

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

**Weekend: 29th May**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**  
Prayers: P. Coultie  
Reader: P. O'Brien  
Ministers: D. Kierce

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Prayers: J. Howman  
Reader: M. McKenzie  
Ministers: F. Mizzi

**Weekend: 5th June**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**  
Prayers: P. Howman  
Reader: D. Baudinette  
Ministers: P. Rowe

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Prayers: B. Healy  
Reader: M. Schultz  
Ministers: T. McCallum

**Church Flowers: Judy Hall**

**Church Cleaning:**

**23/05 A. McIntyre, C. Legg**  
**06/06 K. McNamarra, M. McGennissen**

*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



**23rd May  
2021  
Pentecost  
Sunday  
Time Year B**



**Weekly Services 25/05 to 28/05**

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

**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:**

Hercilia Maria Barroso do Nascimento, Patricia Gerrett, Sr Nonie Mitchell IBVM

**Anniversaries:**

Nellie Drought, Nancy Colasante, Joan Baker, Colin Gilmore, Sadie King, Joanne Wheeler, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Margaret Mason, Geoff Hitchman, Mary Ann Gore, Kate Cattanach, Jack Foley, Gaye McLean, Paul Murphy, Dwayne Alexander, Elizabeth Bennie,

**Prayer Requests:**

Margaret Coultie, 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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Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.  
email: [greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**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 103**

Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 776.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 52,752**  
**Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 52,198**

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

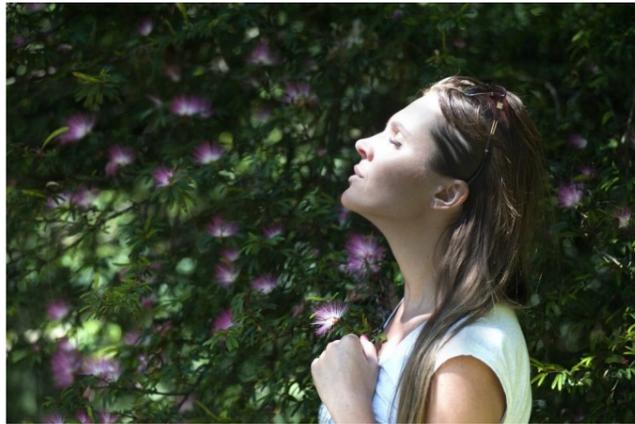
**Presbytery Account**

Priest support: inc. EFT \$ 509.25

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

# Breathing in the spirit



'Stay Connected' says the sign outside the church at the top of the street and there's a quote from the first letter of John: 'Let us love one another for love is from God.' This past year we've heard quite a bit about staying connected, less of God's love perhaps, but it's the Holy Spirit which connects them, because the Spirit is all about connection, relationship and God's love.

It's what you get in the first reading from Acts when we hear of what's happening to the disciples fifty days after the resurrection. In a locked room, there comes a sound like a great wind from heaven and tongues of fire and released by the Spirit they find

'what they have to say about Jesus can be translated to everyone!' A new creation is happening. It's breathtaking, dramatic and empowering and we're a part of it too.

Our images of the Holy Spirit – wind, fire, breath – are meant to unsettle us, move us out of our locked rooms to begin the living out of God's love. They draw us into relationship with Christ, with the Father, with each other and with those we know as 'them' only to discover they too are us. We begin to reach out to strangers, the embattled, the broken-hearted and be with 'them', and through these relationships we learn to be with one other and become ourselves.

The self-giving of Jesus Christ, in his dying and being raised to endless life, models this way of living, giving as God gives, unceasingly. The words we use to speak of this – excess, outpouring, prodigality, overflow – however we say it, speak of this abundant new life, given to us.

It's an extraordinary event, but in today's gospel from the last supper in John, there's nothing out of the ordinary, nothing dramatic about the Spirit. Instead, the Spirit is to come as our Advocate, the Spirit of truth and witness to this self-giving of Jesus, it seems without too great excitement. Often this is how the Spirit comes to us in our lives, quietly, unexpectedly, as we know when we're put in touch with the heart of the matter by a word, a gesture, a video – you name it – and a match is lit.

At Easter, in John's gospel, the Spirit is breathed into the disciples and over the fifty days that follow they're drawn more deeply into a life freed of resentment and fear, until at Pentecost we're all invited to participate in this new way of belonging to one another, in Jesus Christ. The Spirit is the environment in which this happens, in which we come alive, for the sake of one another.

All this we celebrate at Mass today when the Easter season culminates dramatically, quietly, in the pouring out of the Spirit, and now the never-ending story of God's love can be told to everyone. This is our mission, and as Paul says in the second reading, 'our life'.

*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.**

## **Southern Star Family Group**

The McCallum Family are organising Family group this month and Rose has decided it would be a great idea to meet at the Fauna Park for afternoon tea on Sunday, 30th May at 2pm. Hope to see you there. All welcome.

## **National Mass to celebrate 200 year of Catholic Education in Australia**

A National Mass will be celebrated across all states, territories and dioceses on Monday, May 24, 2021 (the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians - Patron Saint of Australia), to commemorate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. Mass will be livestreamed from a number of locations. Check the website for sites and starting times [www.200years.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.200years.catholic.edu.au/)

## **Divine Renovation Webinar: The Holy Spirit's role in renewing the Church**

There is a lot of uncertainty swirling around what to expect of the post-pandemic Church. There is one certainty to give us hope and confidence and that is the role of the Holy Spirit in the renewal of the Church. Join Kevin Bailey as he guides you through a recorded telecast with Father Mike Schmitz on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 12.00noon (AEST). Jude Hennessy (Director/Office of Renewal and Evangelisation in the Wollongong Diocese) will lead the prayer for the Spirit to move in us so we can be inspired to go out again on mission to renewal.

To register for the event go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/4904708>

## **International drawing contest for kids**

The earth's climate is changing. Kids need to know what is happening, why, and how it will affect them in the future. This contest offers you a chance to take action to help slow climate change – because a tree will be planted for every kid that enters! Adults will also be encouraged to contribute to planting more trees too. The competition runs from May – June 2021 for kids aged 4-14. For more information go to <https://kidscareaboutclimate.org>

## **Tropical Retreat in Nature**

The Seville Mercy Conference Centre presents a "Tropical Retreat in Nature" - a five day walking retreat based in Cairns and Far North Queensland from July 12- 18, 2021 and presented by Dr Peter Saunders. Cost is \$2200 (inc GST) and includes single room accommodation with shared bathroom, all meals, excursions and guided trips to key places in the Far North. To register for the retreat please fill out an application form and send to Priscilla O'Brien (Ministry Development Coordinator), email [priscilla@mcauleyministries.org.au](mailto:priscilla@mcauleyministries.org.au) or ph. 07 4047 8103 Places are limited to only 15 participants.

## **Cuppa after Mass - Sunday 30th May**

Please join us for refreshments and a cuppa after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 30th May. Please bring a plate to share.

Venue: Presbytery

