

Briny Bunch



The Briny Bunch will have a casual get-together at the Fauna Park on Monday, 14th December from 4:30 pm. BYO chair/food/drinks

Op Shop urgently require male volunteers for pick-ups and deliveries, 1 x Wednesday per month.

Contact either Keith Carr 0429446693 or Marg Herbertson 0447617467

Parish Office

The Parish Office is now open for visitors. You are able to access the office via the pathway from church. We are looking forward to seeing you again. Antonella

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.*

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: \$ 1,050.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21	\$ 25,387
Total YTD 2019/21	\$ 26,587

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 \$ 451.30

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



13th December 2020

**3rd Sunday Advent
Time Year B**



Weekday Services 18/12 to 20/12

Tuesday:	5.00pm	Mass,
Wednesday:	5.00pm	Mass
Thursday:	10.00am	Mass
Friday:	10.00am	Mass
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer

The Portland Church only has capacity for 52 people at any one time (as per the 1 person per 2sq meter rule). Bookings are still advisable for Fri/Sat/Sun Masses. QR Code sign is available on Church front door to register when entering.

No bookings required for Tue/Wed/Thu

Recent Deaths:

Daryl Freyer

Anniversaries:

Lorraine Asling, Michael Twomey, Vic Wright, Margaret McMahon, Anne Pye, Angelo Sacco, Gwen Blackley, Sr Myrene Erdman IBVM, Lorna Arnold, Leon Kelly, Magdalena Gerada, Cecelia Bull, Joseph Mifsud, Marie McHaffie, Max Booker, Don Stewart

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

Weekend Mass & Sacrament of Penance times.

PORTLAND

Mass: Saturday 6.30 pm,
Sunday 10:30 am

Baptisms by appointment with Fr. Gregory

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 10.30am or any Saturday 6.30pm vigil

Marriages by appointment with Fr Gregory Tait.

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment with Fr Gregory.

"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 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

Psalm 61

My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy.

My soul rejoices in my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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One Whom You Do Not Recognize

It's early evening. You are walking downtown in a large city. It's a few weeks before Christmas, and the streets are filled with people shopping. The sidewalks are so crowded that it's hard to walk without bumping into someone. Your life has been so busy lately that you haven't had time to think about Christmas or shopping or anything related to the season. As you walk, you wonder why you even decided to come downtown tonight. You knew it would be crowded. You knew it would be difficult just crossing the street, but something drew you here, something that you felt deep inside.

You decide to sit in a café for a few minutes to let your mind settle. You take your coffee, but even this place is so full there aren't any seats available. You notice someone sitting at a table alone. "Do you mind if I sit here?" you ask him.

He looks up. You've seen his face before, but you can't remember where. "Not at all," he says with a smile.

You take off your coat and sit down. The man continues to look at you. At first it makes you feel uncomfortable. Then he asks, "What are you looking for tonight?"

The question strikes you as odd, but there is something about his face and voice that make you want to open up and speak freely. "I'm not shopping, that's for sure," you say laughing. "Why do you ask?"

He smiles and says, "I think you know me."

You look at him and again that feeling that you do know him comes over you. "Your face seems familiar. Perhaps we've met before. Are you from around here?"

His eyes seem to look deep inside of you. His smile is warm and inviting. "I am the one you've been searching for. I am he."

His words penetrate deep inside you. You feel a sense of peace and calm, a feeling that he knows all about you and sits there without judgment. "All you need to do is open your eyes. I am here. I am everywhere. Just look."

It is then you know. It is then you understand. You look down at your coffee unable to speak but feeling more alive than you have in years. When you look up, he is gone. You look around the café, but you don't see him. You look out the window, and there he is, smiling at you. He points to his eyes and says, "Just look. I am here."

And then he disappears into the crowd.

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! Only a few left**



Christmas Meat Hamper

Through our Parish Outreach we will provide meat vouchers to accompany the Christmas hampers that are being delivered in December. If you would like to make a contribution to the cost of the meat for the hampers, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Meat Hampers", and return via the collections. Marked Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Progress to date \$150

Christmas Mass Times 2020

All Portland Christmas Masses will be held at All Saints Parish Primary School Cnr Must & Fawthrop Sts Must Street). Parking is available on Must or Fawthrop Street.

Christmas Eve: Carols at 7.15pm & Mass at 7.30pm.

Christmas Day: Mass at 9.30am.

Bookings will not be required, however you will have to record your attendance either by **QR Code** or recording sheets at the entrance of the school. You will need to bring your own chairs or rugs to sit on, families may sit together.

A New Model for Governance in Catholic Education: <https://ceob.edu.au/>

Following consultation with the priests and many involved in Catholic Education in the Diocese of Ballarat, our Bishop, Paul Bird has announced a new approach to the governance of parish primary and secondary schools in our diocese.

The new model for school governance has emerged from a long-term project undertaken by a governance working party of the Ballarat Diocesan Schools Advisory Council (BDSAC). The working party, which commenced in 2012, has developed a model of school governance that will provide consistency and professionalism of governance for parish schools. It will also enable the continued pastoral ministry of priests in parish schools, without them being employers of staff. This latter point was one of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

In line with recommendations of the working party, the Bishop has established a company limited by guarantee, **Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL)**, and appointed a board of directors to govern those parish schools where no priest is available for active governance and those parish schools where the parish priest elects (on behalf of the parish) to transfer responsibility for governance to the company.

On the 9th of December 2020 I formally signed over the responsibilities of Canonical Administration that I and my predecessors have exercised here in the Parish of Portland for 171 years. As of the 1st of January 2021 **DOBCEL** will assume responsibility for the administration of All Saint's Parish Primary School on behalf of the Parish.

I am very grateful to the Members of the Parish Pastoral Team, the Schools Advisory Council, Mrs Olga Lyons and the School Leadership Team, for their counsel over this time of transition. We are also indebted to Julie Duynhoven from CEOB for her assistance in preparing the Deeds of Transfer.

I am confident that this new era of Governance will free myself as Parish Priest to maintain a supportive spiritual and pastoral presence in our Parish Primary School in the years ahead.

Rev. Gregory A D Tait PP