

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

Weekend: 17th July

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Prayers:

Reader:

Ministers:

Sunday: 10.30am

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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: 24th July

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Prayers: P. O'Brien

Reader: D. Bennett

Ministers: D. Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Prayers: M. McKenzie

Reader: J. Howman

Ministers: M. McGennissen

Church Cleaning:

18/07 K. McNamarra, M. McGennissen

25/07 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

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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**18th July
2021**

**16th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekly Services 20/07 to 23/07

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: 10.00am **TBC**

Thursday: 10.00am **TBC**

Friday: 10.00am **TBC**

Recent Deaths:

Pulcheria Nichapa Kitsawat

Anniversaries:

Margaret Grant, Norma Oakley, Arthur Rogers, Joe Cables, John O'Flaherty, Louise Maree Whitworth, Tim Buckley, Noel Oakley, Joseph Micallef, Ann Crooks, Bob Newton, Poppy Newell, Evelyn Freeman, Teresa Debono, Lola Smith, Herbert Ernest

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 Webstock

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 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 423.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 3,169

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 2,449

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 \$ 419.50

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

The hugs and kisses we miss



I was having dinner with my sister's family recently and the conversation turned to the latest developments regarding COVID-19. At that point my five-year-old niece threw her arms in the air and lamented, "COVID seems to have gone on forever."

Initially, I brushed it off believing my young niece was being overly dramatic. Sure, a year is a long time but forever? However, thinking about it later I realised she, as a child, was merely expressing her unique viewpoint.

For many people, a year can feel like a long time but from a five-year-old's perspective, the past year seemed never ending. My brother-in-law and my sister had to explain to her that the past year was a year unlike any other. The first pandemic in a century. No visits from overseas relatives, people had to wear face masks and they could not spend more time shopping than was necessary.

Contact with others was severely limited and families at times could not meet as often as they had in the past. And though my niece has had limited memories and experience of those gatherings, she still missed them and perhaps realised how the people around her also missed them. Families are meant to be together and people are meant to socialise.

During the past year, the only time my niece was able to see my parents and her grandparents was through skype or WhatsApp. There were no hugs or kisses, at least not in the physical sense, and to her, the lack of physical contact must have seemed like 'forever'.

In the main, people like coming together, to share in each other's company, to be part of something bigger and to participate in something bigger. To be a part instead of being apart. With the help of technology today, we can virtually come together but in no way can it replace the deep desire for physical contact. Nothing can replace a hug, holding someone's hand or being physically in the same room with another person.

Or, like in this week's gospel being in the same place as someone, resting and reflecting together, as was the case with Jesus and the apostles.

My niece wishes for the day when she can physically see my parents. For her it can't happen soon enough and no doubt a lot of people share her sentiments. So, in faith we wait in joyful hope for that day to come. That we may once again be able to physically hug, to physically hold the people whom we love and who love us and therefore appreciate even more the gift that they are to us and we are to them.

For nothing on earth really lasts forever except in, through, and with God.

Mark Chia CSsR

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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.

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA AGENDA



As children of God, disciples of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Members of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia are called to develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia at this time. 'I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.' Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* 27

Conversion • How might we better accompany one another on the journey of personal and communal conversion which mission in Australia requires? • How might we heal the wounds of abuse, coming to see through the eyes of those who have been abused? • How might the Church in Australia open in new ways to Indigenous ways of being Christian in spirituality, theology, liturgy, and missionary discipleship? How might we learn from the First Nations peoples? • How might the Church in Australia meet the needs of the most vulnerable, go to the peripheries, be missionary in places that may be overlooked or left behind in contemporary Australia? How might we partner with others (Christians, people of other faiths, neighbourhood community groups, government) to do this? • How might the Church in Australia respond to the call to 'ecological conversion'? How can we express and promote a commitment to an 'integral ecology of life' in all its dimensions, with particular attention to the more vulnerable people and environments in our country and region?

Prayer • How might we become a more contemplative people, committing more deeply to prayer as a way of life, and celebrating the liturgy of the Church as an encounter with Christ who sends us out to "make disciples of all the nations"? • How might we better embrace the diverse liturgical traditions of the Churches which make up the Catholic Church and the cultural gifts of immigrant communities to enrich the spirituality and worship of the Church in Australia?

Formation • How might we better form leaders for mission – adults, children and families, couples and single people? • How might we better equip ordained ministers to be enablers of missionary discipleship: the Church becoming more a "priestly people" served by the ordained ministry? • How might formation, both pre- and postordination, better foster the development of bishops, priests and deacons as enablers of the universal Christian vocation to holiness lived in missionary discipleship?

Structures • How might parishes better become local centres for the formation and animation of missionary disciples? • How might the Church in Australia be better structured for mission, considering the parish, the diocese, religious orders, the PJPs and new communities?

Governance • How might the People of God, lay and ordained, women and men, approach governance in the spirit of synodality and co-responsibility for more effective proclamation of the Gospel? • How might we recast governance at every level of the Church in Australia in a more missionary key?

Institutions • How might we better see the future of Catholic education (primary, secondary and tertiary) through a missionary lens? • How might we better see the future of Catholic social services, agencies and health and aged care ministries as key missionary and evangelising agencies?