

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.

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



4th April
2021

Easter Sunday
Time Year B



Holy Week Services 06/04 to 09/04

Tuesday:	11 .00sm	Anointing Mass
Wednesday:	10.00am	Mass
Thursday	10.00am	Mass
Friday:	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Easter Night Prayer

The Portland Church only has capacity for around 75-100 people at any one time (as per the 1 person per 2sq metre rule). Bookings are still essential for Saturday and Sunday Masses. QR Code sign is available on Church front door to register when entering.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Annie (Nancy) Walsh, Ron Cruse, Sr Sheila Gleeson RSM, Jenny Anson, Peter McCallum, Lyn Knowles, Josh Thomson, John Clarke, Brendan Hoy, Sr Margaret Houlihan RSM, John Roach, Norman Leslie, Pauline Stuart

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

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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 117

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel 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.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 581

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 44,768
Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 45,818

Direct deposit payments for planned giving and donations can be made electronically. Details are as follows:

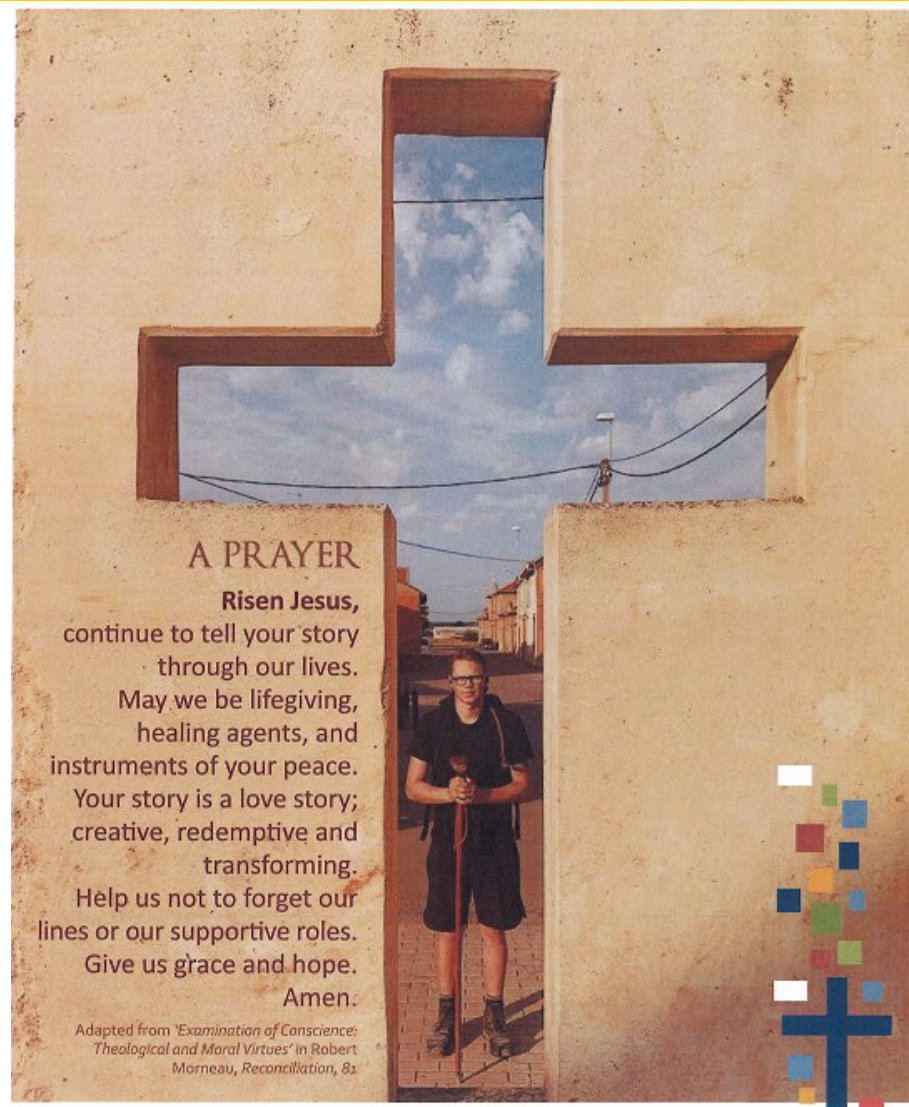
Account Name: Portland Catholic Church
BSB: 083 532
Account No. 5159 81661

Presbytery Account

Priest support: inc. EFT \$ 507.90

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



Truth lies outside us like a 'kindly light': Like John Henry Newman, whom I declared a saint in October 2019, I see the truth lying outside us, always beyond us, but beckoning to us through our consciences. It is like a "kindly light" we reach not normally through reason, but "through the imagination, by means of direct impressions, by the testimony of facts and events, by history ... Newman was convinced, as am I, that in embracing what often appear at first sight to be contradictory truths and trusting in the kindly light to lead us, we will eventually come to see the greater truth that lies beyond us. I like to think that we do not possess the truth so much as the truth possesses us, constantly attracting us by means of beauty and goodness.

- Pope Francis, *Let us Dream*, 56

Reflection - Dianne Bergant csa

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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.

Plenary Council

The journey towards the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia reaches another milestone with the publication of Continuing the Journey, the instrumentum laboris (working document) for the Council. Plenary Council President Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says the role of a working document is "to offer an account of what the People of God have expressed as an invitation for ongoing discernment" and, "provides a catalyst for the Church to renew the journey of prayer and discernment toward the first assembly in October."

The working document and further resources are available from the diocesan website:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/instrumentum-laboris-working-document-released-for-plenary-council-journey/

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Virtual Learning Program

Our partners, Dayton University offer lowcost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. Study subjects over 3 and 5 week cycles. Study Cycle 3 begins April 11. This cycle is mostly 3 week courses. Registrations are now open for new and returning participants. For more information go to the diocesan website or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

National Pastoral Ministry Conference, "Alive in the Spirit"

After the postponement of the 2020 Conference, the Alive in the Spirit Committee is excited to announce the dates for the 2021 Conference are Thursday, July 8 – Saturday, July 10, 2021.

The Conference, coordinated by the Lay Pastoral Ministry Network (formerly known as NAPPA) collaborating with the Christian Initiation Australia Network (CIAN), and the Mission Planners Network Oceania (MPNO), invites people to consider the events in our world, and within our Church, which present us with an opportunity to open our hearts and minds to act upon what the Spirit is asking of us at this time in Australia and the Oceanic region.

Registration and program information is available from the conference website www.pastoralministrynetwork.org/



Easter Sunday 4th April 2020

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal.

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

Total collected by Parish: \$1,118.05

