

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

This 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

Next Weekend: 8/9/10 October

Friday: 10.00am

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

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Bennett
Prayers: A. Ryan
Computer: C. Leonard

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Loftus
Prayers: M. Picard
Ministers: J. Sandeman
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.



**3rd October
2021**

**27th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekly Services 05/10 to 08/10

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:

Fr John Keane

Anniversaries:

Rex Stewart, Ted McKenzie, Ivy Wilson, Estelle Watson,
Stephen Harmer, Joseph Nguyen, Peter Hallam, Marian
Saligari, Sadie Sheehan, Elizabeth Merritt, Iris Nicholls,
Gayle Dempsey, Maureen McKenzie, Amy Saunders,
Noorgaya Mifsud, Jack Condon, Win Hallma, Fr Francis
Crowe, Sr Caroline Deutscher IBVM, Sr Anne Crowe,
Margaret Phillips, Shirley Panozzo, Rosalie Farley

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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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 Gunditjmara 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 127

May the Lord bless us, all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!

May the Lord bless us, all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
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: \$ 1,026

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 17,449
Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 16,297

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 \$ 641.20

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

The 'playground' of life



Watching children in a playground, I am in awe at how uninhibited they are with one another. Though they may be total strangers, children seem to have no problem fumbling and tumbling around, chatting to one another and even making friends under the watchful eye of their parents.

Once playtime is over, the new-found friends say goodbye whilst the adults simply smile and quietly go their separate ways. It is clear children believe the playground is loads of fun, not just because of the swings and slides, but because other kids are present. When other children are not around the playground is quieter, not as much fun.

It can be compared to people coming together to pray as a faith community. Total strangers we may be, but it's still a much richer and fulfilling experience when we pray as one, whether it be at Mass, bible study or a prayer service.

At that time of common prayer, like children in a playground, it's much easier to leave all judgement, prejudices and hang-ups behind and be more at ease with one another. And all this speaks of God who is God of, and, for relationships. The bible shows us how much God wants to be in relationship with humanity: The lengths and breaths that God will go to foster that relationship and the invitation for humanity to constantly enter into that relationship with God and, importantly, with one another.

It seems rather strange that what comes so naturally to children becomes increasingly difficult as we grow older. We become more inhibited, more weary, more conscious of ourselves and of our behaviour. We also are more aware of how others behave. And perhaps this makes having new relationships with people around us more challenging.

But we are created, born and brought up through and by relationships. It's part of the building blocks of our very nature because it's God's nature. To be in loving and giving relationships with one another. To be able to come together and support one another as we fumble and tumble through life. To see and appreciate that life is so much richer and wonderful because there are others around who are living life together with us.

We are all invited by God to be in the playground of life, to enter into it with others, to be like children; welcoming, accepting without inhibitions and judgements and relating to one another as brothers and sisters. Life perhaps is meant to be like a playground, without walls, barriers and borders. Life should be an open space in our hearts where people and God can enter and bring life to us and for us to share that life with others.

Mark Chia CSsR
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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.

Hello Everyone.

I write to advise you of the death of Fr John Keane.

Fr Keane served in various parishes throughout our diocese, including Ararat, Swan Hill, Wycheproof, Stawell, Warrnambool, Hopetoun and Linton. He retired from parish responsibilities in 2013.



His health declined in recent times and in the last few days he has been in palliative care at his nursing home. He died last night.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

Diocesan Director of Caritas

After many years of generous service, Sue Searls is retiring from the role of Diocesan Director of Caritas.

Bishop Paul would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking up this role. The position will be funded by Caritas as a part-time role, averaging one day a week, although most of the work is concentrated in the months of February to May in relation to Project Compassion. There is a role description available from the diocesan website:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. If you would like to be considered for this position or if you would like more information, please contact Bishop Paul at bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au by Thursday, October 7. Please include your contact details and some notes about your interest in this position and the experience you could bring to this role.

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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