

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

**Weekend: 7th August**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

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

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: H. Webb  
Reader: M. Schultz  
Ministers: B. McGennissen

**Next Weekend: 14th 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

**Church Cleaning:**

**01/08 K. McNamarra, M. McGennissen**

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

## Our Finances

### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 865.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 4,148**

**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 4,180**

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 \$ 625.00

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



**8th August  
2021**

**Saint Mary  
of the Cross  
Year B**



**Weekly Services 10/08 to 13/08**

**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:

Stephen Shepherd, Margaret Moore, Betty O'Neil, Joan Haberfield, Narla Saunders

### Anniversaries:

Timothy Nash, Barry Sullivan, Ruth Saunders, Grace Micallef, Bronwyn Anderson, Patricia Heath, Fr Brendan Davey, Josephine Vella, Gerald Hall, Dorothy Priestly, Donald Brady, Dave Dellow, Chris Annett, Lorna Rock, Kath Briggs, Keith Whitbourn, Tom Nolan, Richard Nash, Eileen Wright, Sean McKinnon, Sr Sheila Hynes IBVM

### 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"

**All Saints' Parish**

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Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.

email: [greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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 623

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance,  
the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## A courageous discipleship

The first session of the Plenary Council will take place in Adelaide from 2-10 October 2021 and the second in Sydney from 4-9 July 2022. The Council meetings will be multi-modal in that people will be present face-face and online.

The Plenary Council is the fruit of a lengthy process of consultation of the Australian community which began in 2018 with the primary question being, "What is God's Spirit asking of us in Australia Today?"

There were 222,000 responses, and the material was then gathered by the National Centre for Pastoral Research into six broad themes with discernment and writing groups appointed for each theme. Their material was published on Pentecost Sunday in 2020, and a small writing group was appointed to produce a 'Working Document' to guide the participants.

The final chapter of this document is entitled "I am with you always," and the opening reflection is about Saint Mary MacKillop who is seen as a model of Australian discipleship. Her story is a powerful reminder "that the way of courageous discipleship of Jesus Christ is not foreign to those who live under the Australian sun in this wide brown land."

The 'Working Document' offers all of us an invitation "to follow in Saint Mary's footsteps, seeking new ways to share the joy of the Gospel with each other and with the communities in which we live."

Our Gospel reading for the feast reminds us that God watches over us on our journey through life, values us, and invites us to seek first the kingdom, and God promises to provide for our other needs. We see an example of this when the great prophet Elijah visits a widow in an obscure village in the north of the country and asks for bread and water.

The widow had little but she provided a small meal with the limited resources at hand and she and her son supped with Elijah. To her utter surprise, her generosity is rewarded and the "jar of meal was not spent, nor the jug of oil emptied." God provided for all in their need.

Paul writes to the Colossians from prison in Rome around 60-62 after he had heard that they were struggling with some theological issues. Paul reminds them of God's enduring love and offers them advice about how to let the love of God flow into their lives so that they forgive each other as the Lord had forgiven them and live lives of generosity, humility, gentleness and patience which will bring peace to the heart and blessings to the community.

The words of our readings struck a chord in the heart of Mary MacKillop and her words to her sisters resonate in our ears when we hear her sage advice. "Never see a need, without doing something about it."

The Plenary Council is a synodal exercise in listening to the voices of our faith communities and making decisions that will lead us to fullness of life.

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*Saint Mary  
of the  
Cross MacKillop*

Do not be afraid.  
Love one another,  
bear with one another,  
and let charity guide  
you in all your life.

*Mary MacKillop*  
12.1.1909



**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.**

### CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential.



Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential.

You can donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

### 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)

### 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.