

Liturgy Rosters:
Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This Weekend: 22nd September

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: P. Rowe
Minister: A. Burns, K. O'Toole
Gifts: D. Baudinette
Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Loftus
Reader: M. Picard
Ministers: K. Arnott, L. Goebel, D. Arnott
Gifts: C. Boyadjian
Welcome: B & M McGennicken

Next Weekend: 29th September

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: M. Schultz
Minister: K-A O'Keefe, D. Kierce
Gifts: K. Carr
Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Arnott
Reader: J. Sandeman
Ministers: I. Eichler, P. Howman, K. Howman
Gifts: J & A Milani
Welcome: M. King

Church Flowers: Jeanette Sandeman

Church Linen: 22/09 J. Hall

Church Cleaning:

22/09 M. Lambert. J. Burns
29/09 The Crespan Family

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

Prayer After Communion:
(For Minsters to the Home-bound)

God my creator breathe on me again, renew me, refresh me, extend my abilities, comfort me in adjusting to changes in health, mobility and activity.

Body and Blood of Jesus Christ flow through every fibre of my being.

Keep me well, and hope filled always.

Holy Spirit use me in my situation, for the good of others. Amen.

Our Finance

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 555.00

Target \$64,000

Total YTD 2018/19 \$ 15,615
Total YTD 2017/18 \$ 17,559

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 \$ 505.15

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



**22nd September
2019**
**25th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year C**



Weekday Services 24/09 to 27/09

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: No Mass

***Note* Funeral Masses will always take the place of Weekday Mass for that day.**

Recent Deaths:

John Staples, Eileen Isobel Hutchins

Anniversaries:

David Armour, Harriet Stuchbery, Des Boland, Les Enscoe Marie Bicknell, Mary Milledge, Kevin McKinnon, Gerry Alexander, Bob McIntyre, Mary Pound, Sam Mizzi, Maria Merrett, Mary Debono, Mollie Carey, Michael-Angelo Galea, Michael Vella, Eileen Laidlaw

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Couttie, Patricia Bailey, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky Schultz, Claire Jesser, John Smith, Lea-anne Bourke, Rudy Legray, Michelle Mutch,

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

Weekend Mass & Sacrament of Penance times.

PORTLAND

Mass: Saturday 6.00 pm,
Sunday 10:30 am

HEYWOOD

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays,
9.00am Mass
4th Sunday, Lay Led Assembly, 9.00am

DARTMOOR

4th Sunday 8.30am Mass

Baptisms by appointment with Fr. Gregory

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 10.30am or any Saturday 6.00pm vigil

Marriages by appointment with Fr Gregory Tait.

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment with Fr Gregory.

Children's Liturgy

13th October

Kate & Tamara

"The Spire"

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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webbstock

Wednesday & Friday 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

Responsorial Psalm 112

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Gospel Connections - Luke 16: 1 - 13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."



'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Reflection - Diane Bergant CSA

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

Parish Events & Dates to Remember

November 3rd: 175th Anniversary of the first Mass in Portland. Bishop Paul will celebrate the 10.30am Mass with us this day and a lunch to follow. **Please keep it free.** (This is also UP-welling Weekend)

Adult Faith Education: Tuesday, 17th of September 5:30pm. Contact jphowman@gmail.com for the location. This week; Dr Scott Hahn's Conversion Testimony. N.B. This group will be on break over the school holidays.

Sunday September 29th:

Cuppa after Mass. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Do stay for a cuppa and conversation.



Southern Stars Family Group Activity

Sunday 29th September - Cape Bridgewater 2.00pm

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

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is in 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.

Parish Office

The Parish Office has relocated to a room at Bayview College from this week. If you need to come and see us, just present to the front reception area. We are still able to be contacted on the Parish phone number 5523 1046 or email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

175th Anniversary Mass

All Saints Parish Portland will celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the first Mass in Portland with a Mass concelebrated by Bishop Paul Bird CsSR and Fr Gregory Tait on Sunday 3 November 2019, at 10.30am at All Saints Church followed by a light luncheon at Bayview College. All welcome.

For catering purposes please reply to portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or call Di Kierce on 0427 946 053. Those who would like to assist with catering can also contact Di on her number.

Book Club

This month's book club discussion will be on 'Boy swallows universe ' by Trent Dalton at Gabrielle's house on the 26th . In October we will discuss ' The Department of Sensitive Crimes ' by Alexander McCall Smith

Southern Stars Family Group

Our next activity will be the annual "Poetry or other Performance on the Beach", aka "POB", at Cape Bridgewater, at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday 29th September. We will meet, on the beach, just West of the Portland Surf Life Saving Clubrooms. Please bring chairs, some afternoon tea to share and your choice of poetry, recitation, song, dance, music, drama, comedy, magic or any other performance you wish to share. A bad weather venue will be advised, by email, on the Sunday morning if required."

Plenary Council & Adult Theological Education

Over the past few weeks parishioners from all over the diocese have participated in the leadership training required to carry us into the next phase of the Plenary Council process. The Plenary Council theme for this month focuses on our Church as "missionary and evangelising". In other words, there is a deep desire among faith-filled people in this country for a better understanding of what it means to live and preach the gospel because that's what being missionary and evangelising means. Those who sent submissions to the Plenary Council asked, among other things, for affordable adult theological education and for good religious education in our schools. For the past four or five years, Fr Barry Ryan and Sr Veronica Lawson have been offering regular adult theology classes. These sessions are very worthwhile and very affordable. If you are interested, send your contact details (mobile and email) to Sr Veronica, email veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au and she will forward further information to you.

Pope at Audience: Holy Spirit gives us courage, helps us discern well

In his catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles at the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis says the Holy Spirit gives Christians courage and "the art of discernment" when facing hardship.



"The Apostles become the 'megaphone' of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Risen One to spread quickly and unhesitatingly the Word that brings salvation," he said.

Pope Francis said these same men acted like "cowards" when Jesus faced similar circumstances. After Pentecost, however, they were completely changed and propelled onwards.

"The same happens to us: if we have the Holy Spirit within us, we will have the courage to strive forward, to win countless battles – not through our own strength but through the Holy Spirit who is with us."

The Holy Father invited everyone to think about the many empires, dictatorships, and political projects that have fallen by the wayside throughout history. "Every single one crumbled," he said.

But Christianity, he noted, has stood the test of time, despite scandals and sin.

"God is with us," said Pope Francis. "God first saves us, and then them. But the Lord always saves. Our strength is God-with-us."