

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This Weekend: 16th February

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: D. Kierce
Minister: K. O'Toole, Vol Pls
Gifts: K. Carr
Welcome: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: J. Sandeman
Reader: K. Loftus
Ministers: P & K Howman, J. Fitzgerald
Gifts: J & A Milani
Welcome: L. Goebel

Next Weekend: 23rd February

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: Vol. please
Minister: M. Lambert, F. Mizzi
Gifts: M. Gregory, H. Stevenson
Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: K. Arnott
Reader: I. Eichler
Ministers: T. McCallum, F. Arnott, F. Mizzi
Gifts: K. Sullivan, J. Hall
Welcome: A & M Francis

Church Flowers: Judy Hall

Church Linen: L. Goebel

Church Cleaning:

16/02 B & M McGenniken
23/02 The Arnott 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: \$ 1,044

Pledged Amount \$62,400

Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 38,082
Total YTD 2018/19 \$ 41,878

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 \$ 616.55

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



**16th February
2020**
**6th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A**



Weekday Services 18/02 to 21/02

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 10.30am BUPA Mass
2.00pm Bayview College Commencement Mass
Thursday: 2.00pm Funeral Mass - Paul Bennett
Friday: 9.30am Morn. Prayer & Adoration
10.00am Mass

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

Recent Deaths:

Paul Bennett, Trevor Troeth, Riley Hutchinson

Anniversaries:

Peter Crowe, Ian Berry, Pat Lloyd, Mary McCluskey, Ann Parry, Graeme Firth, Sr Rosalie SJG, Owen Williams, Sr Jennifer Diamond IBVM, Peter Burch, Paddy Delaney, Norm McNess, Peter Lewis, Margaret Farrugia, Pat Bourke, Dorothy Stevens (Tait)

Prayer Requests:

Bruno Cancian, 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

Feb 23rd

Julie & Gabrielle

"The Spire"

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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 118

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Gospel Connections - Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



Reflection - Diane Bergant CSA

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

Parish Events & Dates to Remember

Parish Plenary Council Discernment Meetings

The final meeting will be held at All Saints Primary School Library on:
Thursday March 12th - 5.00 - 6.30pm

Sacraments of initiation meeting for parents: Parents of children in Grade 3 this year are invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday 18th February, 7pm in the library of All Saints Primary School. This meeting will be to discuss Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation in 2020 and First Eucharist 2021.

Briny Bunch Activity: Sunday 23rd February

World Day of Prayer: Friday 6th March, Salvation Army 10.30am

Aglow International Australia

Aglow Portland is a Christian interdenominational group meeting for men and women. Next meeting Thursday 5th March @ 10am, Yacht Club Portland. All welcome. Enquiries: Ilona Eichler 55234136

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.

Book Club.

This month we will be meeting at 5 Poland street to discuss the novel "Taking Tom Murray Home" By Tim Slee.

Next month's book will be "Caroline Chisholm" by Sarah Goldman.

Briny Bunch Event

The next gathering for the BB will be Sunday 23 Feb in the Botanic Gardens 'Time 12 noon Please wear flat soled shoes.

Lunch will be subway, please let me know of any special dietary needs'

You can have a game of croquet,

Or walk around the gardens

OR just sit and watch life go by in a beautiful setting.

We will have use of the club rooms if the weather is not good to us.

I will bring the food, cost for the day will be aprox \$10 per head depending on numbers.

Please RSVP to Jeanette. 0499330964 or sandywoman29@gmail.com by Sat 22nd.

Alpha Program

An ALPHA PROGRAM will be starting at the Portland Uniting Church soon. It is basically a short course on the Christian faith that is offered in a friendly, open and accessible way. Each evening includes a meal, a 30 minute video and discussion.



All are invited to come along to the first meeting on Thursday 27th February, 6:15 to 8:15pm, to 'check it out'. You can then decide if you want to continue with the 11 week program.

For more information, or if you intend to attend, please contact Rev Ross Stanford 0402 343124

Summary of Parish Pastoral Team Meeting 6th February 2020

Plenary Council

- 1 session remaining - 12th March. Parish Pastoral Team undertook a session in November as a group.
- School Leadership Team completed a discernment session – Evangelisation & Mission
- Kerrie-Ann O'Keefe collating all Parish meeting responses and forwarding to the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Office.

Loud Fence

- Plan to leave as is for the moment - people still using the area

Sacramental Programs

- Beginning next week with the Sacrament of Penance - Last years group will move into First Eucharist this year. Dismissals will be Saturday nights