

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

This Weekend: 24/25/26 September

Friday: 10.00am

Reader: D. Baudinette
Prayers: I. Eichler
Computer: L. Cooper

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: P. Lyons
Prayers: A. Ryan
Computer: C. Leonard

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M. Picard
Prayers: M. Schultz
Ministers: F Mizzi
Computer: A. Francis

Next Weekend: 1/2/3 October

Friday: 10.00am

Reader: D. Kierce
Prayers: P. Rowe
Computer: L. Cooper

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: K. Howman
Prayers: P. Howman
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J. Howman
Prayers: M. McKenzie
Ministers: A. McIntyre
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.



**26th September
2021**

**26th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekly Services 28/09 to 01/10

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No 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 Parish office. 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:

Cath Malone, Christine Guy, Maria Merrett, Mary
Debono, Mollie Carey, Michael-Angelo Galea, Michael
Vella, Eileen Laidlaw, Ray Keating, Garry Jennings,
Kenneth Ryan, Sam Mizzi, Jim Whitehead, Paul Kierce,
Heather Phillips, Gwenda Sweeney, Donald Murphy,
Pat Stretch, Edward Shepherd, Henk de Jong

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

Sunday 10.30am or 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 Custodi-
ans of the land on which our Parish Community meets, the Gunditjmarra peo-
ple. 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 18

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
Make us holy in the truth.
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: \$ 4,192

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 16,407

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 15,657

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 \$ 530.40

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 open to others



We might think that, as a general rule, belonging to a group would be a good thing. However, today's Scriptures teach us that belonging to a group might not be all positive. As members of a group, we might advance the group's interests to the detriment of others outside the group. We might be so protective of the group's achievements that we do not want anyone else to do the same things – simply because that person is “not one of us”.

James' letter is particularly severe on the rich – not because they were wealthy but because of what they were doing together as a group. He warned them to expect divine retribution because they were cheating their workers of their wages and exploiting their workers' powerlessness to support their own luxurious and opulent lifestyles.

Pope John Paul II called this kind of belonging “communion in sin”. It involves people working together to advance their own interests by exploiting others. In such cases, injustices are perpetuated systematically and efficiently for the benefit of the few.

Both the disciples of Moses and the disciples of Jesus felt they belonged to exclusive groups formed by their masters for good purposes. They felt threatened by the success of others outside their circle doing what they felt should properly belong to them. They demanded that any outsider be stopped from doing what he or she was doing, simply because such a person was not one of the group, “not one of us”.

The responses of both Moses and Jesus are very instructive. They challenged their disciples to see the marvellous works of God's Spirit, which can move in totally unexpected ways. They challenged them to respect God's freedom and choice about who should be working for the kingdom and truth. The group is invited not to be threatened, but to be open to outsiders who do things differently, and to acknowledge with humility that truth and goodness are larger than we are.

Belonging to groups and organisations will always be part of our human experience. While it is natural that we feel a sense of pride in the groups to which we belong, we need to ask questions about how any particular group is forming us as human beings. Is the group helping us grow towards true goodness and truth, or not?

It is natural for us to want to belong. But we do well to reflect on how the group is operating. Is our group too exclusive? Should we be more open to others?

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During Fr Greg's Annual from 29/09 - 23/10 you are still able to watch online services at the following links:

Western Border Parish: Website:

<https://westernborder.church/category/mass-times/online-liturgies/>

St Joseph's Warrnambool: - Website

<https://m.facebook.com/stjosephswarrnambool/>

Mass for You at Home: This program has been allowing the faithful to participate in Mass from their homes for many years. Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day

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.

PLEASE READ INFORMATION FROM BISHOP PAUL:

Victoria's Roadmap and Vaccination

Last Sunday, the state government presented “Victoria's Roadmap”, indicating stages on the road that will take us through the COVID pandemic. A key principle of the roadmap is that the more people are vaccinated, the more people will be able to gather in larger groups. This will include gatherings for worship.

For Regional Victoria, from October 26, people who are fully vaccinated will be able to gather for Mass in greater numbers. There will be a further increase in the numbers from November 5, but again, this will only be for people who can provide evidence that they are fully vaccinated. For gatherings where the vaccination status is unknown, the number will continue to be capped at 20.

This provides an extra incentive to be vaccinated. The basic reasons for vaccination are to protect our own health and the health of people around us. A further reason is so that we might gather in larger groups for liturgy and for the many other events that enrich our lives as communities.

So, I encourage everyone throughout our diocese to be vaccinated. I received my first vaccination in July and I have made my appointment for my second dose. I urge the priests and people of our parishes to be fully vaccinated as soon as possible. This will be good for our own health and the health of our families. It will also hasten the day when we will be able to come together again as local communities to praise God and share with one another in person.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul



2022 Part Time Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program

Are you interested in gaining recognised education in the provision of pastoral care in the context of parish, aged care or health care?

A part time program is available online and face to face (when covid safe) for successful applicants.

The program offers education, formation and experience through approved and mutually negotiated placement hours and group days.

CPE is recognised by the University of Divinity as 48 points towards theological studies.

For further information and an application form please contact:

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