

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

**This 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. McGenniken  
Computer: A. Francis

**Next Weekend: 12/13/14 November**

**Friday: 10.00am**

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

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: J. Sandeman  
Prayers: K. Loftus  
Ministers: F. Mizzi  
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.



**7th November  
2021**

**32nd Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year B**



## Weekly Services 09/11 to 14/11

**Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass**

**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**

**Friday: 10.00am Mass**

**Saturday: 6.00pm Mass**

**Sunday: 10.30am Mass**

## Recent Deaths:

## Anniversaries:

Peg Millar, David May, Lois Bryant, Doreen  
Atkinson, Anthony Arundell, Pauline Corcoran,  
Emse Mibus, Cornelius Melis, Les Shepherd,  
Dellas Bryant, Bernadette Collins, Terry Carr,  
Coral Hunt, Eamon Brabender, Joan Lynch,  
Bill Clancey, Barry McInnes

## 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"

**All Saints' Parish**

**Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor**

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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 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 145

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.  
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: \$ 537

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 22.026**  
**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 20.587**

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 \$ 513

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 gift of the heart

Carmel has been a widow for five years. Christmas and New Year are anxious and depressing times for her, especially now that she's on her own. In need of help and a listening ear, Carmel reached out to Sr Joan, who's been a great support to Carmel since her husband's death.

Sr Joan gave Carmel the name and address of a poor and frail elderly couple. "This old couple are in a very difficult situation, Carmel. See what you can do for them," Sr Joan urged.

Carmel was taken aback! It wasn't the response she expected and nor did it seem the answer to her own plight.

Reluctantly, Carmel went to see the elderly couple the next day. She found them in a small unit, barely able to manage basic tasks, including cooking for themselves. They were struggling and frightened. Carmel promised to help them. Over the next couple of weeks, Carmel cooked delicious and healthy meals as well as baking a few sweet treats!

After New Year, Carmel went to see Sr Joan, this time with a more positive outlook on life. She had a 'spring in her step' and a beaming smile on her face. "I haven't cooked or baked very much since my husband died," Carmel explained. "But shopping and cooking for my new friends has helped me to 'live' again, find happiness and rediscover what's really important about Christmas and New Year."

In today's readings we meet two more widows. The first, the widow of Zarephath encounters the prophet Elijah, who's on his way to confront 400 false prophets of Baal. Elijah finds himself in a foreign land during a deadly famine. Despite her personal fears, the destitute but incredibly generous widow gives Elijah all she has. Little did she know that her extraordinary gesture of generosity and kindness would change her life forever: "For the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry...'"

The second widow, featured in the gospel, gives 'everything' (two small coins) from her limited resources to the Temple, while others, from their abundance, splash their wealth around for all to see. Jesus praises the widow for her generosity and vulnerable trust in God's providential care, because she gave quietly and lovingly from her heart.

These stories teach us not to measure our gifts by their appearance. The value of a gift is in the heart and when the heart gives, no matter what the gift is, how great or small, if the heart gives it, then it's blessed in God's eyes.

When we act with vulnerable trust in the face of evidence to the contrary, it can bring about transformation beyond our limited capacity. Through our small but generous acts of love, compassion and solidarity, God's grace and goodness abound.

David J Hore CSsR © Majellan Media 2021

### Remembrance for Holy Souls

*Deceased members of the Tait & Perry families*

*Deceased members of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Deceased members of the Costa, Tripodi & Webbstock families*

*Deceased members of the Mizzi families*

*David Armour, Stewart Armour & family*

*George Horovitz, Elizabeth Kearney, John Kearney*

*Deceased members of the Anderson, Annand, Murphy and O'Brien families*

*David Meehan*

*Deceased members of the Swiggs and Rowe families*

*Ted, Mary & Greg Pound*

*Esteban Cresancia*

*Mary, Jack and Michael Loftus*

### Remembrance for Holy Souls

As we are not able to leave the usual book out this year, 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](mailto:portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or place details in an envelope in the collection plate. We will be praying for the dearly departed each week at all masses throughout the month of November.

**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.**

### Shared Table Project

I wanted to acknowledge and thank you and the Portland Parish for your continued support and recent donation of \$1,052.00 to The Shared Table. In these COVID 19 times, things are particularly challenging in Peru, so you can be assured that the funds we send over go a long way in helping support the community kitchens as they prepare and distribute meals to the families in the Motupe, Montenegro and Cangallo regions.

As you will be aware, Fr Mick has recently returned to Peru to continue his ministry in the Cusco region in the high Andes. I shall forward his updates as they come through.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Helen McBrearty

The Shared Table.

### 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](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for November:

**Universal intention – people who suffer from depression:** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

### Advent: Online Learning

Our online learning partner, Dayton University, is offering two new Advent classes beginning November 28. *Advent: A Holy Waiting* is designed as an e-retreat experience. Participants will find enrichment for the season through scripture, spiritual reading and listening, group discussion, prayer, and sacred music; and *Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act* explores the needs of people in their later lives: what is happening and how to maximize these times for the deepening of our spirituality.

Registration is open until November 25. More information or to register please go to the website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/>

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