

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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28th March
2021

Palm Sunday
Passion of the
Lord
Time Year B



Holy Week Services 30/03 to 04/04

Tuesday:	7.00pm	Sacrament of Penance
Wednesday:	10.00am	Mass
Thursday	7.00pm	Mass of Lord's Supper
Friday:	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday	7.00pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	10.30am	Easter Day Mass

Recent Deaths:

Simeon dela Torre

Anniversaries:

Edna Perry, Shirley Beavis, John Arundell,
Michael Couttie, Les Downes, Keith Sawyer,
Margaret James, Dawn Turner, Carmel Dawson, Pat
Curran, Rose Troc, Maryanne Gore (Mifsud)

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky
Schultz, Claire Jesser, Lea-anne Bourke, Rudy Legray,
Michelle Mutch, Deanne Atkinson

*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 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 21

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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
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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 747.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 44,404

Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 45,710

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 \$ 723.95

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

Dates to Remember

Sacrament Penance: Saturday 27th March, 11am, All Saints Church

Communal Penance: Tuesday 30th March, 7pm - All Saints Church

Anointing Mass: Tuesday 6th April, 11.00am - All Saints Church.

Easter Service Times

All Easter services will be held at All Saints Church Portland

Thursday 1st April - Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm

Friday 2nd April - The Passion, 3pm

Saturday 3rd April - Easter Vigil Mass, 7pm

Sunday 4th April - Easter Sunday Mass, 10.30am

If you and/or any extra family members are wanting to attend any of these services can you please book in by contacting

Fr Greg by **text 04755 12530** or email greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

We are receiving many requests from people visiting Portland over Easter to attend services, and our first preference is for the local community to attend, however with numbers still limited bookings will be required. **As of Friday the 26th of March the 1 person per 2sqm rule still applies to all Church Buildings and Religious Gatherings**

Please Note: Under State Government regulation we are required to use electronic scanning through the QR code. Please ensure you scan in, and if not able to use the sign in sheets provided. Thank you

Southern Stars Family Group

This months get together for Southern Stars Family Group will take place at Yambuk Lake on Sunday 28th March. Afternoon tea, a walk to the beach and a play on the big slide scheduled for 2.00 pm. However if people would like to go for a bar-b-que lunch Anne and Pat O'Brien have kindly volunteered to be there by 12 mid day to secure a bbq . Under cover area available if inclement weather. Bring food to share. Also bring a decent piece of cardboard if you're intending to slide down the big slide!

Hope to see you all there. Any queries phone Gabrielle Lewis on 0408 590 594.



Adult Faith Education:

The next meeting for the Adult Faith Education will be at the Parish Office meeting room on Tuesday, 30th of March, 5:30pm. COVID restrictions apply. Queries can be directed to jphowman@gmail.com.

This week; the completion of "Augustine: Greatest Father of the Church."

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.

The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection is applied to these projects, programs and more –

Faith, Memory and Culture – The Holy Places

Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the Holy Places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to Salvation history. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, there has been a dramatic loss of income due to the closure of the shrines and the lack of pilgrims. However, the maintenance and care of the shrines has had to continue as well as supporting the local people whom they employ.

Social and Charitable Activities

In order to assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds hundreds of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy. Due to the Pandemic, there has had a significantly greater demand for assistance while at the same time, a dramatic loss of income.

Educational and Scientific Activities

The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for students to prepare them to get jobs and remain in the Holy Land to be part of living Catholic communities. Funds are distributed to young people studying to become priests or religious. Finally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places discovering historical artifacts.

Pastoral Activities

The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering Worship, Christian Formation, youth and family programs, as well as guided tours for pilgrims attending the shrines and holy places. With the closure of churches and shrines and the loss of pilgrims due to the Pandemic, pastoral care has needed to continue but with fewer resources.

Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs

The Franciscan Media Center tells the story of the Holy Land through multimedia distributed throughout the world in more than seven languages. The friars organize Liturgical Celebrations for the local Christians and Pilgrims and share with other Christian communities in the Holy Land in ongoing Ecumenical co-operation.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection 2021 will continue to support the works of the Holy Land Custody through the generosity of the Australian Church. Thank you.



Sixth Sunday of Lent 28th March 2021

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Total collected by Parish to date: \$764.05