

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

This 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

Next Weekend: 15/16/17 October

Friday: 10.00am

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

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: A. McIntyre
Prayers: M. McKenzie
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.



**10th October
2021**

**28th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekly Services 12/10 to 15/10

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:

Isobel Hutchins, Patricia McBean, John Staples, Ken
Johnson, Bernadette Williams-Condys, Valda Howlett,
Tony Clynes, Greg Frost, Shae Johnson, Ivan Couzens,
Gerda Domburg, Anne Russo, Eileen Auld

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 89

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and the Gospel verses,
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: \$ 1,222

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 18,948

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 17,544

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 \$ 442.50

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 road that leads us to God



The kingdom of God is the heart and essence of Jesus' teaching. References to the kingdom appear 114 times in the four gospels. According to our earliest gospel, Mark (1:15: cf. 3:24; 4:11, 26, 30), Jesus initiated his message with the proclamation, "The present era of history is at an end, the reign of God has come near; convert your mind and believe in the good news."

In Jesus' teachings, this kingdom of God emerges as a vision of a future direct rule by God upon earth. It was not, as is often thought today, a vision of heavenly spiritual realm, or even life after death per se; but a future physical, corporeal, historical reality.

Jesus characterised this coming reign of God as an overturning of the present world order — a new relationship between God and creation, a "rebirth" and a "regeneration" when "the first will be last and the last first" (Mk 10:31; Matt 19:30), and those who will be great in God's reign will be those who serve (Matt 20:26-27).

For Jesus, this reign of God was both a future event and present now in and through his ministry. In Luke's Gospel (17:20-21), the Lukan Jesus even goes so far as to say, "The Kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' Indeed, the kingdom of God is among you" (or, in some translations, "within you").

In the popular imagination, the Christian proclamation of salvation and redemption are commonly identified with attaining one's heavenly reward in a "life after death". A fresh appreciation of Jesus' teaching on the kingdom, however, suggests that redemption is as much about living as about dying.

In today's gospel, Jesus engages in a series of discussions about the kingdom and eternal life with a stranger he meets on the road, and then, with his disciples. The gist of the two encounters is that one cannot earn eternal reward simply by obeying the commandments or doing good deeds. But one can enter the kingdom now by turning one's life over to God's will and trusting in the divine providence.

A good friend of mine in the priesthood often tells his congregation that heaven and hell are not "places" as such, but "situations" where one's life option is eternalised. The Jesuit, John Powell, wrote that "gentle and caring elderly people have spent their entire lives practicing at being gentle and caring."

As I read today's gospel, I was reminded of Thomas Merton's Prayer of Unknowing: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going ... and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you ... I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it."

Ian J Elmer

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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

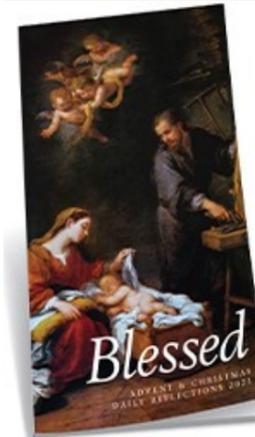
All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Target Car park) Phone: 5521 1587

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.



Blessed—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2021

This year has been a rollercoaster of emotions and challenges, especially in light of the pandemic. As we hopefully ease back into the routines of our lives from the advent of lockdown, may we see how our re-emergence into new life mirrors the Advent season as we await the birth of the Saviour. God chose Mary to give birth to Jesus, and Christ has chosen us as his dwelling when we meditate on his Word and receive him in the Eucharist.

Blessed is a 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022).

If you would like to order a copy of the booklet, either email me portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or place a note in the collection basket. The cost of the booklet is \$4.

CatholicCare Victoria - Free Mental Health & Wellbeing Guide

CatholicCare Victoria has been supporting the Ballarat community for almost 45 years. To help in these tough times, we've developed a free guide to mental health and wellbeing, created by regional Victorians, for regional Victorians. Download your copy today at

https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=mental-health&utm_content=ballarat&fbclid=IwAR26onSC87f6p89AM0li_Conf5W_cYPyRTwsDKzWwMk4xREnbkTGzUv07ec

World Day of Prayer Creative Workshop - Online

You are invited to the World Day of Prayer Creative Workshop, "England, Wales and Northern Ireland 'I know the plans I have for you'". The workshop will be held via Zoom on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 12.30pm. Registration required by Friday, October 8 via email to wdp.vic@gmail.com or Ann Robinson on 0425 701 248. After your registration has been received, you will receive the Zoom login details to participate in the Workshop.

Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR decreed the establishment of a new parish in the diocese, Star of the Sea, South West Coast, as at October 1, 2021. The new parish covers the area of the former parishes of Dennington, Koroit, Port Fairy, Warrnambool and Warrnambool West. Fr John Fitzgerald, Moderator and Fr John Corrigan, Co-Pastor, will continue their service in the new parish.

More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/star-of-the-sea-parish-south-west-coast/>