

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

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

Next 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

Church Flowers: Judy Hall

Church Cleaning:

06/06 K. McNamarra, M. McGennissen
13/06 J. Sandeman, M. Schultz

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

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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**6th June
2021**

**The Most Holy
Body & Blood
of Christ Year B**



Weekly Services 08/06 to 11/06

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 50 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:

Vivian Jackman McGennissen

Anniversaries:

Sr Kathleen Mercovich, Patricia Grant, Veryl Carr, Louis Holmes, Michael Holmes, Ervin Geller, Paul Sacco, Betty Rodgers, Percy Compton, Graeme Bennett, Mary Stuchbery, Tom Crowe, Flo Higgins

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 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 115

I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.

I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 187.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 53,534
Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 52,998

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 \$ 190.00

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

Living the Eucharist Daily

In the fifth century, St Augustine taught people that if they truly loved the Eucharist they would become what they eat. He believed that if people were not working together and loving each other in their daily lives, then the celebration of the Eucharist has failed to realise its deepest meaning and potential. Centuries later, nothing has changed. The same is true for us gathered here.

At Eucharist, the bread and wine are blessed and broken, poured out and shared, becoming for us the Body and Blood of Christ. In saying 'Amen' we commit ourselves to becoming the same in Christ – blessed and broken, poured out and shared, *for others*. Just as the simple earthly gifts of bread and wine are transformed into Christ, we too are transformed to become Christ in the world.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ empowers and sustains us for the mission given to each of us, whereby we are sent out to make a real difference for Christ's sake in the world, wherever we find ourselves.

Here is a profound example of being Christ in the world:

Near Kathmandu in Nepal, flows the Bagmati River. Hindus believe the Bagmati is holy because it eventually flows into the great Ganges River. Many poor, elderly and dying people flock to the Bagmati. They believe that if their feet are dipped into the river at the time of death, they will be saved. So those who are dying go to extraordinary lengths to find a position near the river, hoping that, when the time comes, someone, perhaps a kind stranger, will help them dip their feet into the water before they take their final breath.

When St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) became aware of this need, she sent some of her Sisters to the area to serve the poorest of the poor by ensuring their dying wish would be granted. The Sisters found space for a simple hospice, in which they placed cots, blankets and pillows and began caring for the dying. The Sisters provide food and basic medication and, when the time comes, they carry the dying to the river for the necessary death rite.

Very few of us will be called and sent for such acts of compassion and love. But remember what St Teresa said, *"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."* So, as we move about our daily lives, let us be alert to the needs of others. Countless opportunities present themselves for us to be Christ in the world.

Through their teaching and example, St Augustine and St Teresa challenge us to a radical and dynamic living out of the Eucharist every day of our lives.

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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.

Adult Faith Education:

Returning after the lockdown, the next meeting for the Adult Faith Education will be at the Parish Office meeting room on Tuesday, 8th of June, 5:30pm. COVID restrictions apply. Queries can be directed to jphowman@gmail.com. This week; "The Jewish Roots of the Papacy - Dr. Brant Pitre"

Eathcare Game – small steps to save the planet

EARTHCARE game is a fun way to explore the many ways we can care for the earth, connect with nature and help conserve the planet's resources. Take small steps to save the planet and earn points. Make a mess, waste energy or water and lose points. CARE cards help you do good things. EARTHCARE is inspired by the game CONSERVATION, invented by R. J. Reynolds in New Zealand in 1976. For more information go to

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/earthcaregame/1338460967?ref=19yujk&token=d803ad58>

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 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>

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. In this Year of St Joseph, the National Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. The 2021 program will focus on St Joseph and will include a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31, 2021. To read about this year's speakers go to <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicmen>

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, presented by Dr Peter Saunders, from July 12-18, 2021. 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, fill out an application form and send to Priscilla O'Brien (Ministry Development Coordinator), email priscilla@mcauleyministries.org.au. ph. 07 4047 8103. Places are limited.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care

More information and Applications Forms are available on our website

<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholar-shipfor-lay-ministry.html>

Closing Date 30 July 2021