

**Liturgy Rosters:**  
Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

**Weekend: 12th June**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

Prayers: K. Howman

Reader: D. Kierce

Ministers: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Prayers: M. Picard

Reader: A. Francis

Ministers: I. Eichler

Please note: If you are rostered for a ministry you have been counted in the numbers attending mass. If you are unable to be at church for your scheduled ministry please contact Fr Greg.

**Next Weekend: 19th June**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

Prayers: H. Webb

Reader: P. Rowe

Ministers: K-A. O'Keefe

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Prayers: M. McKenzie

Reader: K. Arnott

Ministers: J. Sandeman

**Church Flowers: Judy Hall**

**Church Cleaning:**

**13/06 J. Sandeman, M. Schultz**

**20/06 C. Legg**

*Note: All that is required for cleaning is dusting and a general tidy up. If there is anyone else willing to be put on the roster please email Parish Office: [Portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au)*

## 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



**13th June  
2021**

**11th Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year B**



## Weekly Services 15/06 to 18/06

**Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass**

**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**

**Friday: 10.00am Mass**

All persons wishing to attend Fri/Sat/Sun services to contact Fr Greg as there is currently a 60 person limit on churches with 1 person per 4sq mtr. Recording attendees at all masses is mandatory. If your mobile phone has the right app please use the QR Code sign in to register your every attendance.

## Recent Deaths:

Brett Baker

## Anniversaries:

Merle Plantinga, Thelma Dillon, Steve Johnstone, Paul O'Donnell, Greg Fitzgibbon, Sr Sonia Dillon, Rev. Peter Cross, Marj Martin

## Prayer Requests:

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky Schultz, Claire Jesser, Lea-anne Bourke, 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 91

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Our Finances

### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,179.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 55,515**

**Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 55,643**

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 \$ 627.85

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

## Jesus is the heart of everything

A conversation overheard on a busy city tram went like this: "Excuse me, stranger. But do you have the time?"

"No, I'm afraid I don't. Time rather has us, don't you think?" says the second man.

"Well, I suppose you're right. Are you some kind of philosopher – a professional puzzler – something like that?" asks the first man.

"Yes. Something like that: I am a Catholic theologian. My job is to think deeply and clearly about God, and to teach others to do so as well."

"This is terrific. You must answer my question. Christianity: what in the world is that all about?"

"One minute." The second man gulps and looks around helplessly. "Okay, I'll try. So, I just came from Sunday Mass where we celebrate the mystery at the heart of the faith: the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We believe he was dead, bodily dead, and now he's alive. His body is transformed, and death can no longer touch him."

"Let's just assume it's true. But what does that one-off miracle, long ago event mean for me, for all these people, for anyone," says the first man.

"At Mass we celebrate that event. The celebration is not only keeping the memory of it alive, but actually participating in it, rendering ourselves present to it and sharing in it."

"And that's what the ritual, words and gestures and special clothing and cups and plates and all that is all about?" the first man continues.

"And a table, an altar. A sacrifice is offered: Christ on the cross and a sharing in – through eating – a sharing in his new life. The life that can no longer die, eternal life. Jesus has passed over from death to life and his passing over has created a path, a bridge, for us, for all humanity and for all creation, to pass through, from their present state, ruled by death, to a new way of being ... ruled by life."

"You've got something right: this world is certainly ruled by death. I mean the world is wonderful, and how I love it – being alive and all – sport, culture, friendship, food, sleep, sunrises, love. There's so much good, but it's like it's all under a shadow, you know, a curse, like it's just not right: wars, hatred, division and death. Death is the name of all that. You know?"

"Man yes! Exactly," says the second man. "The Christian hope is that death did not have the final word on Jesus, and because of that, it doesn't have the final word over anything. That's how central he is to things. He's the final word and therefore the heart of everything – the beating heart of life – and all that good stuff you mentioned: it finds its home with him. He's alive! He's Lord! There's hope! That's the idea."

"This is my stop. Let's talk more about this next week," says the first man enthusiastically.

"I'd love to."

*W Chris Hackett*

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## First Eucharist

Congratulations to all our children and their families celebrating First Eucharist with us over the coming weekends.

*Ophelia Kort, Isabel Fraser, Angus Fraser  
Delaney Hol, Jules Espanta, Jonah Vella  
Isabella Tober, Davi Barroso, Amelia Staples  
Hamish McCallum, Zahlee Rundell  
Chante Rundell, Blythe Revell*



**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.**

### Planned Giving

The end of financial year is quickly approaching, so can you please ensure that your planned giving is up to date over the next month. We realise there can many pressures on family finances so we do appreciate your support of our Parish financial responsibilities.

Most statements (1/7/20 - 06/06/2021) will be emailed, others (for those who do not have email) will be available in the Church foyer.

New boxes of envelopes will be put out in the coming weeks. Please note the numbers may have changed, due to consolidating the number of boxes that need to be printed.

If you have any questions please contact Antonella on the parish email [portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### Bishops name three priorities for work of Bishops Conference

Australia's Catholic bishops have used a weeks-long process of prayer and discernment to identify three priorities to guide the work of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

#### Priorities for the work of the Bishops Conference

##### Formation

The importance of formation, understood in this context as including education and training, has been emphasised by recent inquiries, research and submissions. Formation is for all the baptised and is life-long. It forms faith, shapes discipleship, deepens spirituality, enhances understanding, increases knowledge, effects conversion, builds Church community, fosters co-responsibility for the Church's mission and equips Catholics for service.

Formation needs to be specifically tailored for particular vocations and ministries within the Church community. Formation may include initiatives, courses and programs offered by Catholic institutions and organisations, as well as secular institutions and organisations. Within the Conference, the induction of new bishops and ongoing formation of all the bishops have received renewed emphasis.

##### Becoming more Missionary

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis dreams of a "missionary impulse capable for transforming everything", enabling the mission of the Church, and especially its Gospel mandate to evangelise, to permeate its faith communities, its apostolic works and its structures. Too readily, the Church can become inward-looking and self-referential, whereas a missionary impulse impels the bishops to present and promote Christ's teachings in ways that are life-giving and appealing.

While certainly about renewing and building up the Church, this missionary impulse is also about offering society a new vision of what it can become – a vision centred in Jesus and the way of living he has shown us: acting humbly, seeking justice, speaking truth, offering healing and leading by service. The Conference embraces this missionary impulse and invites others to share in the work of proclaiming and promoting Christ's vision in contemporary Australian society.

##### Fostering Collegiality

All Catholic bishops belong to the College of Bishops. Within a country or a territory, the College of Bishops finds local expression in the Bishops Conference. Though much of the ministry of bishops is exercised in the dioceses, they also share national responsibilities.

The Australian bishops' experience of the fruits of gathering for prayer and retreat, of engaging in shared reflection and discernment of significant issues, of journeying together towards the forthcoming Plenary Council and of supporting each other have heightened their sense of collegiality and affirmed its value, both for the bishops themselves and also for the Church in Australia. The Conference wishes to foster the collegiality of the bishops, not as an end in itself but as a means to more fruitful ministry and service in the Church's life and mission.