

# YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

*"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"*

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.



DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021  
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## PRAYER

O God,  
you reveal the signs of your presence  
among us in the church, in the liturgy  
and in our brothers and sisters.

Let no word of yours  
ever fall by the wayside  
or be rendered ineffective  
through our indifference or neglect.  
Rather, make us quick to recognise  
your saving plan  
whenever we encounter it,  
and keep as ready always  
to serve as prophets  
and apostles of your kingdom  
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



24th January  
2021

3rd Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Time Year B



## Weekday Services 26/01 to 29/01

Tuesday: \*\*11.00am\*\* Australia Day Mass  
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass  
Thursday: 10.00am Mass  
Friday: 10.00am Mass

The Portland Church only has capacity for 52 people at any one time (as per the 1 person per 2sq metre rule). Bookings are still essential 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:

Sr Patricia Zierbath IBVM, Francis Bowman

## Anniversaries:

Richard Berry, Ted Walsh, Ida Leslie, Margaret Warke, Jim Ketelaars, Margaret Brown, Greg Lindsey, Paul Beattie

## 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

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 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 24

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and the Gospel verses, are from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

## Our Finances

### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 617.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 31,297

Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 34,425

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 \$ 367.05

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



## Pope announces year-long reflection on family, 'Amoris Laetitia'

*For Pope Francis, the family is key in the new evangelisation. Unless Christians live holiness in their daily lives - which begins in their families - the Church cannot inspire the world.*

As the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" approaches, Pope Francis announced that the Catholic Church will dedicate more than a year to focusing on the family and conjugal love.

During his Sunday Angelus address Dec. 27, the pope commemorated the feast of the Holy Family and said that it served as a reminder "of the example of evangelizing with the family" as highlighted in his exhortation.

Beginning March 19, he said, the year of reflection on "Amoris Laetitia" will be an opportunity "to focus more closely on the contents of the document."

### The 'Amoris Laetitia Family Year'

According to the dicastery's website, the "Amoris Laetitia Family" year "aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations."

The dicastery said that the goals of the celebration include sharing the contents of the apostolic exhortation more widely, proclaiming the gift of the sacrament of marriage and enabling families to "become active agents of the family apostolate."

The "Amoris Laetitia Family" year will include forums, symposiums, video projects and catechesis as well as providing resources for family spirituality, pastoral formation and marriage preparation.

Headed for the 2022 World Meeting of Families

The commemoration will conclude June 26, 2022, "on the occasion of the World Meeting of Families in Rome," the dicastery said.

Pope Francis already had declared a year of St. Joseph, which began Dec. 8 and ends Dec. 8, 2021.

In his Angelus talk, the pope said that the Holy Family is a model in which "all families of the world can find their sure point of reference and sure inspiration."

### It begins with the Family

Through them, he said, "we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit; it must be founded on the love that always regenerates relationships, opening up horizons of hope."

Families can experience sincere communion when they live in prayer, when forgiveness prevails over discord and "when the daily harshness of life is softened by mutual tenderness and serene adherence to God's will," he added.

"I would like to say something to you: If you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace," the pope said. "And do you know why? Because cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous. It does not help."

### Forgiveness

Pope Francis also reflected on the theme of forgiveness during his Angelus address on the feast of St. Stephen on 26 December.

Recalling St. Stephen's martyrdom, the pope said that although it may seem that his death was in vain, among those who witnessed and consented to his stoning was St. Paul, who eventually became "the greatest missionary in history."

St. Stephen's example "was the seed" of St. Paul's conversion, he said. "This is the proof that loving actions change history: even the ones that are small, hidden, every day."

### Witnesses in everyday life

Christians, he added, can become witnesses of Christ through their everyday actions, "even just by fleeing the shadow of gossip" or refusing to speak ill of others.

"When an argument starts at home, instead of trying to win it, let's try to diffuse it," and forgive one another, Pope Francis said. Small efforts and gestures, he said, "change history because they open the door, they open the window to Jesus's light." - **Vatican News**

**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.**

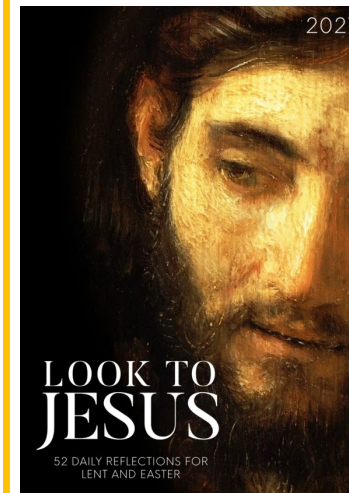
Please ring Outreach for pick up if necessary. Thank you all for your ongoing support of Outreach.

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.**

## Look to Jesus: 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter



Look to Jesus will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter.

The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.

The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life. As they 'look to Jesus' – in their families, workplaces and the community – they will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond.

**Cost is \$4 per booklet. If you would like to order a copy please record your name on the list at the back of the church or email me at [porltand@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:porltand@ballarat.catholic.org.au)**

## Southern Stars Family Activity

Our first Southern Stars activity for this year will be as follows:

**Date:** Sunday 7th FEB.

**Activity:** Afternoon Tea.

**Location:** On the beach at Cape Bridgewater (near the Norfolk pine next to the Portland SLSC).

**Time:** From 1400 hrs.

**BYO:** Everything.

**Wet weather:** At the O'Brien's place on Panoramic Drive. Decision by 1200 hrs and notified by email and text.

As usual we will plan our schedule for the year.

## Palms Australia seeks mission recruits

For 60 years Palms Australia has been recruiting, preparing, sending and supporting Catholics from all around Australia to fill overseas professional placements in response to requests from international community partners. Rising to the challenges of COVID 19 we are actively recruiting Australian Catholics now to receive preparation and training to undertake overseas professional placements in late 2021 and early 2022.

For more information go to <https://palms.org.au/assignments-abroad/current-opportunities/>