



16th August
2020
20th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A



“The Spire“

All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

All Saints' Parish Office
PO Box 210 Portland 3305

Phone: 5523 1046
email: portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parishes

Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.
email: greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au
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

Recent Deaths:

Barry Sullivan

Anniversaries:

Peter Priestley Snr, Joan McCabe, Henry Nickless, Etty McKinnon, Carmel Jasper, Lorna Stoneman, Aileen Bourke, Rita Madden, Paul Murphy, Alice Ough, Anna Galea, Tim Fischer, Rita Seymour, Patrick Burns

Prayer Requests:

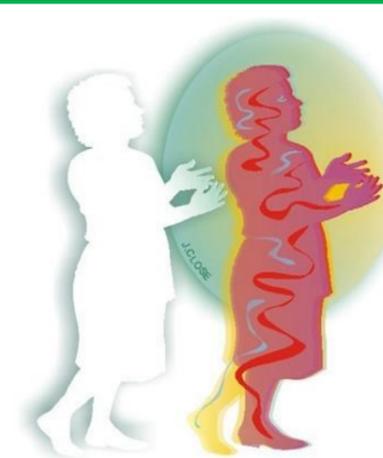
Bruno Cancian, Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky Schultz, Claire Jesser, Lea-anne Bourke, Rudy Legray, Michelle Mutch,

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

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.



When a Canaanite woman kept bothering Jesus and his group they looked at her and saw an outsider. By her annoying persistence she virtually forced Jesus to look again and he saw something different – she was no longer a non-person, but someone who challenged him. This

unnamed woman, out of her anguish for her daughter, was able to nudge Jesus into reconsidering the nature of his mission, and broadening his vision. Matthew's story is a conversion story with a twist because it is Jesus who experiences a transformation and the catalyst for this change is an anonymous woman.

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

Mass Western Border Parish: Website www.westernborder.church/online-masses/our-local-parish-masses-online/

Pope at Audience: Recognize human dignity in every person - by Vatican News

Pope Francis, continuing his catechesis on the effects of the current pandemic in light of the Church's social doctrine, noted how Covid-19 has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected everyone is.

"If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation", he said, "we cannot heal the world."

Christian love of neighbour amid pandemic

Speaking from the Apostolic Library, the Pope commended the efforts of so many people "who have been offering evidence of human and Christian love for neighbour, dedicating themselves to the sick even at the risk of their own health."

But, he pointed out, "the coronavirus is not the only disease to be fought, but rather, the pandemic has shed light on the broadest social ills." One of these, he continued, is "a distorted view of the person, a gaze that ignores his or her dignity and relational character."

Throw-away culture

Pope Francis went on to say that at times others are seen as objects to be "used and discarded." In reality, he said, "this type of gaze blinds and fosters an individualistic and aggressive throw-away culture, which transforms the human being into a consumer good".

But if we are guided by faith, noted the Pope, we recognize God creates men and women, not as objects, "but as people loved and capable of loving, in His image and likeness."

The dignity of the human person

Pope Francis underlined that Jesus proposes a life of service and of giving one's life for others, "and He confirms it by immediately restoring sight to two blind men and making them His disciples." "We want to recognize the human dignity in every person, whatever his or her race may be," he said.

The Pope continued on this theme by saying that the Second Vatican Council emphasizes that this dignity is inalienable because it "was created 'to the image of God.'" In modern culture, he pointed out, "the reference closest to the principle of the inalienable dignity of the person is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which Saint John Paul II defined as a 'milestone on the long and difficult path of the human race.'"

The power of faith

While the world awaits a cure to the coronavirus, Pope Francis stressed that "faith exhorts us to commit ourselves seriously and actively to combat indifference in the face of violations of human dignity; faith always requires us to let ourselves be healed and to convert from our individualism, both personal and collective."

May the Lord "restore our sight", the Pope said, "so as to rediscover what it means to be members of the human family."

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: \$ 717.50

Pledged Amount \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21: \$ 5,598

Total YTD 2019/20: \$ 7,377

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 \$ 390.00

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

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day: August 15

*Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness
come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ
in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory
to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example
in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn
of endless love and praise.*

*We ask this through Christ our
Lord.*

Amen.



www.archtoronto.org
Prayer from www.catholic.org

Celebrated each year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is also known The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Assumption of Mary Into Heaven, The Dormition of the Theotokos and The Falling Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Prayer for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Almighty and everlasting God,
You have taken up body and soul**

into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary