

**Liturgy Rosters:**  
Many thanks for your ministry to the Parish!

**This Weekend: 5th & 6th February**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K. Arnott  
Prayers: M. Picard  
Ministers: M. McGennissen  
Computer: A. Francis

**Next Weekend: 12th & 13th February**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

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

**PRAYER**

O God,  
you reveal the signs of your presence  
among us in the church, in the liturgy  
and in our brothers and sisters.  
Let no word of yours  
ever fall by the wayside  
or be rendered ineffective  
through our indifference or neglect.  
Rather, make us quick to recognise  
your saving plan  
whenever we encounter it,  
and keep as ready always  
to serve as prophets  
and apostles of your kingdom  
Amen.

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

**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.



**6th February  
2022**

**5th Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year C**

**Weekly Services 08/02 to 13/02**

**Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass**  
**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**  
**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**  
**Friday: 10.00am Mass**  
**Saturday: 6.00pm Mass**  
**Sunday: 10.30am Mass**

**Recent Deaths:**

Carolyn Rankins

**Anniversaries:**

Joan Carr, Paul Bennett, Angelo Costa,  
Trevor Troeth, William O'Brien, Fr Leo Donnelly,  
Helen Stooove, Marie Walsh, Tony Mizzi,  
Joyce Thomas, Hazel Harris, Evelyn Ennis,  
Leonie Lucas, Kevin Smith, Sr Bride Baldwin,  
Rose Moylan, Don Mulraney

**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”**

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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*

**Psalm 137**

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 897.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 34,933**  
**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 34,529**

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 \$ 781.45

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

**Total raised for Tonga Appeal: \$545**

## Preaching as we walk



According to the book, Life of Francis Assisi, Francis once invited a young monk to join him on a trip to town to preach. Honoured to receive the invitation, the monk readily accepted. All day long he and Francis walked through the streets, byways, and alleys. They rubbed shoulders with hundreds of people.

At day's end, the two went home. Not once had Francis addressed a crowd, nor had he talked to anyone about the gospel. Disappointed, his young companion said, "I thought we were going into town to preach."

Francis responded, "My son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many, and our behaviour was watched. It is of no use to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere as we walk!"

We too are called to bear witness to Christ through our lives. Rarely will it mean explicitly explaining why we believe, although there may be such opportunities, our primary witness will be through the example of our lives and our prayer for others. However, we can learn from the example of those great figures who have given witness in trying circumstances.

The prophet Isaiah told the Lord that he was not up to the task, but God empowered him, and he became a messenger to the people of Israel despite his feeling of inadequacy. His mission was to call people to renew their relationship with God. It was not an easy mission and he experienced opposition and rejection, but he also gave the people hope at a time when their nation was crumbling under the assault of the Assyrians in the eighth century BCE.

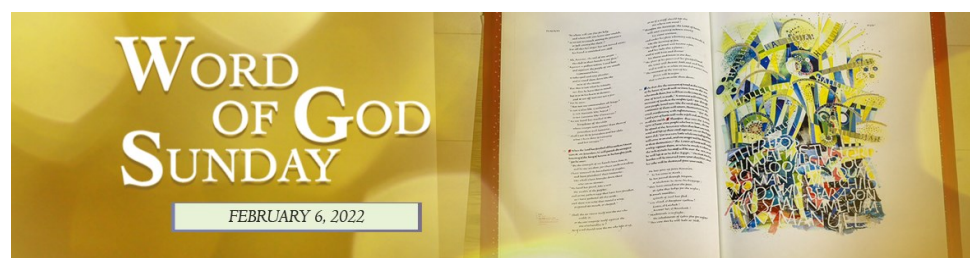
Saul the persecutor, becomes Paul the preacher and missionary. He writes to the Corinthian community telling them again the story of Jesus who lived and died for the forgiveness of our sins who has been raised to new life. This Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples and gives them the strength to bear witness just as Paul has been doing since his conversion.

Our gospel tells the familiar story of Jesus teaching the crowd from the boat of Peter. When he had finished teaching, he invites the weary fishermen to put out into deep water where they catch an enormous number of fish and Jesus invites them to spend their lives not in catching fish but in reaching out to people with the message of the Good News.

Jesus, the Apostles, and Paul, all bear witness by word and deed. Isaiah, a reluctant prophet, also bears witness of God's message to the people of Israel. Although there may be occasions when we share with others our story and our reasons for belief, it will be the witness of our lives that speaks more eloquently and consistently to our family friends and acquaintances.

A quotation often attributed to St Francis reminds us: "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."

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May our celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God embrace the Spirit being so generously poured out over us. As Pope Francis says: "The Holy Spirit, then, makes sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of the people."

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

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

### Southern Stars Family Group Picnic

**When:** Sunday 6th February

**Time:** 11:30am onwards

**Where:** Botanical Gardens. BBQ/picnic lunch in the picnic area at the Southern end of the Gardens adjacent to the canal.

As usual, Anne and I will aim to secure the location from about 1100 hrs and will bring along some snags, bread and onions for the BBQ. Please BYO everything else, including a chair.

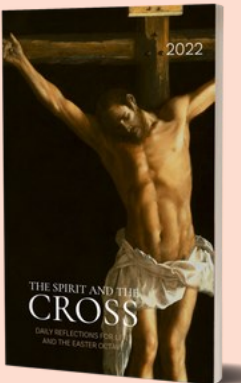
There is scope for some cricket or other sporting activity, as well as relatively quiet contemplation, at the Gardens!.

### The Spirit and the Cross

Evangelisation Brisbane has developed a new Lent and Easter Octave reflection resource called The Spirit and the Cross.

Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis.

**If you would like to order a copy of the booklet, either email me at [portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or place a note in the collection basket. The cost of the booklet is \$5. Thank you Antonella**



### 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.

Pope's intention for February: **For religious sisters and consecrated women:**

***What would the Church be without religious sisters and consecrated laywomen? The Church cannot be understood without them.***

***I encourage all consecrated women to discern and choose what is best for their mission in the face of the world's challenges that we're experiencing.***

***I exhort them to keep working and to have an impact with the poor, with the marginalized, with all those who are enslaved by traffickers; I especially ask them to make an impact on this.***

***And let us pray that they may show the beauty of God's love and compassion as catechists, theologians, and spiritual guides.***

***I invite them to fight when, in some cases, they are treated unfairly, even within the Church; when they serve so much that they are reduced to servitude —at times, by men of the Church.***

***Do not be discouraged. May you keep making God's goodness known through the apostolic works you do. But above all through your witness of consecration.***

***Let us pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.***

***Thank you for what you are, for what you do, and for how you do it.***