

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

This Weekend: 10/11/12 September

Friday: 10.00am

Reader: D. Kierce
Prayers: I. Eichler
Minister: F. Mizzi
Computer: L. Cooper

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: P. O'Brien
Prayers: D. Bennett
Minister: F. Mizzi
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Loftus
Prayers: M. McKenzie
Ministers: J. Sandeman
Computer: A. Francis

Next Weekend: 17/18/19 September

Friday: 10.00am

Reader: D. Kierce
Prayers: I. Eichler
Minister: F. Mizzi
Computer: L. Cooper

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Bennett
Prayers: P. O'Brien
Minister: F. Mizzi
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J. Howman
Prayers: H. Webb
Ministers: B. McGenniken
Computer: A. Francis

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.

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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.

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 662.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 9,882
Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 12,610

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 \$ 257.00

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



**12th September
2021**

**24th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekly Services 14/09 to 17/09

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

Friday: 10.00am Mass

As numbers attending mass are restricted to 20 persons over the age of 12mths, anyone 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:

Sr Anne McMillan RSM

Anniversaries:

Bernadette Williams-Condys, Valda Howlett, Tony Clynes, Greg Frost, Shae Johnson, Ivan Couzens, Gerda Domburg, Anne Russo, Eileen Auld, Watty Crowe, Sr Imelda Gallagher RSM, Mary Gilbert, Muriel Mugavin, Marie Bicknell, Ronald Smith, Leon Murphy, Des Boland, Harriet Stuchbery

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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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webbstock

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 145

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Deaf to Jesus' message



Three times in Mark's gospel, Jesus will tell his disciples about his future which will be about suffering, death and resurrection. Each time the disciples are unable to hear him.

These three instances occur in chapters eight, nine, and ten around verse thirty. In chapter eight, Peter identifies Jesus as the Messiah, but subsequent verses show that he has little understanding of the kind of Messiah that Jesus will be. When Peter tries to rebuke Jesus and tell him that this is not the envisaged future, Jesus definitively tells Peter that the future will involve every disciple taking up the cross if they are to be the followers of Jesus.

In chapter nine, Jesus again tells the disciples that he will be betrayed, killed, and three days later rise again, but they did not know what he was talking about. When they arrived in Capernaum, he asked what they were arguing about, but they were embarrassed as they had been arguing with one another about who was the greatest.

In chapter ten, after the disciples were looking for reward for leaving behind their families and their security in following Jesus, he affirms that they will be rewarded, but not in the ways that they expected in terms of material rewards in this life but in life hereafter. He explains that he will suffer, die, and rise, but again they are deaf to his words and James and John come forward and ask if they can sit on the right and the left of Jesus in his kingdom.

It is only at the end of the gospel, when they meet the risen Lord and are commissioned to proclaim the good news to all nations that they begin to understand.

In reading Mark's gospel, one must wonder why the disciples were so deaf to the message of Jesus which was clearly communicated. I think that the answer lies in the expectations of the disciples. They are Jewish and the Jewish people had longed hoped for a Messiah. They had various understandings of who the Messiah would be and what he would do.

Some hoped for a Messiah who would free them from the oppression of the occupying power which at this time was the Romans. Some hoped that their nation would be restored to the stature it had enjoyed under the reign of King David. Others, hoped for religious reform, but almost no one understood that the Messiah would proclaim and inaugurate the "kingdom of God" as a promise of God's salvation and hope for the transformation of the world.

We can take comfort in the fact that the first disciples did not understand for we can also be slow in understanding a suffering Messiah and accepting the challenge of the cross in living lives according to the values of Jesus rather than the values of self-achievement. The life of Jesus ever invites us to reflect and review the directions of our own lives.

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Developing a Spirit of Adventure

Lord, teach us how to live each day
with a spirit of adventure, curiosity and wonder.

Let us constantly seek out
new things to learn,
new people to meet,
and new and interesting things to do

Help us to accept, Lord,
that if our lives become dull and boring,
it's because we allow them
to become dull and boring

Inspire us to take responsibility
for living our lives to the full.

Dear Parishioners,

As of 11.50pm tomorrow the 9th of September, the Victorian Government has announced an easing of COVID restrictions for Regional Victoria.

This easing of restrictions will apply in the Parish of Portland and throughout our Diocese of Ballarat.

Booking for Masses on Fridays at 10.00am, Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm & Sunday Mass at 10.30am will be required at this stage, so that I am not turning people away!!

This means that we can have 20 people at Mass, apart from the following ministries deemed essential to the running of a service.

If you are attending Mass on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, can you please make that your Mass for the weekend.

No booking will be necessary for Mass on Wednesday & Thursday at 10.00am, when we have them.

Children under the age of 12 months are not counted in the 20.

The following people exercising the following ministries are not counted in the 20 people allowed.

1. Reader of the Word,
2. Reader for Prayers of the Faithful
3. Communion Minister (When needed)
4. Computer Operator
5. Camera Operator (on Friday only)

Choir Members (on a Sunday at 10.30am, in the Choir Loft only).

Wearing of a Mask at Mass is required, except if you have an exemption, **Proof of that exemption must be supplied.**

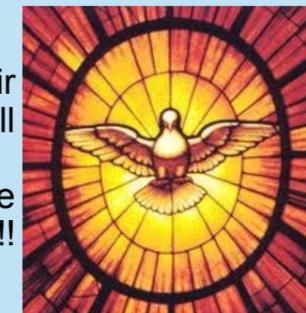
Funerals (indoor and outdoor) will be permitted with up to **20 people** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral.

Weddings (indoor and outdoor) will be permitted with up to **10 people** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the wedding.

Confirmation

Sacramental Program Students have been working hard on their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive this weekend.

We ask that you please pray for these children as they prepare for this very important Sacrament of Initiation. It's finally here!! We pray that you all have a great Confirmation experience.



April Bayona, Daisy Bayona, Grace Vecchio, Xavier Vecchio, Bella Banks-Mena, Evelyn Kort, Harmony Johnson, Harry Bourke, Isabella Cassar, Kiera McMahon, Patrick Impey, Wensday Zapanta.

Also **Evangeline Kozarevski** will be received into the Catholic Church.