



## THE TREE THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE

God of the unexpected,  
we thank you for trees that grow where they  
are not supposed to.  
Sometimes they frustrate us, putting their  
roots in our pipes  
And blocking our drains.  
But they remind us that our ways are not your  
ways.  
They say that if you want to hear God laugh,  
Just say what your plans are.  
Help us, Lord, to surrender to your mystery.  
To do what we can  
And leave the rest to your grace.  
You will make things grow in our lives  
Where we least expect.  
Amen. *- Michael McGirr*

## 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: \$ 310.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2018/19 \$ 21,047**  
**Total YTD 2017/18 \$ 23,309**

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 \$ 171.00

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



**15th November  
2019**  
**33rd Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A**



### Weekday Services 20/11 to 22/11

**Friday:** 10.00am Mass  
**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:

Rita Taylor, Pat Benedict, Don Bloomfield, Rob Rowlands,  
Marg Van Heughten, Ted Murphy, Sadeo Nemoto, Chris  
Forsyth, Shirley Hill, Pat Twomey, Slavko Komes, Kath  
McKenzie, Barry Manley, Terry Farrugia, Gerard Hockey,  
Jim Maloney, Margaret Sawyer, Sarah Olive Stuchbery,  
Anna Goosens, Betty Edwards, Henry Perry, Betty Tyson,  
Fred Roberts

### 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*

## Remembrance for Holy Souls

During November if you would like to have the  
names of deceased family and friends recorded  
please email the Parish Office  
portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or text details  
to mobile 0417 269 190.

This year due to Covid19 restrictions we will not have  
the Remembrance book available to record names,  
however we will publish the names each week on the  
Spire on a dedicated remembrance page.

## "The Spire"

### All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

All Saints' Parish Office  
14 Henty Street, Portland  
PO Box 210 Portland 3305

Phone: 5523 1046

email: portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parishes](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parishes)

Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.

email: greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Secretary: Antonella Webbstock

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.*

## Psalm 127

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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verses, are from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International  
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# 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*

**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!



## **Pope at audience: We must pray always** - by Christopher Wells Vatican News

At the General Audience, Pope Francis considers three of Jesus' parables that emphasise the importance of praying constantly.

Pope Francis continued his catechesis on prayer on Wednesday, focusing on the quality of perseverance in prayer. Jesus Himself, the Pope said, "has given an example of continual prayer, practiced perseveringly."

### **Parables on persevering prayer**

The Pope notes that the Catechism of the Catholic Church sees three parables that especially highlight this characteristic of prayer. In the parable of the unexpected guest who arrives in the middle of the night, we learn that prayer must be tenacious. "Our Father knows well what we need," the Pope says. "Insistence is necessary not to inform Him or to convince Him, but is necessary to nurture the desire and expectation in us."

The parable of the unjust judge helps us understand "that faith is not a momentary choice, but a courageous decision to call on God, even to 'argue with Him,' without resigning oneself to evil and injustice."

And in the parable of the pharisee and the publican, Jesus shows that "God does not listen to the prayer of those who are proud," but "He does grant the prayer of the humble." Pope Francis adds, "There is no true prayer without a spirit of humility."

### **We must pray always**

"The teaching of the Gospel is clear," says Pope Francis: "We need to pray always, even when everything seems vain." Even when it is difficult to pray, and even when it seems God is not listening, it is necessary to persevere in prayer.

"During those nights, the one who prays is never alone," the Pope says. Jesus is always present with those who pray, welcoming us "in His prayer, so that we might pray in Him and through Him. This is the work of the Holy Spirit." Pope Francis says this connection to the prayer of Jesus "gives the wings that the human person's prayer has always desired to possess."

### **The Christian who prays fears nothing**

The Holy Father recalls the words of Psalm 91, a psalm of confidence and trust. "It is in Christ that this stupendous prayer is fulfilled, in Him that it finds its complete truth." The Pope warns that, apart from Christ, "our prayer risks being reduced to human effort. But [Jesus] has taken upon Himself... every human prayer."

Jesus Christ, says Pope Francis, "is everything for us, even in our prayer life." The Pope quotes St Augustine, in a citation from the Catechism: Jesus "prays for us as our priest, prays in us as our Head, and is prayed to by us as our God. Therefore, let us acknowledge our voice in Him and His in us". This, the Pope says, "is why the Christian who prays fears nothing."