

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

**Weekend: 26th June**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

Prayers: D. Baudinette

Reader: D. Kierce

Ministers: M. Lambert

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Prayers: K. Loftus

Reader: J. Sandeman

Ministers: D. Arnott

Please note: If you are rostered for a ministry you have been counted in the numbers attending mass. If you are unable to be at church for your scheduled ministry please contact Fr Greg.

**Next Weekend: 3rd July**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

Prayers: H. Webb

Reader: D. Kierce

Ministers: F. Mizzi

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Prayers: J. Sandeman

Reader: K. Loftus

Ministers: F. Mizzi

#### Church Cleaning:

**27/06 K. McNamarra, M. McGenniskien**

**04/07 M. Schultz, J. Sandeman**

*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



**27th June  
2021**

**13th Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year B**



#### Weekly Services 29/06 to 02/07

**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. Recording attendees over the age of 12mths 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. Face coverings must be worn indoors. As we are unable to have a Covid check-in marshal All Saints church will only be open during mass times.

#### Recent Deaths:

Sr Luke Kenna RSM, David Haynes

#### Anniversaries:

Bernard Keane, Jane Atchison, Jock Campbell, Nance Campbell, Charles Mifsud, Tom Kearney, Augustina (Margaret) Clark, Philip Walsh, Bob Harders, John Baulch, Betty Henman, Neil Tait, Rowan McIndoe, Rev Patrick Bohan

#### 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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**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 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 29

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death  
and brought us life through his gospel.  
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: \$ 1,503.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 58,940**

**Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 58,095**

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 \$ 588.35

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



# Recognising God's healing power



Is suffering part of human life? Does evil exist? Do we die? Of course, we are realists. We know all that is true in relation to ourselves and the millions of people who are refugees, victims of war and terrorism, the homeless and the lonely.

Today's readings acknowledge these realities – sin and evil – but introduce us to another world of meaning. According to the Book of Wisdom, while all this pain and negativity is real, it was not part of God's original plan. And yet, despite sin and suffering, we are told, "God made humanity

in his own image" so that we are 'imperishable', 'indestructible', 'immortal'!

We are invited to have faith in Jesus, to look beyond the common-sense of the realists (who judge only what they can see, touch and verify), and to recognise the power of Jesus, the power of God, at work in our fragile human world. The Christian journey is one of learning to see with the "eyes of faith".

The people of Jesus' day were very much like us. They were doubters. When the woman says, "Who touched me?" the disciples' response is almost insolent: "You see how the crowd is pressing on you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched you?'".

In the case of Jairus' daughter, when Jesus says, "She is asleep," the disciples were surely among those who joined the crowd mocking Jesus for his presumed misjudgement.

Yet, we know from the story, Jesus does heal the woman and brings Jairus' daughter back to life. So, for the Gospel writer Mark, if we are looking for models of faith we will do well to ignore the band of Jesus' close disciples and look, instead, to the unnamed woman and Jairus who put their total faith in Jesus.

We are challenged to live our faith in Jesus in the real world where the divine power often seems so far from our experience. Our Christian faith is not primarily about a set of doctrines to believe in or commandments to follow, but a life journey to glimpse the reality of the divine mystery at work in our lives – even in the most adverse circumstances.

St Augustine tells us: "Christian virtue is not only a matter of doing good, but of tolerating evil as well." Tolerating evil does not have to do simply with patience and resignation; it means imitating Jesus, carrying our burden, shouldering it for his sake and that of others. It means accepting the Cross, pressing on in the confident knowledge we are not alone: the crucified and risen Lord is at our side.

The gospel message of hope does not ignore or override the realities of suffering, sin and evil, but it refuses to see these as the "last word". In fact, they are not finally real, because God overcomes all that is not God and will bring creation – including ourselves – to final victory. As the disciples said to Jesus on another occasion: "Lord increase our faith!"

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## Adult Faith Education:

Because of the continuing COVID restrictions, and considering the upcoming school holidays, further sessions of the Adult Faith Education group will be postponed until at least Term 3. For further information please contact [jphowman@gmail.com](mailto:jphowman@gmail.com)

**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.**

## Planned Giving

The end of financial year is quickly approaching, so can you please ensure that your planned giving is up to date over the next month. We realise there can many pressures on family finances so we do appreciate your support of our Parish financial responsibilities.

Most statements (1/7/20 - 06/06/2021) will be emailed, others (for those who do not have email) will be available in the Church foyer.

New boxes of envelopes will be put out this week. Please note your planned giving number may change, due to consolidating the number of boxes that need to be printed.

If you have any questions please contact Antonella on the parish email [portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

## Entries Open for The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award for emerging and published writers

The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award is an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. The award aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers. The Good Oil's editorial vision is to nourish the spirit, stimulate thinking, promote social justice and encourage reflection and dialogue about issues of the day from a Christian, Catholic, Good Samaritan perspective. The theme for the award is "Inclusivity", which is embodied in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37). Entry is free. A panel of judges will award first, second and third place. The prize for the winning entry will be \$600; second prize \$400; third prize \$200. For further information about the award and to download the guidelines and entry form, go to

[https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=TGO%202021%20Writers%20Award&utm\\_content=TGO%202021%20Writers%20Award+CID\\_8f34669f14ea1d1fb1e138afa615b839&utm\\_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm\\_term=here](https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=TGO%202021%20Writers%20Award&utm_content=TGO%202021%20Writers%20Award+CID_8f34669f14ea1d1fb1e138afa615b839&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=here)

Entries close at midnight on Sunday, August 22, 2021.

## Mass to Celebrate Jubilees of Ordination 2020 & 2021

Mass was celebrated recently to acknowledge and give thanks to the Ballarat Diocesan clergy whose Jubilees of Ordination occurred in 2020 and 2021. Jubilees of Ordination for 2020 were included in this celebration, due to coronavirus lockdowns last year.

### 2020:

- Fr Pat Flanagan – 60 years
- Bishop Brian Finnigan – 50 years (absent)
- Fr George Kuruvila – 25 years

### 2021:

- Bishop Peter Connors – 50 years
- Fr Peter Hudson – 40 years
- Fr Michael Linehan - 40 years

