



**1st November  
2020**

**All Saints  
Sunday  
Year A**



## ***“The Spire”***

**All Saints' Parish**

**Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor**

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**Parish Secretary: Antonella Webbstock  
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*

### **Recent Deaths:**

Marjory Carr

### **Anniversaries:**

Ferdi Meerbach, Kate Marsh, Agnes Dalton, Betty Lambert, Barry Bourke, Ann Seabright, Eileen Ryszewski, Lois Bryant, Doreen Atkinson, Beryl Perry, Margaret Haintz, Peg Millar

### **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*

Baptisms by appointment with Fr. Gregory

Marriages by appointment with Fr Gregory Tait.

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment with Fr Gregory



## ***Mass for Holy Souls***

During November if you would like to have a Mass offered for your dearly departed please email the Parish Office [portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or text details to mobile 0417 269 190.

*‘It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins.’*  
11 Machabees 12:46

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

**You will be able to watch All Saints' online services at the following link:**

If you have a Smart TV you can access You-Tube via this medium; just log onto You-Tube and search for; **All Saints Parish Portland Victoria Australia**. You will see the Parish logo appear, please subscribe to this channel to view Mass every week.

Otherwise Fr Greg will send out the link each week with his Liturgy email.

## Message from the Vicar General - New restrictions

Greetings to you all,

The government has announced some easing of restrictions for regional Victoria. These provisions will be in effect from Wednesday this week, October 28.

### **Ceremonies and Religious Gatherings**

#### **Provisions for Regional Victoria from Wednesday October 28**

- Indoor religious gatherings: Allowed for up to 20 people, plus one faith leader.  
Strict requirements to be contained in a COVIDSafe Plan  
Can only have one gathering at a time whether indoor or outdoor  
*(please note this is slightly different from the last round of restrictions we operated under)*
- Outdoor religious gatherings and ceremonies: up to 50 people, plus 1 faith leader, proximate to a place of worship  
Can only have one gathering at a time whether indoor or outdoor
- Private worship: allowed for up to two adults and their dependents, plus a faith leader
- Weddings: up to 10 people outdoors, including couple and two witnesses, celebrant and one photographer excluded from cap
- Funerals:  
Indoors – 20 indoors  
Outdoors – 50 outdoors  
Infants under 12 months and people to conduct funeral not included in cap.

At all gatherings contact details are to be collected, contact surfaces sanitised, social distancing observed, hand sanitiser provided and face masks to be worn.  
Please remember that breaking the law is associated with substantial fines for the institutions and the people involved.

Every best wish for the future and

**Kind Regards,**

**Kevin Maloney**  
**Vicar General**

### **Interim advice for All Saints Parish**

Until the Parish Pastoral Team has approved our Parish COVID19 Safety Plan & a Parish Mass Policy Plan we will not be resuming any public masses in Portland. The Parish Pastoral Team will consider these 2 documents at our upcoming zoom meeting 6pm Thursday 5th November.

Until such policies are passed and requisite cleaning and COVID19 safety measures, (ie up to date signage) have been completed in the Portland church mass will continue to be offered online via youtube or facebook link .

Regards  
Fr Gregory

## Trees Without Masks

Simple prayers in the time of a virus  
- Michael McGirr



## THE POTTED LEMON TREE

God of potted trees, help us to accept our limitations

To grow even when we feel confined.

There is a saying that if life gives us lemons, we should make lemonade.

Others say we should make gin and tonic.

May we think of the widow for whom two small coins

Expressed great love

And the boy who gave some fish and a few loaves.

We often feel inadequate to the challenges of a world in pain.

Help us to know that our littleness

Is enough to add zest to the world

Because of your great love.

Heal our self-doubt.

May we remember the words of St Mary MacKillop.

'There where you are, you will find God.'

Amen.

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: \$ 807.00

**Pledged Amount \$62,400**

Total YTD 2020/21: \$ 19,815

Total YTD 2019/20: \$ 20,892

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 \$ 335.00

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