



**11th October  
2020**

**28th Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A**



## **“The Spire”**

**All Saints' Parish**

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**Parish Secretary: Antonella Webstock  
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*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:**

Geoff (Barney) Baxter

### **Anniversaries:**

Leila Hornicke, Barry Herbertson, Neville King, Ivan Shepherd, Patricia Langeluddecke, Marie Milward, Dorothy Andre, Margaret McKinnon, John Williams, Neville Spencer, George Wallace, Sr Leonie Robinson, Peter McLoughlin, Margaret Baker, Sr Marie Kelly, Wayne Bell, Colin King, Pat O'Brien

### **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

**Please note that the Parish Office remains closed to visitors at this stage. You are able to contact us either by phone or email.**

**Fr Greg will be on leave from October the 5th until the 30th. When he returns we will continue to record Mass on the weekend, for YouTube viewing.**

“LET US DREAM, THEN, AS A SINGLE HUMAN FAMILY,  
AS FELLOW TRAVELLERS SHARING THE SAME FLESH, AS  
CHILDREN OF THE SAME EARTH WHICH IS OUR COMMON  
HOME, EACH OF US BRINGING THE RICHNESS OF HIS OR  
HER BELIEFS AND CONVICTIONS, EACH OF US WITH HIS  
OR HER OWN VOICE, BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL.”

FRATELLI TUTTI

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

## **Links to Mass online in the diocese:**

**St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat:** Mass live streamed daily from SJOG at 11.30am and can be viewed [here](#) or on [facebook](#).

**St Mary Mackillop Parish, Western Border:** Mass celebrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays can be viewed [here](#). Follow their [facebook](#) page for updates.

**St Joseph's Parish, Warrnambool:** Sunday Masses at 8.30am can be viewed [here](#) or follow the link on [facebook](#).

## Fratelli Tutti: seeking the common good - Andrew Hamilton Eureka Street

The first words of the encyclical are part of a quotation from St Francis of Assisi, in which he commends a fraternity that crosses all boundaries of distance and culture as central to his followers. Social friendship — which refers to the privileging of respect for persons and so for the common good over individual interests in social, economic and institutional relationships — flows from an attitude of fraternity.

St Francis has deeply influenced the Pope, who took his name, has attended gatherings of religious leaders in Assisi to pray, and signed this encyclical there. Francis of Assisi, who had a deep sense of God's presence in nature, also undertook a dangerous journey to meet the Sultan in Egypt and dissuaded his Friars from dispute when meeting Saracens. In an encyclical initially intended to focus on the fraternal relationships between religions, exemplified in the common statement Pope Francis signed in Abu Dhabi with Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, the association with the saint was apposite.

As the encyclical developed, Pope Francis expanded its scope to reflect on the COVID-19 crisis and on the dangers and opportunities created by the need to respond to it. Stylistically, the change of focus makes for a baggy elephant of a document. The influence of Francis of Assisi, however, hangs over it. He was contemplative, radical in his poverty and his association with people who were poor, was a standing reproach to the greed and violence of his own society, and had an influence out of proportion to his social standing.

The encyclical begins by examining the signs of a lack of fraternity in society that contribute to a closed world. The list is long and comprehensive, including the erosion of human rights, the dominance of ideologies of economic self-interest over the common good, the treatment of refugees, the poisoning of public conversation and communication, and the many forms of discrimination. All these evils find expression in disrespect for vulnerable human beings.

The moral compass of the document is then provided by an exposition of the Parable of the Good Samaritan with its emphasis on practical friendship for the wounded stranger. The love that looks to the good of the other represents a counterpoint to the attitude that underlies the dehumanising signs of a closed world, and a bridge to an open world. Pope Francis describes this bridge of fraternity in terms of the central principles of Catholic Social Teaching, recently elaborated in his recent [General Audience](#): respect for human beings for their intrinsic value and not for their use, solidarity based on their social nature and the primacy of the common good.

These principles are then drawn on in the body of the document to propose a better way to deal with the aspects of public life which the CV crisis has shown to be at risk. It encompasses relationships between nations and particularly the need to open closed borders that hurt refugees and minorities, and to strengthen international conventions and institutions to make possible the remission of debt. It calls also for a reform of political life based on respect for persons, respect for law and for human rights, and attention to the common good rather than to individual and sectional interests. All these things call for a culture marked by the search for truth and openness to others. They must also be built on a commitment to peace, the rejection of war and capital punishment, and the encouragement of processes of forgiveness and reconciliation within societies.

The encyclical opens up little new ground in its argument, except perhaps in the priority it gives to the common good over private interest in the ownership of goods. It reflects the emphases of Pope Francis's life and writings, with a passionate assertion of the dignity of each human being and the respect owed to and expected from each other and society, and an equally passionate denunciation of the greed, violence and inequality that threaten the future of the world. Its detailed analysis of the world situation merits a close reading.

In this cantankerous time the emphasis on fraternity in public conversation and advocacy will surely be welcomed. The encyclical strongly endorses the human rights of people made vulnerable by society — of women and children, of racial minorities, of refugees, of the aged and others. It views the public conversation about rights as one of engagement and persuasion in seeking the common good, not as a closed and adversarial struggle between allies and enemies. That at least would be an improvement upon the public discourse to which we have become accustomed.

# National Carers Week

Carers Week in Australia will be celebrated on Sunday 11 to Saturday 17 October. In recognition of the many carers in our parishes, the Bishop Commission for Social Justice invite you to celebrate and acknowledge carers. Carers Australia define carers as people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue or who are frail aged. This includes the 272,000 young people up to the age of 25 who are carers. More info: <https://www.carersaustralia.com.au/>



## BLESSED BE THESE HANDS:

Blessed be these hands that have touched life.

Blessed be these hands that have felt pain and tiredness.

Blessed be these hands that have lovingly embraced others with compassion.

Blessed be these hands that have been clenched in anger, or been withdrawn in fear.

Blessed be these hands that have drawn blood and administered medicine, written policies, protected patients, made progress notes, and cut through red tape.

Blessed be these hands that have cleaned bodies and beds, and disposed of wastes.

Blessed be these hands that have anointed the sick and suffering, offered blessings and prayers.

Blessed be these hands, some still smooth with youth - some that have grown stiffer with age.

Blessed be these hands that have comforted the dying and held the dead.

Blessed be these hands and all the creativity they engage.

Blessed be these hands, for with them we hold the future.

Blessed be our hands, for they are the work of your hands, O Holy One.

SUPPORT OUR PARISHES



## CDF Pay for Parishes

Payments can be made by using the below link.

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPortland>

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: \$ 1,437

**Pledged Amount \$62,400**

Total YTD 2020/21: \$ 17,776

Total YTD 2019/20: \$ 18,842

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 \$ 205.00

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