



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

Contact either Keith Carr 0439 612 187 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: \$ 1,215

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21	\$ 26,599
Total YTD 2019/21	\$ 28,484

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 \$ 655.65

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



20th December 2020

**4th Sunday Advent
Time Year B**



Weekday Services 22/12 to 23/12

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass,

Wednesday: 5.00pm Mass

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

Christmas Masses at All Saints Parish Primary School

**Thurs 24th Dec 7.15pm Carols
7.30pm Christmas Eve Mass**

Friday 25th Dec 9.30am Christmas Day Mass

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Gail Riley, Gordon Nance, John Humphries, Michael Thomas, Patrick Teal, John Smith, Jack Kearney, Inala Bell, Hilda Habel, Gertie Brown, Paige Prentice, Lee Crow, Jim Tobin, Merle Johnson, Karen Graham, Sr Mary O'Neil, Bishop Joe Grech, Ramon Salt

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky Schultz, Claire Jesser, Lea-anne Bourke, Rudy Legray, Michelle Mutch, Kizzie O'Dea

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 6.00 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"

All Saints' Parish

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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 88

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.'

He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The Visitor

Imagine you're sitting on the sofa. It's been a tiring day of meetings and appointments. You decide to sit on the sofa for a half an hour to catch your breath. As you sit there, you pick up your book from the coffee table. It's about the saints. You've been reading one saint story a day during this season of Advent. You're hoping to gain some insight into how these men and women lived and believed so you can bring that into your own life. But they all seem so heroic in a way you could never be. You open the book and allow it to take you anywhere. You settle in to read the section, but you hear someone at the door. I'm not expecting anyone, you think.

When you open the door, you see a young man standing there. He is looking down at the ground. He is holding his hands gently in front of him, his fingers wrapped around each other. Kids selling candy again, you think. "Can I help you?" you ask.

He looks up at you. A slight smile comes across his face. "I've come to share some news with you. Good news. Important news," he says.

You are puzzled. "Do I know you?" you ask.

"No, you don't. But I know you."

This is feeling a little creepy, you think. You begin to back up into the house. "Don't be afraid. Please."

You're not quite sure what's happening. You want to go inside, but something keeps you standing here. "What do you want to tell me?"

The man continues to look down. Slowly he raises his head, smiles, and says, "God wants you to bring his voice into your world. In the place you work, in your home, wherever you go, God wants you to bring his news of hope to all."

"Is this a joke?" you ask him. "Who put you up to this? My brother?"

He continues to look down with peace and calm. He raises his face, and your eyes meet. He smiles, turns, and walks away.

"Wait a minute. You didn't answer my question. Who put you up to this?"

He turns, looks at you and points to his heart, and then disappears into the rows and rows of houses.

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.

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 or OpShop directly. Marked Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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.

Photos from DOBCEL Transfer signing. 9th December 2020

