

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

**Weekend: 14/15 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. McGenniken

**Next Weekend: 21/22 August**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

Prayers: D. Baudinette

Reader: P. O'Brien

Ministers: K.A O'Keefe

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Prayers: J. Sandeman

Reader: K. Loftus

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.

#### 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](mailto:Portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Our Finances

#### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 842.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 5,368**

**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 4,825**

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 \$ 182.00

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



**15th August  
2021**

**Assumption of  
Blessed Virgin  
Year B**



#### Weekly Services 17/08 to 20/08

**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:

Kevin O'Dea, Garry Hincks

#### Anniversaries:

Patrick Burns, Joan McCabe, Henry Nickless, Rita Seymour, Ety McKinnon, Carmel Jasper, Lorna Stoneman, Aileen Bourke, Rita Madden, Paul Murphy, Alice Ough, Anna Galea

#### 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 44

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.  
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.  
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:  
forget your own people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty:  
He is your lord, pay homage to him.  
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;  
they pass within the palace of the king.

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Mary is taken up to heaven,  
and the angels of God shout for joy.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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# Mary's song is our song

Mary set out quickly from Nazareth to a town in the hill country of Judah, to visit her older cousin, Elizabeth, who was pregnant with the child we know as John the Baptist. Mary is carrying her own child, Jesus. At the presence of Jesus and his mother, the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy!

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, excitedly bursts into praise. She recognises the special position of Mary and her Son: "Of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Then, it's Mary's turn to sing God's praises in the song we call the 'Magnificat'.



Mary begins by proclaiming God's greatness: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Mary's happy because God has affirmed and honoured her lowliness; calling her to faithful service. God's special care is for little ones. Mary echoes the same joy that Jesus blesses the Father, because God is hidden to 'the wise and the learned' and is revealed to 'the little ones'. In the New Covenant, God's 'preference' is for the lowly and humble who are specially favoured. 'Greatness' doesn't come from social status!

From this day forward all generations will call me blessed. This isn't an arrogant statement. Rather, it's humble thanksgiving. What an extraordinary grace to be chosen to be the mother of the world's Saviour. Mary rejoices and is deeply grateful for being chosen for this privilege. It's yet another sign of God's desire that the poor, the weak, the marginalised, the wounded, the exploited and discriminated against in this world should be the special recipients of God's love, care and concern.

Mary knows that God's faithful love and mercy reaches from age to age and accompanies all generations. It's the message Jesus preached and lived and that's why disciples need to 'be merciful as your Father is merciful'. Mary, in a very special way, embodies the tenderness of God and points us to Jesus' fundamental message, that God's true nature is compassion and love.

Mary proclaims the God of the poor, who pulls down princes from their thrones, removes their power to oppress and sends them away empty handed. Indeed, God will exalt the lowly, so they reclaim their dignity and worth. God will fill the hungry with good things, so they enjoy a more valued and just life. In other words, the last shall be first, and the first last.

Today, with faith and trust, we're invited to make Mary's song our own; and to live our lives guided by its spirit and deep simplicity. The fulfilment of the song's promises and Mary's fidelity to them, 'led her home' to eternal life with God. Where she has gone, we hope to follow.

David J Hore, CSsR

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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.**

## 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:

- Every day from Monday 16 – Sunday, August 22 a Daily Devotion will be sent out to those who register. Each Daily Devotion will include a prayer from a different Church leader.
- Every night from 8.00pm AEST, Monday 16 – Sunday, August 22 a nightly Prayer Call will take place with input from a different church leader each night.
- 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/>

## Lay People and Synodality

Sr Nathalie Becquart, Under-Secretary, Synod of Bishops will present a webinar "Lay People and Synodality", sharing her experience on this important topic, which is the main theme for the next Synod of Bishops in 2023 "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." Synodality also features in the Australian Plenary Council Agenda. The webinar is hosted by the Australian Cardijn Institute and will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2021 at 7.00pm AEST.

Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYod-qsrz4oH9aSiUMCJFG6V6S-bexrv-9C>

## Six-week meditation program

An in-parish Christian meditation program will begin on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> September

Time: 5:30 to 6:30pm

Location: All Saints Catholic Church, Portland.

For further information contact: [jphowman@gmail.com](mailto:jphowman@gmail.com)