

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.

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31st January
2021

4th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Time Year B



Weekday Services 02/02 to 05/02

Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass
Thursday 10.00am Mass
Friday: 10.00am Mass

The Portland Church only has capacity for around 60 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:

Anniversaries:

Norma Oliver, Maria Vella, Marie Condon, Ethel Carr, Kevin O'Connor, Beryl Lovell, Eugene Del Fierro, Kevin Coggin, Elaine Wallace, Lauri Fleri, Noel Peck, Charlie Keane, Jack Proudfoot, Maria Townsend, Lucy O'Toole, Margaret Gray IBVM, Bert Tober, Johnny Panozzo, Trevor Troeth, William O'Brien, Fr Leo Donnelly, Helen Stooove, Marie Walsh

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"

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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

Psalm 94

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 2,270

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 33,579

Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 35,460

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 \$ 804.70

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

St Vincent de Paul Drought Community Support Initiative

St Vincent de Paul are available to assist those who are eligible for round 2 of the Drought Community Support Initiative funding. Funding of \$3,000 per application is available for farming households who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- over 18 years of age;
- live/work in an eligible drought declared LGA: Benalla, Buloke, East Gippsland, Gannawarra, Greater Shepparton, Latrobe, Mildura, Moira, Pyrenees, Strathbogie, Swan Hill, Wangaratta, Wellington, Yarriambiack;
- be permanent residents/citizen of Australia;
- be primarily employed in farming related activity, ie: farmer, farm worker, farm supplier/contractor.

COVID-19 has impacted the Society's ability to move around local communities and so we are reaching out to our networks to assist us in promoting this funding. Staff in the National Office are available to assist applicants who need help completing the questions for eligibility or who may not have internet connection or experience navigating online. We know there are many families we have not yet been able to reach. For more information call the Drought Team 1300 846 643 or go to www.vinnies.org.au/drougthelp.

Vinnies No Interest Loan Scheme

No Interest Loans (NILs) provide individuals and families on low incomes with access to safe, fair and affordable credit for those with a Health Care Card / Pension Card or earn less than \$45,000 a year after tax or \$60,000 for couples or people with dependants.

Further information available at <https://www.vinniesnils.org.au>.

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/>

Webinar - Vaccines, Viruses and Vulnerabilities: Catholic health and care of the human person

The ACU Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, in partnership with Catholic Health Australia (CHA), is running a webinar event that brings together international experts and thought leaders to discuss mental health, public health and the question of solidarity in the face of this pandemic. The first event in this series, entitled "Vaccines, Viruses and Vulnerabilities: Catholic health and care of the human person" is taking place on World Day of the Sick which is February 11. Registration is essential at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2021/february/vaccines-viruses-and-vulnerabilities>

Love

There is a wonderful line from the musical, Les Miserables, when the hero, Valjean, is told, "To love another person is to see the face of God." As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God - even ourselves!

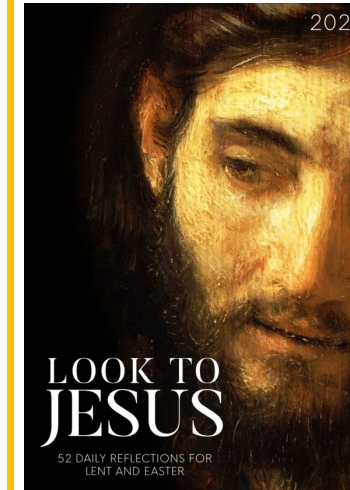
All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Target Car park) Phone: 5521 1587

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

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.

The ALPHA PROGRAM is to restart!

Thursday 11th Feb 7:15pm



We are excited to announce that the Alpha program will be restarting at the Portland Uniting Church on Thursday 11th February. This short course on the Christian faith is offered in a friendly, open and accessible way. Great for anyone who is just curious about the faith, as well as for those who have attended church all their lives.

Each evening will start at 7:15pm and include a 30 minute video, followed by a discussion over a cuppa and sweets/cake, finishing about 8:45pm.

You are welcome to come along to just see what it's like, no further commitment necessary. For more information, or if you would to attend, please contact Rev Ross Stanford 0402 343124