

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

Weekend: 21/22 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. McGennissen

Next Weekend: 28/29 August

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Prayers: D. Kierce

Reader: D. Baudinette

Ministers: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Prayers: M. Picard

Reader: A. McIntyre

Ministers: M. McGennissen

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.

Church Cleaning:

15/08 M. Schultz, J. Sandeman

29/08 C. Legg, A. McIntyre

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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**22nd August
2021**

**21st Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekly Services 24/08 to 27/08

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 unless you have an exemption (you will need to provide proof of such exemption). Church will only be open during mass times.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Gerald Hall, Isobel Cannane, Tim Fischer, Gerald O'Brien, Peter Priestley Snr, Michael Pye, Michael Nevins, Mary Smith, Tom Gartlan, Lindsay Dart, Colin De Vries, Joyce Rickard, Laura McKenzie, Darren Groves, Kim Dover

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 6.00pm vigil

Marriages by appointment with Fr Gregory Tait.

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment with Fr Gregory.

"The Spire"

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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 33

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 2,154.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 7,949

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 5,711

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 \$ 654.70

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

Who will stay and who will go?

For these last five weeks we have listened to gospel readings from John Chapter 60, readings about bread and, most importantly of all, the Bread of Life. Jesus teaches “I have come to give you the Bread of Life.”

This sequence of readings from John (Ch 60) began with the miracle of the feeding of the 5000. Starting with just five little barley loaves and two fishes, they all ate until they were filled, with 12 baskets of food remaining.

And yet here in today's gospel, just a little while after witnessing that miracle, we find many of Jesus' followers murmuring, complaining and disgruntled. For many of them, Jesus' teaching and preaching is proving too hard, too tough, to shocking to accept. Many of them then left and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus asks the Twelve who remain, “Do you also want to leave?”

Sometimes, when frustrated or disappointed or distressed about the failures of our Church, we too might wonder if we can or should leave and walk away. Many of our friends and family have already left. Like those followers who left Jesus, many in our community have found it his teachings too hard. But Peter's words are as true for us as they were for him and for the Twelve: “Master, to whom shall we go?” Much and all as we too can find Jesus' teaching challenging, it is Jesus who has the words of eternal life. It is Jesus, the Holy One of God, who offers us the Bread of Life. There is no other.

So, today's readings present us with questions of decision and commitment.

In the first reading, Joshua, who succeeded Moses and led the Israelites into the Promised Land, challenges the Chosen People, newly settled in that new land, to decide on whether it is God or some other deities they will serve and worship? The people recall the great wonders that the Lord God had done for them and re-commit themselves to serving the Lord.

In the second reading, the Apostle Paul insists that being a Christian does indeed demand choices and commitments of us, some of them hard. He urges us to live in love, as Christ loved us.

The gospel then challenges each of us, today and indeed every day of our lives: shall we follow him or shall we leave.

Jesus didn't promise that it would be easy. Not at all. But what he does promise is food for the journey, the Eucharist of his flesh and blood, eternal life, and undying love.

So, what is your response to Jesus' question: Do you also want to leave? Let us pray for the strength and the courage to hold on to our faith in Jesus. Let us remember and give thanks for the many things that the Lord has done for us. Let us come and find nourishment in the Eucharist. And let us support and encourage each other on the journey.

Anne Hunt

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Silencing our Noisy World

Lord, it seems that our television sets,
computers and radios are constantly blaring

How can we ever hear your voice and guidance
when we continuously surround ourselves
with so much noise

Remind us to take some time each day
to shut off the noise of our world for a while
so we can speak and listen to you.



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.

National Day of Prayer – The Church Together: Sunday, August 22, 2021

The team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting, in consultation with many church leaders and prayer networks, including Bishop Philip Huggins and the National Council of Churches, is calling Australia to unite in prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis. The theme is found in this beautiful liturgical prayer: “Lord have mercy — Jesus have mercy”. We encourage you to pray in your own church and in your own way at this time. To facilitate a national prayer focus, the team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting are providing the following prayer resources and opportunities:

- On Sunday, August 22 from 9.00am – 9.00pm the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team will host a Zoom Prayer call featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or come for a long while. Let us join in prayer for our nation.

Register at <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

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.

Contributions to date: \$536.55

Six-week meditation program

An in-parish Christian meditation program will begin on Tuesday the 10th of August, running for six weeks. This is the practical component for a University of Divinity course being undertaken by Jamin Howman and will focus on two different types of Christian meditation. These are free sessions, and all are welcome to attend. Each session will be largely independent so there is no pressure to commit to the entire program. Hope to see you there!

Date: Tuesday, 10th August, 17th August, 24th August, 31st August, 7th September, 14th September

Time: 5:30 to 6:30pm

Location: All Saints Catholic Church, Portland.

For further information contact: jphowman@gmail.com

