

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.



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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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2nd May
2021

5th Sunday
Easter
Time Year B



Weekly Services 04/05 to 07/05

Tuesday:	5.00pm	Mass
Wednesday:	10.00am	Mass
Thursday	10.00am	Mass
Friday:	10.00am	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:

Rudy Legray

Anniversaries:

Ray Mizzi, John Flint, Irene Donne, Jean Gracias, Neil Pritchard, Elizabeth Alexander, John Cassie, Dawn McIntyre, Allan Carman, Darby McCarthy, Evelyn Ness, George Kempton, Gary Hollis, Jim Cassie, Luigi (Jimmy) Natale, Desmond O'Neill, Jack McNamara, Dot Grimshaw, Joan Rivett, Mary Betts

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"

All Saints' Parish

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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 21

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 694.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 49,239
Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 48,884

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 \$ 453.70

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

We are to produce rich fruit



Many of the Old Testament prophets compared God's people to a vineyard that needed tending and protecting. Equally, they were not afraid to call the people to order when they strayed, reminding them the same vineyard was producing only sour grapes and was ready for destruction. We know that Jesus was familiar with these scriptures and often used their images to proclaim his message of salvation.

At the Last Supper he initiates the New Covenant in his blood by consecrating the wine at table, commanding us to do this in his memory. And in his conversation with the apostles he speaks of himself as "the true vine" and his "Father as the vinedresser", but more than that he develops the image, reminding us that if we are to bear good fruit we have to be united with him. The alternative does not bear thinking about: we will be cut off from the source of life.

In Jesus's day, probably most people would have known how to graft vine branches, but few of us work that closely to nature these days. Nevertheless, this is a useful image as we think of the mission of the Church, reaching out to others to be connected to the source of God's life. We have a classic example of that in the conversion Saul of Tarsus, the man who was zealously persecuting the early Christian community and who was struck down on the road to Damascus.

His conversion was the talk of the early Church and is widely reported in the New Testament, both in the Acts of the Apostles and in his own letters. It seems that Paul, as he became known, was not someone to meddle with, whether he was for or against you. You have only to read his letters to realise that he does not mince his words and clearly, to begin with at least, he was regarded by the early Christian community with suspicion and even fear: just note how Luke describes the situation in today's extract from the Acts.

Barnabas acts as a mediator but even as Paul becomes accepted, he manages to end up in such a heated argument that the Hellenists are out to kill him. Fascinatingly, it is only when the brothers get him out of the way, that we hear the churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were able to live in peace.

If you read on in the Acts of the Apostles, you will find that Paul and Barnabas form a mission team. However, sadly, this partnership was to end in tears, when Paul would not hear of John Mark, Barnabas's cousin, re-joining them after he had abandoned the work for a while. Maybe, we can take consolation from all this. The fact is that even after we have been grafted onto the vine, we remain the same people with our own complicated personalities and foibles, but the Lord can still use us to produce rich fruit.

Damian Coleridge

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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.

Ministry of Reader

- **Readings - Weekend services**
- **Prayers of Intercession**

We would like to start rostering for readings again and if you have previously been a reader or would like to become reader please contact Fr Greg by 15th May to indicate your interest.

greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 0475 512530

Whilst social distancing requirements remain in place, Ministers of Holy Communion will be advised by Fr Greg when needed.

Mass Counts begin this weekend!

The 2021 National Count Mass Count will take place over the first four weekends in May (starting this weekend, 1 May 2021).

"Engaging Your Faith" online sessions offered by Catholic Theological College

"Engaging Your Faith" is a series of short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Church History, Reading the Church Classics, The Eucharist, and Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of CTC. Choose from 8 online sessions – choose one, choose all, choose what interests you. Sessions will be delivered via zoom and will be held from May 11– 31, 2021 at \$20.00 per session. Registration is essential at www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=747351&

"Liturgy and Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal not Restoration" Public Lecture

On Monday, May 17, 2021 the ACU Centre for Liturgy is proud to present an online public lecture by Monsignor Professor Kevin W Irwin on "Liturgy and Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal not Restoration". Monsignor Irwin held the Walter J. Schmitz Chair of Liturgical Studies (2000-2015) at Catholic University of America where he is currently an Ordinary Research Professor and where he has previously served as Dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies (2005-2011). He is the author of over twenty books and seventy journal articles. The public lecture will run from 10.00am – 11.30am AEST via Zoom. More information and registration details available from www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources.

A way to re-ignite the spark

An invitation to all in the diocese to join a conversation about faith during and after COVID-19, looking at people's experiences, where to next and how does the Plenary Council fit in. Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7.00pm via zoom – you can zoom in yourself or perhaps organise a zoom gathering in your local community and join together.

Please register with Jane Collins jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au and details will be sent.