and performed willingly.

These seemingly endless ongoing tasks can make it easy to not be reflective about them. I guess many fathers are like me and seldom reflect on the spiritual meaning of their fatherhood and the incredible blessing it is to be a father.

How wonderful is it to have the honour of being a father. To watch your children grow into a wife or husband and become parents themselves. It is an honour beyond any recognition we might receive in a professional or other personal life.

God knew what he was doing when he allowed men to become fathers. Perhaps he was giving us a glimpse of his own glory.

To you fellow dads. Happy Father's Day. Here is a prayer for you.

GOD MY FATHER, on this day set aside to honour fathers, I place myself before you in thanksgiving. Thank you for the precious lives you have placed under my care and responsibility.

I carry a joyful burden, and I pray the load will never be so heavy that I forget the pleasures of my role, nor so light that I forget the magnitude of my duties.

Give me knowledge and wisdom to usher my children toward responsible adulthood-and a true and mature faith in you.

Give me courage to make difficult decisions. Help me guide my children with a discipline that is fair and centred on Christ.

Grant me the humility to admit my own failings as a father and the ability to ask forgiveness.

Most important, draw me ever closer to you-remain my rock, my strength, and a perfect model of selfless fatherhood.

Amen.

