



9th August  
2020

19th Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A



**Recent Deaths:**

Elizabeth Bennett, Sylvia McEwan

**Anniversaries:**

Bronwyn Anderson, Patricia Heath, Fr Brendan Davey, Josephine Vella, Gerald Hall, Dorothy Priestly, Donald Brady, Dave Dellow, Chris Annett, Lorna Rock, Kath Briggs, Keith Whitbourn, Tom Nolan, Richard Nash, Eileen Wright, Sean McKinnon, Sr Sheila Hynes IBVM

**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

# “The Spire“

## All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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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 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*



Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

## Feast Day Mass 8 August 2020

**The Feast of St Mary MacKillop Mass in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel will be live streamed at 10:00am AEST on Saturday 8 August 2020.**

Following Mass, there will be a time of prayer at the tomb of St Mary MacKillop.

Please see below here on Saturday 8 August at 9:55am AEST to view the Mass.

[www.marymackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-mass-8-august-2020/](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-mass-8-august-2020/)

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

**St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat:**

Mass will be live streamed daily via the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9>

or may be watched via the website: [www.stpatscathedral.weebly.com](http://www.stpatscathedral.weebly.com)

**Mass Western Border Parish:** Website [www.westernborder.church/online-masses/our-local-parish-masses-online/](http://www.westernborder.church/online-masses/our-local-parish-masses-online/)



Hello Everyone,

As you would be aware, the Victorian government has introduced further restrictions to counter the renewed spread of COVID-19.

In regional Victoria, including our Diocese of Ballarat, Stage 3 restrictions will apply from midnight tomorrow (August 5). The restrictions will apply until September 13.

The regulations require that “religious ceremonies and private worship” be “broadcast only”. This means that our churches and chapels will be closed to the general public. It will still be possible to live stream Masses or other services from churches or chapels, although this would only involve those necessary to conduct the services and enable the live streaming. For information about Masses online, you could go to our diocesan website at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

In regional Victoria, there are exceptions for weddings and funerals, though with limited numbers. For weddings, there may only be 5 people (the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant). For funerals, there may be up to 10 people, plus those conducting the funeral.

It is very sad that we will not be able to gather for Mass in the coming weeks. However, medical advice indicates that the restrictions are necessary for the health of the community. I hope and pray that these steps will be effective in reducing the impact of the pandemic and that we will be able to come together again soon to give thanks to God. In the meantime, we can pray anywhere and anytime in our own heart. Families can pray together at home. We might also pray with others online or simply with a phone call.

Christ promised to be with us always. May we know his presence in the weeks ahead.

Peace be with you.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

### **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.

**Total to date: \$1,836.80**

**Please finalise your donation if you wish to participate this year as we will be finalising the appeal in the coming weeks.**

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

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: \$ 1,045

**Pledged Amount \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2020/21: \$ 4,825**

**Total YTD 2019/20: \$ 5,888**

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 \$ 502.55

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

## To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In fact, most of us will experience a mental health problem at some point over the course of our lives. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. Our parishes, organisations and communities can be places of acceptance care and healing, not places of rejection, judgment or stigma.

In the Social Justice Statement To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops welcome the deinstitutionalisation of mental health care in Australia. However, without adequately funded community mental health services, there is a gap in the system through which people continue to fall. Social determinants including poverty, living conditions, and personal security are significant contributors to mental ill-health. The Statement highlights the experience of First Nations people and communities, asylum seekers and refugees, people who are homeless and those who are in prison.

The Bishops observe that “our society tends to draw away from, or to push away, those who confront us with our frailties and limitations” which is “completely at odds with the story of Jesus” who “takes on the frailty of the human condition” and “draws near to those who are sick or who have disabilities, those who are marginalized or despised”. People living with mental ill-health are part of the Body of Christ – ‘us’ and not ‘them’ – and share equally in Jesus’ promise of the fullness of life (Jn 10:10).

The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. The full statement can be downloaded at

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/)



Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life.  
May we support one another to flourish  
in body, mind and spirit.  
Strengthen our commitment to ensure  
that nobody falls through gaps in our systems of  
care.

People called you mad.  
Help us to recognise you  
in those who suffer mental ill-health today.  
Show us how to eliminate stigmatisation of mental  
ill-health  
from our parishes, schools, communities and  
organisations.

You drew near to those  
who were suffering in body or mind.  
May we too feel your nearness  
when we struggle with mental health challenges.  
May we be one as members of Your Body.

You invite us to share in your ministry  
of love and true compassion.  
May we be empowered by your Spirit  
to reach out to all people in need.  
May we build communities of welcome and  
inclusion.

Amen

### Living the Gospel – Christian

What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be ‘one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ’.

Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus.

That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others.

That’s a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.

