

# 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  
[catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph](http://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph)

## 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



11th April  
2021

2nd Sunday  
Easter  
Time Year B



## Holy Week Services 13/04 to 16/04

Tuesday:	5.00pm	Mass
Wednesday:	10.00am	Mass
Thursday	10.00am	Mass
Friday:	10.00am	NO MASS
	6.00pm	Easter Night Prayer

The Portland Church only has capacity for around 80 -105 people at any one time (as per the 1 person per 2sq metre rule). Recording attendees at all masses is still required. If your mobile phone has the right app please use the QR Code sign in to register your every attendance.

## Recent Deaths:

Georgina Crowe

## Anniversaries:

Margaret Meerbach, Carmel Malone, Loretta Pye, Wes Sawyer, Norma Grayson, Joseph Galea, Anne Martin, Kevin Kearney, Sr Mary Roarty IBVM, Matthew Couttie, Thelma Churchill, Patricia Bailey, Dawn Clancey, Graeme Sewell, Stephen Quinlivan, Lenny Kirwan, Stan Frederichs, Elda Strada

## 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"

## All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.

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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 117

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

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: \$ 1,742

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 46,709

Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 46,862

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 \$ 1,285

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

Collection for Holy Land: \$929.30



## SUMMIT & SOURCE

### *Only one part of the terrain*

by Gerard Hore



The Council Fathers at Vatican II described both the liturgy and the Eucharist as 'summit and source', first in the liturgy document (SC 10) and then in the document on the Church (LG 11).

My wife, Geraldine, and I live in Armidale, NSW. A small stream Dumaesq Creek runs through the middle of town. I am not sure where the creek starts. To find the source I would have to move uphill beside the stream, through Armidale and out into bushland. Gravity ensures that we find the sources of streams in country higher than the surrounding land. Of course it is the same for summits. We find places where streams are born – sources – as we climb towards summits. The two go together.

The parallel with the Sunday Eucharist is clear. That hour is the spiritual highpoint of the seven-day cycle within which most of us live our lives. We join with Christ, in the Holy Spirit, to give glory to the Father – a summit experience. We do so to be spiritually strengthened and refreshed for the week ahead as if from a spring of clean, clear water. To celebrate the Eucharist we step aside from our usual daily activities.

Mountain heights with the nearby springing of fresh streams are not where most people live. Cities, offices and industry are found on the lower slopes or on the plains where streams have become broader, flow more slowly and are more useful for agriculture, trade and transport. Relatively few people live in the mountains.

The summit and the source, the liturgy, constitutes an indispensable part of our Christian life but it is not the whole of that life. No matter how much, like Peter on the Transfiguration hilltop, we rightly think, 'It is wonderful for us to be here' (Mt 17:4) at the liturgy, we know we cannot spend very long in this rarefied air. It is not on the mountaintop where we must spread the Kingdom of God. It is not there on the peak that we are going to find opportunities to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome a stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and talk with prisoners (Mt 25:35-37). These are actions for the plains of our lives. But we risk losing the inspiration and the energy to keep living like that, in service of others, unless we return regularly to the higher ground where we can see a bigger picture, drink from a fresher and more lively stream, and listen in a quieter space to a voice that speaks to our hearts.

At the very end of Mass, we are commanded to 'Go' by the priest: Christ is sending us. What we have just done is not to end here on the summit. Our 'Thanks be to God' is an expression of gratitude for this time on the mountaintop, which has helped us to see part of a big picture more clearly, and to sip from a fresh, clean reinvigorating spring.

The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church's power flows. SC 10

We move out, back down the hill, to the plains of everyday life where we, in the rest of the week, engage in working for Christ's Kingdom, to whatever we turn our hearts, heads and hands. Our weekly journey to the summit and the source, as individuals and as a community, provides a clearer light and a source of energy for that Kingdom-building.

□ Gerard Hore is Education Officer for Catholic Life in the Diocese of Armidale.

**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.**

### **Newman and the Nineteenth Century Church online**

Rev Prof Austin Cooper OMI AM is teaching a unit on Newman and the Nineteenth Century Church online via zoom on Saturday mornings from 10.00am – 1.00pm on 17, 24 April; 8, 15, 29 May; 26 June; 10 July; 7, 14, 28 August; 4, 18 September. More information is available from [www.vox.divinity.edu.au/study-with-us/newman-and-the-nineteenth-century-church/](http://www.vox.divinity.edu.au/study-with-us/newman-and-the-nineteenth-century-church/)

### **Aid to the Church in need – Year of St Joseph resources**

In commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, Aid to the Church in Need has commissioned a commemorative set of rosary beads and other resources. All proceeds from sales will directly assist the work of ACN in spirituality and pastorally supporting suffering and persecuted Christians around the world. For more information go to [www.aidtochurch.org/orders](http://www.aidtochurch.org/orders)

### **Mass of the Oils**

This Mass is very special to our Diocese as it is the annual celebration of the Diocesan Church of Ballarat. The gathering celebrates the unity of the Diocese where priests, religious and laity renew their commitment to call to serve in Christ's name as baptised members of his Church and sharers in his mission. The Holy Oils were blessed and consecrated and were distributed to all the communities of our Diocese for the celebration of the Sacraments.

The Oils – Oil of the Sick, Oil of Baptism and the Holy Chrism – will reach those in our Diocese who become sick and are anointed; every baby in our Diocese who is baptised; every young person and adult in our Diocese who are fully initiated into the community of the Church.

A recording of the Mass of the Oils is now available to view on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/mass-of-the-oils-2021](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/mass-of-the-oils-2021)



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