



As you sit in the silence, you hear a faint sound like a knock on the door. Your heart races, *Who knows I'm here? I need to be alone*, you think. The knocking becomes louder. As much as you want to stay in the room, something moves you to go to the door. The knock comes again, but it's a soft knock. As you approach the door, you see a light streaming under it. "Hello. Can I help you?" you say without opening the door. A soft voice says, "It's me. I've been looking for you." Something deep inside you stirs, but you are confused. "Who are you? Do I know you?" you say. "Yes. But we have not talked in a long time. I've missed you," he says. You open the door.

Standing there is Jesus. His eyes look at you with such tenderness. He carries a small lantern that gives off a bright, warm light. You stand there, unable to speak at first, allowing yourself to take in his presence and his light. You speak to Jesus. What do you say to him? How does Jesus respond to you? You invite Jesus into the house. You sit and tell him of the restlessness you feel. As you talk to Jesus, a wave of peace and calm washes over you like the warm light streaming from his lantern. "Rest. Be still. You opened the door. Now let me take care of you," Jesus says. You close your eyes and let his words embrace you. Your heart is at peace, and your mind is still. When you open your eyes, Jesus is gone. Sitting beside the chair where he sat is the lantern, still emitting that bright, warm light. You smile and rest in the glow of the light.

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: \$ 1,010

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21	\$ 23,465
Total YTD 2019/21	\$ 24,248

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 \$ 499

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



**29th November
2020**

**1st Sunday
Advent
Time Year B**



Weekday Services 04/12 to 06/12

Friday: 10.00am Mass
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday Vigil 06.00pm Mass

Sunday 10.30am Mass

Please contact by phoning/texting Fr Gregory 0475512530 if you wish to attend a Mass

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Simeon Dela Torre, Robert Foran, Linda Wilson, Nora Durbidge, Ron Fielding, Jim Collins, George Cumbo, Kath Dent, Danny Clifford, Kathleen McIndoe, Jason Murray, Cath Dixon, Bill Mailing, Lindsay Tait,

Prayer Requests:

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

ADVENT PRAYER

God of comfort and hope, look upon us in love, and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus that we may love and serve you.

Protect us during this time and keep us watchful in prayer,

as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our light, hope and joy. Amen.

"The Spire"

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Wednesday & Thursday 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

Psalm 79

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian government has announced new provisions for religious gatherings, to take effect from tomorrow (November 23). This will make it much easier for us to gather for Mass and other celebrations. However, we should note that, while the number of people who can gather is much greater, COVIDSafe practices, including wearing masks, record keeping and cleaning, are still in place. The following is a summary of the new provisions.



Numbers permitted for religious gatherings and ceremonies

New limits from Monday, November 23

Indoor religious gatherings and ceremonies: Cap of **150** people with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres.

Outdoor religious gatherings and ceremonies: Cap of **300** people with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres.

At any one time, a venue can have either an indoor or outdoor ceremony, not both at the same time.

Weddings: Cap of **150** people with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres indoors or outdoors. Persons necessary to conduct the wedding (such as celebrant and servers) are not counted in this limit.

Funerals, including wakes: Cap of **150** mourners with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres indoors or outdoors. Persons necessary to conduct the funeral (such as a faith leader) are not counted in this limit.

Note: Cleaning, signage, record keeping, and other COVIDSafe requirements continue to apply. In general, those attending must wear masks. Masks may be removed when necessary, for example, while leading prayers or reading the Scriptures or receiving Communion.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

Local arrangements for All Saints Parish Portland

1. We have places for a total of 35 people at each Mass to account for the 1 person per 4 square metre rule.
2. At this point there will be 3 Masses celebrated only in Portland each week.
10.00am Friday, 6.00pm Saturday & 10.30am Sunday.
3. Each Parishioner will need to have nominated which Mass they would like to attend. Once you have nominated your preference this will stay the same each week unless you let Fr Greg know otherwise. You may call Fr Greg on **0475 512 530**.
4. Holy Communion at home is only by arrangement with Fr Greg.

With kind regards

Fr Gregory

All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Target Car park) Phone: 5521 1587

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is in urgent 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.

Columban Calendar

The Columban Calendar 2021 is available to purchase at the All Saints Outreach Shop for \$9. Support Missions - It would make an ideal Christmas gift! Get one before they are sold out!



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AUSTRALIA

GLOBAL GIFTS

You can bring joy to the world's most vulnerable this Christmas

This year has been a tough one for all of us. But sometimes, if you're able to bring hope to others, it can also make you feel more hopeful. And what better time to spread hope than in the season of giving? If you would like to give the gift of hope this Christmas, why not buy a Global Gift? Global Gifts are Caritas Australia's charitable Christmas cards. We call them Global Gifts because the funds raised from these gift cards go towards supporting our work with the poorest of the poor around the globe, including right here in Australia.

Our 2020 Global Gift cards are an opportunity for you to make a real difference, helping to bring the gifts of education, food and protection to families struggling with poverty, disability and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our beautiful gift cards start from as little as \$15, and come in both printed and e-card versions.

Help children living with severe disabilities by giving the Gift of Education: a gift that will help increase confidence and social participation. Give those living in poverty the Gift of Food: a gift that will help equip and nourish vulnerable families to become healthier and stronger. Give communities fighting COVID-19 the Gift of Protection: a gift that provides hygiene kits including face masks, soap and gloves, and prevention education.

No matter which Global Gift you choose, you will be helping families living in poverty to overcome the challenges they face in building brighter futures for themselves.

GIVE A GLOBAL GIFT

Visit www.globalgifts.org.au or call us toll-free on 1800 024 413.

Remembrance for Holy Souls

Deceased members of the Tait & Perry families
Deceased members of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Deceased members of the Costa, Tripodi & Webbstock families
George Horovitz, Elizabeth Kearney, John Kearney
Deceased members of the Anderson, Annand, Murphy and O'Brien families
David Meehan
Deceased members of the Swiggs and Rowe families
Ted, Mary & Greg Pound
Esteban Cresancia
Mary, Jack and Michael Loftus
Simeon Dela Torre
Deceased members of the Couttie, Saltmarsh, Leighton and Maling families