

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

This 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

Next Weekend: 24/25/26 September

Friday: 10.00am

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

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: P. Lyons
Prayers: A. Ryan
Minister: F. Mizzi
Computer:

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M. Picard
Prayers: M. Schultz
Ministers: D. Arnott
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.

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

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.



**19th September
2021**

**25th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekly Services 21/09 to 24/09

Wednesday: 5.00pm 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:

Frances Elliott

Anniversaries:

Mary Kathleen Sullivan, Margaret King, Lloyd Zelenc,
Kevin Compton, Marie Stewart, John McKinnon,
Sylvia Beasley, Ray Keating, Leo de Gardis, Fr Paul
Mercovich, Arthur Weston, Angela Watt, Allan Hoskins,
Mary Milledge, Kevin McKinnon, Les Enscoe, David
Armour, Bob McIntyre, Geoff Baxter, Gerry Alexander,
Mary Pound, Sam Mizzi

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Coultie, 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 Gunditjmarra people.
We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and commit our-
selves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation and constitutional acknowl-
edgement of first peoples

Psalm 114

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.

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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are from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on
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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 2,311

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 12,415

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 14,817

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 \$ 746.20

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

Being like little children



Imagine the scene. Jesus and his disciples are making their way along the road to Capernaum. Being a few paces away from the others, Jesus is not part of their conversation. Nonetheless he picks up the vibe: the disciples are squabbling among themselves. So, when they arrive at their destination, Jesus confronts them: "What were you arguing about along the road?" Attempting to cover their shame, the disciples say nothing.

Before advancing the story, let us put it in context. Just a few days earlier, Jesus had taken Peter, James and John to Mt Tabor, some thirty miles from Capernaum, where he was shown in all his glory. Then, on the way

down the mountain, they came across a boy possessed by an unclean spirit. The disciples try unsuccessfully to heal the boy. Jesus says, "Bring him to me," and the boy is healed. The disciples' reaction: "Why could not we heal the boy"? Their concern is not with the boy, but with their own power.

Moreover, on the mountain and along the road, Jesus has been telling the disciples that the Son of Man was to suffer and die, but after three days would rise again. Understandably, too many things are being said and done by Jesus. The disciples are confounded, confused. Their response is to fear Jesus: "They did not understand what he said and were too afraid to ask". So, what do they do? They start debating about which one of them is the greatest!

We can picture the scene. Peter argues he has been appointed leader of the group. John announces his special intimacy with Jesus. His brother, James, known for his fiery temperament, portrays himself as the most courageous. Philip reminds them it was he Jesus first approaches about feeding the five thousand. But, says Andrew, it was me who found the boy with five barley loaves and two fish without which there would be no miracle. Judas harangues them all: without financial planning (his special gift), the discipleship mission would collapse.

At this point, Jesus has had enough. And so he calls the Twelve to him and says simply: "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last and servant of all". Although the disciples should immediately relate this to Jesus' earlier teachings, such as the Sermon on the Mount, he knows all too well people with ears so often cannot hear! So Jesus, ever the true teacher, takes a little child, symbol of vulnerability, telling them they too must become like "little children" if they are to learn true discipleship.

We are not told how the disciples reacted. Hopefully, they began to realise the question of "who is the greatest" is very much the wrong question. The questions we need to ask are: how can I become like a little child; how can I best learn to serve others; how can I put my ego aside in order to be an instrument of God's love for others in our world?

Gerard Hall SM

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Feeling Worthy

Lord, there are times when we feel
unimportant, unworthy, and totally inadequate.

When we feel this way, please step in
and restore our self-confidence.

Lift out spirits, Lord,
and help us to feel good about ourselves.

Love us when we find it hard
to love ourselves.

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.

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA AGENDA

As children of God, disciples of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Members of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia are called to develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia at this time. 'I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.' Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* 27

Conversion • How might we better accompany one another on the journey of personal and communal conversion which mission in Australia requires? • How might we heal the wounds of abuse, coming to see through the eyes of those who have been abused? • How might the Church in Australia open in new ways to Indigenous ways of being Christian in spirituality, theology, liturgy, and missionary discipleship? How might we learn from the First Nations peoples? • How might the Church in Australia meet the needs of the most vulnerable, go to the peripheries, be missionary in places that may be overlooked or left behind in contemporary Australia? How might we partner with others (Christians, people of other faiths, neighbourhood community groups, government) to do this? • How might the Church in Australia respond to the call to 'ecological conversion'? How can we express and promote a commitment to an 'integral ecology of life' in all its dimensions, with particular attention to the more vulnerable people and environments in our country and region?

Prayer • How might we become a more contemplative people, committing more deeply to prayer as a way of life, and celebrating the liturgy of the Church as an encounter with Christ who sends us out to "make disciples of all the nations"? • How might we better embrace the diverse liturgical traditions of the Churches which make up the Catholic Church and the cultural gifts of immigrant communities to enrich the spirituality and worship of the Church in Australia?

Formation • How might we better form leaders for mission – adults, children and families, couples and single people? • How might we better equip ordained ministers to be enablers of missionary discipleship: the Church becoming more a "priestly people" served by the ordained ministry? • How might formation, both pre- and postordination, better foster the development of bishops, priests and deacons as enablers of the universal Christian vocation to holiness lived in missionary discipleship?

Structures • How might parishes better become local centres for the formation and animation of missionary disciples? • How might the Church in Australia be better structured for mission, considering the parish, the diocese, religious orders, the PJPs and new communities?

Governance • How might the People of God, lay and ordained, women and men, approach governance in the spirit of synodality and co-responsibility for more effective proclamation of the Gospel? • How might we recast governance at every level of the Church in Australia in a more missionary key?

Institutions • How might we better see the future of Catholic education (primary, secondary and tertiary) through a missionary lens? • How might we better see the future of Catholic social services, agencies and health and aged care ministries as key missionary and evangelising agencies?