

Planned Giving Envelopes

This year we have not ordered a set of new Planned Giving envelopes as we were not sure when "things" would get back to normal.

We have a number leftover from other years that we could use and it would save the Parish \$500.

To this end, to ensure there are enough envelopes for the parishioners who still would like to use them,

- If you have started to give by EFT that you continue to do this. Please email me at the parish email and I will re-issue a new Planned Giving number to you (for EFT payments)
- If you feel you still would like to give via envelopes please also let me know, and I will endeavor to get envelopes to you. These envelopes might not have the correct date, however just cross out the date and place the correct date on them. Also you might consider using 1 x envelope for 2 or 4 weeks worth of giving and just indicating on envelope how many weeks you are giving on the envelope. For example; if you give \$5 per week, instead of using 4 x envelopes, maybe save the \$5 each week and place into one envelope and indicate on the envelope 4 x \$5.

Thank you for your assistance in this process and if you have any questions please contact myself by email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or my mobile 0417269190

Planned Giving - End of Financial Year

The end of financial year is quickly approaching, so can you please ensure that your planned giving is up to date over the next month. We realise there can many pressures and hardships during this time on family finances so we do appreciate your support of our Parish financial responsibilities. I will not be able to print out statements until July, if you require any information on you individual planned giving please contact me by email.

For all who would normally give weekly with cash in your envelopes, we ask if possible, to do the following:

- Organise EFT contributions through your personal online banking
- Go directly to National Australia Bank (NAB) 64 Percy Street Portland and request that they deposit into the Parish and/or Presbytery accounts.

Details are below. **Please make sure that your name and envelope number are recorded.**

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 2,047

Pledged Amount \$62,400

Total YTD 2019/20: \$ 58,320

Total YTD 2018/19: \$ 60,726

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 \$ 1,277.50

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

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.



21st June 2020

12th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A



Weekly Mass Times 24/06 to 28/06

Portland - All Saints

Wednesday: 5.00pm Mass

Friday: 10.00am Mass

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Please note: Each Parishioner will need to book which mass they would like to attend for that week. Booking will take place by calling Fr Greg on 0475 512 530.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Marie Hills, Roy Hymes, Kirain Dalton, Ursula Turpie, Genevieve Whitbourn, Margaret Saltmarsh, Teresa Lynch, Patricia Harris, Marilyn O'Neil, Bernard Keane, Isobel Perry, Flo Higgins

Prayer Requests:

Bruno Cancian, Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky Schultz, Claire Jesser, 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

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.

"The Spire"

All Saints' Parish

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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webstock
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



Anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Fr Greg on 0475 512 530

Living the Gospel

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.



You will still be able to watch online services at the following links:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat:

Mass live streamed on [Patrick's Cathedral](https://www.facebook.com/Patrick's-Cathedral) facebook page.

Mass Western Border Parish: Website www.westernborder.church or FaceBook page: [Western Border Catholic Parish](https://www.facebook.com/Western-Border-Catholic-Parish)

Mass for You at Home: This program has been allowing the faithful to participate in Mass from their homes for many years. Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day.

Increase in number allowed for Mass



Last Sunday, the Victorian Government announced a further easing of restrictions on gatherings in the context of the coronavirus pandemic.

Bishop Paul Bird has advised Parishes that from next Monday (June 22), places of worship can open for private worship or small religious ceremonies for up to 50 people, plus those reasonably required to conduct the ceremony, in each separate area, observing the one person per four square metre rule.

The current requirements for social distancing and cleaning between ceremonies and for recording the name and contact phone number for each attendee will continue.

To make things a little easier for recording of names I will leave your name listed for the mass day and time that you have been attending over the past few weeks.

Please note the Mass times; Wednesday 5.00pm, Friday 10.00am, Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 10.30am.

Please contact me if you wish to change your mass time, change your mass day, or nominate a mass that you wish to attend from this point onwards. Please contact me by ringing or texting me on my mobile phone, 0475 512 530.

Kind regards
Fr Gregory

ACU events with Rev Prof Mark R Francis csv

ACU's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy and the ACU Centre for Liturgy welcome Rev Prof Mark R Francis csv (President of Catholic Theological Union, Chicago) as presenter of the following events:

Special Studies in Theology: Liturgical Inculturation:

A new one-off masters-level unit called: THEL620 Special Studies in Theology: Liturgical Inculturation. Due to travel restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, THEL620 will be offered as an online intensive on July 6, 7, 9 & 10. The unit is also being offered as a professional learning seminar (not for assessment).

"The Challenge of Intercultural Liturgy in the Era of Pope Francis":

A free online public lecture broadcast live from Chicago, USA on Monday, July 20, 2020 from 10.00am - 11.30am (AEST) via Zoom: Registration is essential by July 15 <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training/event-registration-july-2020>

More information on both events is available from the ACU website www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/professional-development

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

Scholarships are offered to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and applications forms are available

<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Closing date July 31, 2020.

The winter of our positive intent - Sr Mary Tinney rsm

The darkness and bleakness of winter is no match for our belief in the healing love of God.

Winter time

the season when we learn how to honour the darkness of life's mysteries without losing faith . . .

the season for learning how to live in darkness and to keep hope that the light and the sun will return . . .

the season to recognise the seeds of growth and nurture them in our own inner warmth until the light returns . . .

the season for being fallow and letting roots go deeper . . .

the season to learn how to dignify the elder who always lives within . . .

to face that we are always growing older and to do so with serenity and faith and power . . .

the season to learn that even in our darkest moments, health, serenity, and healing energy are available to us when we focus on them with positive intent.

Look around you at the falling leaves and thinning vegetation. The snakes are in hibernation. Growth is slower, if at all. It is time to enter within. Even the liturgical year has entered into 'Ordinary Time'.

HEALING SOLIDARITY

Ecospirituality calls us at this time to be consciously aware that in Jesus Christ, the God of Love embraces the cosmos in healing solidarity.

Jesus was a prophet who gathered people around him with a message about a different way of living: a way of love, rather than of power; a way of healing rather than hurting; a way of collaboration rather than of competition.

He proclaimed God's creative dream for the world where the blessed would include those who are poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, those who are merciful, those who are poor in heart, the peacemakers, and those persecuted in their pursuit of right relations. He spoke out about corruption in both church and society.

We know what happened to Jesus as a result of his efforts. He endured a tortuous death at the hands of his enemies. Jesus entered into his darkest moments with fear, anxiety and a strong sense of his aloneness. He cried out to God in his anguish. He entered into depths more intense than Winter darkness.

TIME OF DARKNESS

Our country Australia has recently entered into a dark period for those who experienced the intensity of the horrific fires, for others the floods and, for all of us, the pandemic.

The grief and suffering of those at the heart of those disasters cannot be underestimated. There are other sufferings within the human community where violence spills over and takes lives that are entirely innocent. There is rage and fury when ignorance seems to prevail in public decision making. There is the constant facing of the limits of our physical, bodily existence.

Jesus entered into solidarity with this suffering, even as he experienced the wonder and beauty of our earthly and cosmic home. His close followers struggled to make sense of it all. They hid themselves for a while until they had a took strength from the fire and power of God's spirit within, and the deep conviction that Jesus the Christ was still with them, albeit in a different mode.

GOD'S LOVE

In Jesus, the God of love embraces our whole cosmos. Jesus, too, is made of stardust.

Jesus, too, experiences pain, suffering and death. Yet the Christian community kept hope alive after his death, and so do we.

At Easter we celebrate the feast of the light of the resurrection, of the promise of fullness of life and love. At Pentecost we celebrate the fire of God's love present with us.

If we dare to go deeper into the spirit in this Winter season, we will continue to learn how to live in the darkness, find strength within, and how to live in hope.

And we do this in the knowledge that the God of love accompanies us at all times.

