

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

This Weekend: 22/23/24 October

Friday: 10.00am

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

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Bennett
Prayers: P. Lyons
Computer: C. Leonard

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Next Weekend: 29/30/31 October

Friday: 10.00am

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

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M. McKenzie
Prayers: B. Healey
Ministers: Anne 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.



**24th October
2021**

**30th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekly Services 26/10 to 29/10

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
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 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 Denis Dennehy

Anniversaries:

Ruby Potter, Myrtle Ruge, Brian Jennings, Ricky Davies,
Mary Knight, Mary Hanes, Ross Grundy, Patricia
Taggart, Tex Vaughan, Michaela Perrin, Essie
Tomasetti, Sr Mary Hendrick IBVM, Mons Nolan

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.

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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 Webstock

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 125

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
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: \$ 516.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 20,209

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 18,793

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 \$ 403.20

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

Praying for 'faithful' eyes



How often in life do we find among a group of people, for example family members facing a crisis or drama, that different members see and interpret the situation so very differently. Indeed, different family members can have diametrically opposed views on what is happening before their very eyes. They don't see the same thing! Seemingly, some don't or can't see!

We see this same phenomenon over and over again in the gospel accounts of Jesus' life. So many people witnessed the miracles that he worked, observed the life that he lived, and heard the teachings that he gave, and yet only some really saw.

In fact, Jesus is surrounded by blindness. The scribes and Pharisees saw him as flouting the religious authorities and traditions they held dear. They saw, and yet they didn't see! Some disciples saw and followed him for a while, but then drifted away. They didn't get it! Even the closest disciples didn't really get what they saw in Jesus. James and his brother John, for example, implored Jesus to place them at his side in his kingdom.

Today's gospel is a classic example. Towards the end of Jesus' public ministry, many people flocked around Jesus, keen to see what he was doing, but it is only the blind beggar Bartimeus who truly sees Jesus. Hearing from people in the crowd that "Jesus of Nazareth" was passing by, Bartimeus calls out, "Jesus, son of David" (a messianic title, indicating that Bartimeus recognises Jesus as the longed-for Messiah). Blind though Bartimeus is, he is the one person in the story who actually sees who Jesus really is! He is physically blind but he sees with 20/20 spiritual vision!

Jesus then calls Bartimeus to him and asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimeus replies, "Master, I want to see." Jesus then heals him and tells him that his faith has saved him. Bartimeus then follows Jesus. He becomes a disciple. He walks the talk. He lives his faith.

But the people observing all this, all sighted people, didn't know they were blind. We too are often blind and don't know it. We can be blinded by fear or by injury or hurt. We can be blinded by preoccupation with material possessions or status, for example. We can really struggle, especially in hard times, to hold onto our faith in God and trust in God's love and care for us.

The story of Bartimeus reminds us that, though we might not see it, we are all in need of healing, of sight, and of faith. Jesus asks each of us: "What do you want me to do for you?" Like Bartimeus, let us pray, "Lord, I want to see." We pray for the eyes of faith to see who Jesus really is and to follow him ever more closely and faithfully.

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Prayer for those on Mission

Grant us, Lord God, the vision of your kingdom.
Grant us forgiveness and new life.
Grant us the stirring of your Spirit
so that we may proclaim your love
and change this world.

May your Spirit make us wise.
May your Spirit guide us.
May your Spirit strengthen us
so that we may be strong in the faith,
courageous in witness,
and persistent in good deeds.

God the Sender, send us.
God the Sent, come with us.
God the strengthener of those who go, empower us
so that we may go with you and find those who will call you
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

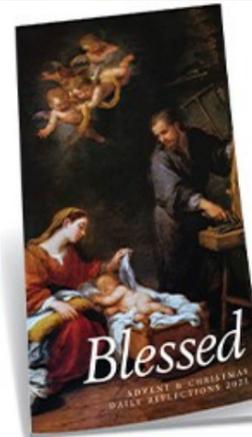
All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Target Car park) Phone: 5521 1587

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.

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for October:

Intention for evangelisation - Missionary Disciples: We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Parish Appointments

Following consultations in recent times, I am pleased to announce **two parish appointments that will take effect on January 10, 2022.**

Fr Justin Driscoll will become Parish Priest of the Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon Parishes. Fr Justin has served as Administrator of the Cathedral Parish for the past 14 years. I offer my thanks for his outstanding ministry in this role. I pray for blessings upon him as he moves into the new role of care for the people of Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon.

Fr Ed Moloney will become Administrator of the Ballarat Cathedral Parish. Fr Ed has served on the staff of Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne for the past 6 years. I thank Fr Ed for his dedication throughout this time in guiding seminarians on their journey towards priestly ministry. I pray for blessings upon him as he moves back to our Diocese to care for the people of the Cathedral Parish.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul