

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

This 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

Next Weekend: 5/6/7 November

Friday: 10.00am

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

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: C. Leonard
Prayers: A. Ryan
Computer: Anne O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M. Picard
Prayers: A. McIntyre
Ministers: M. McGennissen
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.



**31st October
2021**

**31st Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Weekly Services 02/11 to 07/11

Tuesday:	No Mass	Public Holiday
Wednesday:	10.00am	Mass - All Saints
Thursday:	10.00am	Mass - Holy Souls
Friday:	10.00am	Mass
Saturday:	6.00pm	Mass
Sunday:	10.30am	Mass

Recent Deaths:

Maureen Ulrich

Anniversaries:

Tom Hansford, Eric Lovell, Stan Murphy, Jim
Clynes, Ted Kempton, Jim O'Halloran, Thelma
Byron, Frank Murphy, Ron Ryan, Ken Murphy,
Ferdi Meerbach, Kate Marsh, Agnes Dalton, Betty
Lambert, Barry Bourke, Ann Seabright, Eileen
Ryszewski, Beryl Perry, Margaret Haintz

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*

Baptisms by appointment with Fr. Gregory
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 Custodi-
ans of the land on which our Parish Community meets, the Gunditjmara 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 17

I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed.

I love you Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.
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: \$ 937

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 21,146
Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 19,021

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

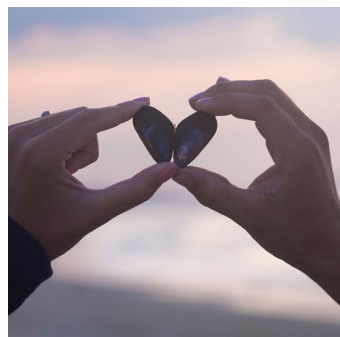
Presbytery Account

Priest support: inc. EFT \$ 504.00

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

God's law is about love



As part of a structured community or society, we need regulations, 'norms' or laws to provide the conditions for a productive, well-ordered and peaceful community. To achieve its mission and to continue to support people in their lives and with their faith, the Church also needs structures.

Church laws have been created by people of faith and good will over many centuries, based on the scriptures of the Old and New Testament and guided by the Holy Spirit. But, while there were times when Jesus found the application of the laws of his time not entirely to his liking, he never talked about simplifying or abolishing the laws.

He once said; "do not think that I have come to abolish the laws or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them" (Matt 5:17).

Yet, by answering the scribe's question in today's gospel, "which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus gives us a clear picture that God's law is about LOVE. He sums up all the laws in this one word: LOVE. Jesus takes us to the heart of the matter because he realises that the observance of the laws has gone awry.

Jesus said to the scribe: "you load people with burdens which they cannot bear, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them" (Luke 11:46). Jesus highlights this so we understand that LOVE is at the heart of God's Commandments. It is love that is to permeate our actions and it is love that gives profound meaning to our lives.

It is love that moved God, like the Good Shepherd to go out and search for each one of us. He sent his Son to be one like us, even to the extent of giving his own life, dying on the cross and rising from the dead to give us a new life. Love led Jesus to obey his Father's Will and fulfill the plan of salvation.

Jesus has refocused us all on love and placed it as the heart of all God's commandments. Jesus thus invites us to have his love in our hearts and in our discipleship journey. This same love will enable us to live our faith with greater commitment and sensitivity in all our changing situations.

Let us remember that God's love continues to burn in our hearts as his Holy Spirit inspires and accompanies us on our faith journey. We are called to share this love with those around us, particularly the wounded, the troubled and the needy. May God bless you.

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Remembrance for Holy Souls

During November if you would like to have the names of deceased family and friends recorded please email the Parish Office portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or text details to mobile 0475 512 530.

'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins.'
11 Machabees 12:46

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.

Dear Parishioners,

As per the Premiers statement on the 24th of October 2021, the Victorian Government has announced new COVID regulations to come into effect from 6pm on Friday October the 29th. I offer you a summary of the provisions that relate to gatherings in churches and how it will affect us in Portland at All Saints Church as they begin this weekend.

For those who are fully vaccinated or have a legal medical exemption, the new government regulations will permit gatherings of 1 person per 4 square metres indoors, or 1 person every 2 square meters outdoors with a cap of 500 people for each ceremony, according to the size of the Gathering space. For us here in Portland at All Saints Church, we can have 72 fully vaccinated people, including those required to assist the celebration at any Mass.

When vaccination status is unknown, the new government regulations permit gatherings of up to 30 people only for religious ceremonies indoors, with 1 person per 4 square metres. Vaccination status relates to those 16 years of age and older. For weddings and funerals, the regulations are the same as any other ceremony.

Mass will be celebrated in All Saints Church on Tuesday at 5.00pm, Wednesday at 10.00am, Thursday at 10.00am according to the cycles of readings & Prayers for week day masses.

Mass using the weekend cycle of readings & prayers will be celebrated on Friday at 10.00am, Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 10.30am.

In line with the recommendation of Bishop Paul Bird, Friday Mass at 10.00am will be limited to 30 people so that those who are not vaccinated may attend a Mass with Sunday readings and Prayers. This will commence on Friday the 5th of November. Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday never achieve numbers over 30 so will also be open to all.

Thank you for supporting one another through these trying times. I offer special thanks to those who have assisted with gatherings in our churches over these past 18 months – those who have taken bookings for Masses, those who have helped us register as we have arrived at church, those who have done the extra cleaning throughout the pandemic. I ask you to continue to be patient as we negotiate the time ahead. Especially I ask you to be patient if you attend a gathering where we need to check vaccination status. Remember, those checking have not made the regulations. They are simply helping us to have as many people as possible attend Mass within the constraints of the government regulations.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Gregory

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.