

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

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

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: 10th July

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Prayers: D. Baudinette

Reader: D. Kierce

Ministers: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Prayers: M. Schultz

Reader: P. Couttie

Ministers: M. McGennissen

Church Cleaning:

04/07 M. Schultz, J. Sandeman

11/07 C. Legg

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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**4th July
2021**

**14th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekly Services 06/07 to 09/07

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

**Friday: 10.00am Mass
2.00pm Funeral Prayer's
William Burrell**

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:

Barbara Sharp, William Burrell

Anniversaries:

Olive Jennings, Robin Zelec, Catherine Porter, Betty Day Nelly Melis, Sr Teresa Lowery, Morna Lewis, Dawn Orchard, Ellen Pratt, Graeme Hoffman, Claire Oakley, Emmanuelle Mizzi, Jennifer Riley, Sr Cynthia Wright, Des Crowe, Glenn Storer, Stephen McNamara, Sr Beatrice Hannan, Marie Mugavin, Tom Lloyd, Betty Patterson, Joan Kennedy, Michael McIndoe, John Kelly

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 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 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 2,535

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 61,460

Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 61,575

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 \$ 503.30

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

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CATHOLIC VOICES ON.....



The Catholic Social Justice Principle of Subsidiarity teaches us that all people have the right to participate in decisions that affect their lives. Subsidiarity requires that decisions be made by the people closest and most affected by the issues and concerns of the community. Your support of our voices on important issues helps to make Subsidiarity a reality. It is important to note that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are made up of a diversity of Language Groups and each possesses unique experiences and points of view. Please take the time to talk with your Traditional Custodians.

Visit <http://natsicc.org.au/first-nations-voices-on.html> and navigate to 'First Nations Voices on.....' to gain a Catholic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective on:

1. The Environment - Laudato Si' and Querida Amazonia

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples see themselves as inextricably connected to country in Australia and its waters. This connection to Country and all of God's creation reveals our Spirituality as people and our ancestors, a home we have looked after with special regard for millennia.

"We notice, and have noticed, the changes in our environment through the behaviors of certain animals and the changes in our landscapes. Some are obvious – like the loss of our homes to rising sea levels in the Torres Strait, but some are more subtle, like the changes in our seasons. We want to help save our Earth."

"We invite the Catholic Church to stand in solidarity with us on caring for our country."

"Our future generations are crying out to the world for justice in this area."

2. An Indigenous Voice to Parliament

NATSICC made a submission to the Indigenous Voice co-design process and called on the Parliament to be receptive to our new voice. We emphasized that the responsibility for effective dialogue and conversation lies with both the voice and the listener.

"We believe that people in Australia have good hearts and that we need to appeal to the National sense of giving everyone a fair go to ensure that the Referendum is passed."

"Many people have stated that they need to see the ways in which any Voice to Parliament will help ensure that they have food for tomorrow or that their young son or daughter will make it home safely that day."

"As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Catholics we place our Faith in the inherent good of the Australian people to make an informed and compassionate decision when the time for the referendum arrives."

3. Emerging as a more equitable Nation after Covid-19

We find ourselves pondering whether Australia will ever be the same after COVID-19. However, it might be more useful to consider whether we should arise from the pandemic the same after COVID-19?

"After suffering together through the pandemic, Australians should forge forwards with humble hearts and a unity of mind and armed with a renewed sense of equality and care for one another."

"Our gifts of acceptance, tenacity, perseverance, and faith in a Greater Being are what we want to share with Australia and what we want Australians to embrace."

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.

Seeing with the eyes of faith



If we hear something interesting about someone, we might be inclined to search for more information about that person. But Mark in today's gospel tells us about a contrasting attitude displayed by the people of Nazareth, Jesus' own kinfolk.

People in Jesus' hometown didn't want to learn more about him. They rejected him. They questioned his wisdom, power and authority. They saw Jesus as nothing special, an ordinary carpenter, a local man who lived a similar life to them.

These people were waiting eagerly for the Lord's coming. They were longing for God to come and free them. They wanted to be saved. They were sure they would recognise the Messiah when he came. They didn't recognise Jesus as the one for whom they waited. They couldn't see that He was the One. They were unbelieving and unwelcoming, rejecting God who had taken the form of the ordinary, one like them in human flesh. They were blind to the presence of God among them.

Jesus was amazed they lacked faith. His amazement tells us of the importance of having faith. Jesus invites us to welcome Him with faith because faith opens our eyes and enables us to see God. God is always among us and with us. Our discipleship journey requires faith. If we have faith, accepting and trusting Him totally, God's presence and what He is offering will bring new life and joy into our lives.

Every day God invites us to journey with Him. In faith, we can recognise that God is ever present in our lives and that He cares for us and wants us to have eternal life. His presence in our lives leads us to discover the gifts and talents each of us has, gifts and talents provided by God.

God participated in the very human experiences of being born, living, suffering, and eventually dying. In doing so, God made himself 'reachable' to humankind. Jesus was born in a stable, a simple place that could be accessed by rich and poor alike. He died on the cross so that sinners and holy people could witness and glorify him. In these ways, God shows us that He is with us whoever we are and wherever we might be.

Having faith, we sense God's presence close to us. It also enables us to see miracles in our everyday lives. Like the people in Jesus' hometown, these miracles will not occur if we are unaccepting. We need to open our hearts, place our trust in the Lord, and welcome Him into our lives.

May the Lord continue to give us His grace to have the 'eyes' of faith to see Him in every moment and at every turn in our life journey and to let Him strengthen us in our discipleship. As Saint Paul said, "For it is when I am weak that I am strong."

Redempt Jawa CSsR

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