

Liturgy Rosters:
Many thanks for your ministry to the Parish!

Weekend: 31st July

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Prayers: P. O'Brien
Reader: D. Bennett
Ministers: D. Kierce

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.

Sunday: 10.30am

Prayers: M. McKenzie
Reader: J. Howman
Ministers: M. McGennicken

Next Weekend: 7th August

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Prayers: D. Bennett
Reader: D. Kierce
Ministers: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Prayers: H. Webb
Reader: M. Schultz
Ministers: B. McGennicken

Church Cleaning:

01/08 K. McNamarra, M. McGennicken

15/08 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

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 292

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 4,003

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 3,780

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 \$ 122

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

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



1st August 2021

18th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B



Weekly Services 03/08 to 06/08

Tuesday: No 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:

Anniversaries:

Sr Dorothy Finnegan, Sr Ruth Winship, Helen Elliott, Basil Pye, Betty McDonald, Margaret Howard, David Dunlop, Elsie Johnson, Keith Wilson, Gayle Payne, Josephine Sacco, Carly Deverell, Margaret Bromley, Bill Grant, Alf Stirling, Betty Storey

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Couattie, 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 77

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might.

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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I am that bread, says Jesus



In today's gospel, the people ask Jesus three questions and each time his response suggests, think again.

The first question comes after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes on the other side of the sea and they're wondering where is he? On locating him they ask, 'When did you get here?' Jesus' answer is puzzling: you've seen the signs of God's love he says, but haven't understood their meaning and can only see that you've had plenty to eat! He goes on to contrast working for what is here today, gone tomorrow and what sustains you forever. It's this I'm offering you, he says, through the Father.

We'd prefer it if Jesus would stick to the script, but he doesn't. He doesn't answer to our expectations. Instead, he leads his listeners into what seems like uncharted territory and, like the Israelites in the first reading, we may begin to yearn for the certainties back in Egypt, when enslaved, but at least we weren't hungry. But then, that's what the spiritual revolution referred to in today's second reading is all about, our secure selves being overturned by what Jesus says, our minds opening up.

This leads to the second question: what must we do in order to do what God wants? Again, he wrong-foots them when he responds: Believe in the one he sent. They sort of get what he's saying and respond by thinking of him in the time-honoured way and ask, can you show us a sign like the manna given by Moses in the desert, so we might believe in you? And a third time he brings them undone. It's not about me, or Moses, he responds, but about my Father who gives you true bread from heaven, for the world's sake.

When they say give us that bread always, Jesus replies, I am that bread. It's a breathtaking statement, a new Passover, a new revelation of God. We've gone from loaves and fishes and manna in the desert to this pledge of God's love, where our hunger and our eating is the way into Jesus, into God. In eating this bread 'we receive what we are and become what we receive.'

We're learning to receive what God gives us and learning that we can't program it, or earn it in some way, but have only to receive it. It's so simple we don't quite get it and we're back to their questions and having to re-think our lives.

It all comes down to this simple act of eating. Food and eating and bodies, now transformed, so we might be bread for others. Jesus is the sign of God's unending love for us made real in his broken body, the Church. To experience something of this reality is to believe in him who was sent. Is he the one we have been looking for? Come and eat.

Damian Coleridge

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Shared Table Project - Lima Peru

In their charitable distributions this year All Saints Outreach have made a donation to The Shared Table Project begun in Portland 16 years ago. If you as a parishioner would like to donate \$52, as your personal contribution it would be most welcome.

The \$52 annual gift to the Project will take place during the month of August. Please put the \$52 in an envelope marked Shared Table and your name and address and email and put on Collection Plate or drop off at Outreach. Or via EFT to the Parish account marked Shared Table.

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.

Reopening for Mass at All Saints Portland

Dear Parishioners.

Please see below a message from Bishop Paul re the opening up of churches for Mass. I commend it to you all for your attention.

For us here in Portland restrictions means we can have a maximum of 60 persons at Mass at any one time.

We will have 3 Masses where we use the Sunday readings; 10.00am Friday, 6.00pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday.

On Friday at 10.00am we will also record the Mass for distribution via our YouTube Channel.

Please choose one of these times as your Mass for the weekend and let me know which one you intend to attend.

For those who are considered essential for the celebration of Mass.

If you are rostered as a Reader, Communion Minister, or if you are operating our Video Camera, or Computer; then you do not count in the 60-person limit.

When our Choir begins to sing on Sundays at the 10.30am Mass, they are also counted as essential for the Celebration and are not included in the 60-person limit.

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced **an easing of COVID restrictions.**

The new provisions apply **throughout Victoria from midnight tonight (Tuesday July 27).**

Religious gatherings and ceremonies are permitted for up to **100 people indoors** and up to **300 people outdoors.**

In general, a **density quotient** of 1 person per 4 square metres applies. However, a venue smaller than 100 square metres can have up to 25 people per venue before the density quotient applies. In other words, even very small churches are permitted to have up to 25 people for a religious gathering. For a gathering of more than 25 people, the number would be calculated at 1 person per 4 square metres. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

Funerals (indoor and outdoor) are permitted with up to **50 people** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral. Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

Weddings (indoor and outdoor) are permitted with up to **50 people**, including the two persons being married and two witnesses. The celebrant and photographer are not included in the cap. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors except if at home or if an exception applies.

I rejoice that we will be able to gather again for Mass and other celebrations, even though the numbers will be limited. I thank those people in each parish who are helping us to come together while attending to the COVID-safe directives. I thank you all for your patience as we make the adjustments needed so that we can pray as a community while keeping everyone safe.

God bless you all.
Bishop Paul