

All Saints Parish Financials 2019/20

Parish P&L Summary year ending 30/6/20

	Actual	Budget
Donation	300	-
Planned Giving	61,575	64,000
Sundry Income	10,400	7,000
R & M Contribution	0	10,000
Total Income	72,275	81,000
Administration	29,154	32,250
Levies	15,019	14,900
Liturgical & Pastoral	3,582	4,500
Property Costs	19,239	19,810
Repairs & Maintenance	1,174	10,000
Expense	68,168	81,460
Net Income	4,107	- 460
Precinct Development		
Ground Works	4,282	
Office/Residence	215,229	
Rental Expense	8,812	
Total	228,323	
	\$198,211- Parish Capital Term Deposit	
	\$ 30,112 - Outreach Term Deposit	

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,115

Pledged Amount \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21: \$ 3,399

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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 \$ 526.15

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

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.



26th July 2020

17th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A



Mass at All Saints Parish Portland during COVID-19 Pandemic

In line with Victorian Government and Ballarat Diocesan restrictions on public gatherings in the context of the coronavirus pandemic, the following regulations apply:

Places of worship can open for private worship or small religious ceremonies for up to 20 people, (in the Case of a funeral 50 people) plus those reasonably required to conduct the ceremony.

At each gathering we are required to observe the one person per four square metre rule. The current requirements for use of hand sanitising, cleaning between ceremonies and for recording the name and contact phone number for each attendee will continue. **Wearing a mask or face covering at Mass is encouraged.**

Please contact me if you wish to nominate the day or time you want to attend Mass. You may contact me by ringing or texting me on my mobile phone, 0475 512 530.

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

Kind regards
Fr Gregory Tait



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

“The Spire“

All Saints' Parish

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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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Horace Heppenstall, Richard Cook, Ernie Saunders, Pearl Collett, Mary Bennett, Joan Hannaford, Laurie Leonard, Graham Kempton, Sr Josie Jeffrey IBVM, Sr Ruth Winship Sr Dorothy Finnegan, Helen Elliott, , Betty McDonald, Basil Pye, Elizabeth Gray

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

Marriages by appointment with Fr Gregory Tait.

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment with Fr Gregory

In today's passage the gospel writer appears to describe himself: 'every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.' It is a fantastic description of what it means to be an interpreter of the gospel. To interpret scripture, one must draw on what is old; applying understandings of the text in its original context and its original audience. But one must also draw on what is new; making connections between that original setting and the context in which it is being read today.



Mothers say faith has kept them going - By Marilyn Rodrigues Catholic Weekly

Five months from shocking tragedy an extraordinary witness to faith

A mother who lost three of her young children in a car crash in Sydney earlier this year has urged people to focus on their soul and build authentic faith.

Leila Abdallah says it is her firm belief in God and heaven that has got her through the past six months. Her relative Bridget Sakr likewise told The Catholic Weekly that uniting her suffering with Christ's gives her hope.

The two grieving mothers say that the prayers of thousands of people around the world were granted in a miraculous healing for the 11-year-old survivor Charbel Kassas.

"Death is a reality that no one can escape, so focus more on your soul and build your faith because that is the only thing you will have left," Mrs Abdallah said this week.

Antony, Angelina and Sienna Abdallah were killed with their cousin Veronique Sakr in the accident at Oatlands in February. Charbel, another cousin, left Westmead Children's Hospital in April after 80 days, defying doctors' predictions of a much slower recovery.

Mourners bear framed photos of the Abdallah children at Our Lady of Lebanon church in February. Photo: Giovanni Portelli

"It was through the power of prayer that Charbel woke up from his coma and prayer has definitely carried Danny and me through this tough time," Mrs Abdallah said.

The three families told their story in a Channel 7 news special, 'In the Blink of an Eye' which aired last Tuesday night. Bridget Sakr said the documentary was to honour "four beautiful children raised in Christian faith".

"I have united my suffering with the passion of Christ," she said. "Jesus died on the cross, rose from the dead, and entered into heaven to give us eternal life.

"That is how I know our children are in heaven with the Lord. This tragedy has reinforced for me that life on earth is finite, but life in heaven is eternal, death is no longer a stranger.

"This gives me much courage and strength to continue to carry my cross."

Mrs Abdallah said she now has a better understanding of personal holiness. "You don't need to a priest, you can be holy within your family, like Mother Teresa said, if you want to change the world love your family and then God will use you," she said.

"I had a pastor tell me that a photo of me kneeling down [at the Bettington Road site] in silence has preached what pastors and priests could not preach.

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Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP was among those paying tribute to the three families in the TV documentary.

The Abdallah and Sakr families joined the archbishop for this year's Easter Sunday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, which was where Mr Abdallah had spent time praying with his son Antony just hours before he died.

"Like so many Sydneysiders, I have been inspired over recent months by the remarkable courage, strength and dignity shown by the Abdallah and Sakr families," said Archbishop Fisher.

"They are inspirational ambassadors of Jesus Christ, showing us all the power of God's grace to help us do extraordinary things in the most terrible of circumstances."

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.

Shared Table Project - Fr Michael McKinnon - Lima Peru

The \$52 annual gift to the Project will take place in the month of July. Please put the \$52 in an envelope marked Shared Table and your name and address and email and put on Collection Plate or drop off at Outreach. If you are a new parishioner and would like to donate \$52 to feed the children in Peru, you are most welcome to join our generous band of helpers. This is our 15th year.

Any further information Marg Herbertson - the Parish Co-ordinator of Shared Table Project. Mobile 0447617467

Vital role of parishes focus of new document - By Marilyn Rodrigues Catholic Weekly

While most parishes should be led by priests, laity must also lead in the mission of evangelisation says a new document issued by the Vatican's Congregation for Clergy on pastoral care.

The 22-page instruction, titled The pastoral conversion of the parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the church, was released by the Vatican on 20 July.

It specifies the role of lay men and women in the Church's mission of evangelisation and offers guidance in parish reforms and restructuring.

It also clarifies the role of the deacons, consecrated men and women, as well as the laity, in dioceses where there is a shortage or lack of priests. Lay people are called to make a generous commitment to evangelising, first and foremost, through the "general witness of their daily lives".

Parishes must "exude that spiritual dynamic of evangelisation" or risk becoming "self-referential and fossilised, offering experiences that are devoid of evangelical flavour and missionary drive, of interest only to small groups".

Monsignor Andrea Ripa, undersecretary of the Congregation for Clergy, said the instruction aims at guiding bishops and dioceses in parish reforms and diocesan restructuring.

"Given that the church is mandated by Christ to be missionary, evangelising and outward-looking, a reform of her structures is continuously required in order to respond to the challenges of the day," the monsignor wrote.

However, "dropping plans upon the people of God from above, without their involvement, should be avoided," he said.

Daniel Ang, the director of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation welcomed the Instruction. "It recognises the fundamental role of the parish in the lives of Christians, as a 'house among houses' and provides much encouragement to our future in Sydney in which mission must be the guiding principal of renewal," he said.

"The document encourages parishes to be always 'going forth' rather than 'preserving a nostalgia of former times'."

"With conviction it notes 'any conversion of structures, which the Church must undertake, requires a significant change in mentality and an interior renewal, especially among those entrusted with the responsibility of pastoral leadership' (#35).

"In this way the Instruction underscores any structural renewal within our dioceses must be underpinned and at the service of spiritual renewal, to render our parishes ever more conducive to the encounter with Christ that it serves and makes present."

Mr Ang said the document also affirms that local communities must be deeply engaged in the process of spiritual and structural renewal if conversion and mission, and not "mere rearrangement", is the goal.

The document states that where a lay person is entrusted with a share in the exercise of the pastoral care of the community, the person "will be directed by a priest with legitimate faculties, who will act as a 'moderator of pastoral care,' with the powers and functions of a parish priest, albeit without an office with its duties and rights."

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The document also instructs bishops to not designate deacons, consecrated and lay men and women who are given responsibilities in a priestless parish as "pastor, co-pastor, chaplain, moderator, coordinator, parish manager," which are typically reserved for priests "as they have a direct correlation to the ministerial profile of priests."

Instead, those with responsibilities should be designated as "deacon co-operator, co-ordinator, pastoral co-operator or pastoral associate or assistant," it said.