

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

**This 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

**Next Weekend: 19/20/21 November**

**Friday: 10.00am**

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

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

Reader: P. O'Brien  
Prayers: D. Bennett  
Computer: Anne O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: A. McIntyre  
Prayers: M. Schultz  
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.



**14th November  
2021**

**33rd Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year B**



## Weekly Services 16/11 to 21/11

**Tuesday: No Mass**  
**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**  
**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**  
**Friday: 10.00am Mass**  
**Saturday: 6.00pm Mass**  
**Sunday: 10.30am Mass**

## Recent Deaths:

Kylie Harders

## Anniversaries:

Esteban Cresencia, Sean McKinnon, Sr Sheila  
Hynes IBVM, Patrick Burns, Joan McCabe,  
Henry Nickless, Rita Seymour, Etty McKinnon,  
Carmel Jasper, Lorna Stoneman, Sadeo Nemoto,  
Henry Perry, Betty Tyson

## 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

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email: [greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**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 15

Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever.

Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before  
the Son of Man.  
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: \$ 1,112

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 22,868**  
**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 20,885**

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 \$ 607.75

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

## Always a faithful God

A man thrown into a den of hungry lions; three youths cast into a massive furnace; dreams and visions; kings gone mad; angelic beings appearing and disappearing: the Book of Daniel is wild stuff. It certainly captivated Jesus, who identified himself as the visionary's 'Son of Man' riding on the clouds as Lord and Judge of the world.

And Daniel continues to captivate Christians today, who may try to see its obscure symbolism and elaborate numerical prophecies as cryptic anticipations of contemporary political volatilities in the Middle East and Eastern Europe foreboding the end of the world. The problem with this (well-intentioned) approach is that 'apocalypse' in the Bible does not mean 'end of the world', but rather, 'uncovering' or 'disclosure'. An apocalypse — and the Book of Daniel is certainly that — is a disclosure from heaven (through dream, vision, or angelic intermediary: all in play in Daniel) about the Creator's ultimate plan.

An apocalypse like Daniel or the Book of Revelation is meant to uncover the meaning of that great mystery of human purpose hidden in God's mind. What is the point of history? Of all this suffering and ignorance and loss? God only knows! And those who gain 'wisdom' by contemplating his Word with discernment ...

Think about the setting of Daniel: it takes place in Babylon. Daniel and his friends have been exiled to this foreign land because of Israel's covenant failures, as Jeremiah and many prophets had warned. Babylon ('Ur of the Chaldeans') is the place from out of which Abraham was originally called. Exile to Babylon meant that God was — astoundingly — taking his whole covenant project back to square one.

The covenant project was the central mission of God to rescue the world from its self-destructive path: God chose Abraham, promising him descendants that would make a great nation through whom 'all the world would be blessed.'

God gave this people a land and a law, so that they could enlighten the nations regarding God's desire for human flourishing; he gave them a temple and a king, meant to be the epicenter of true worship and worldwide justice. But Israel failed so egregiously that God took away their king, destroyed the temple, and removed them from their land, setting them in a society that made it difficult, even deadly to practice their God-given law. Daniel's visions and prophecies are written for those who hold on to hope amid apparent covenant failure. How do they apply to us?

For St Paul, the Gospel is the 'apocalypse of the mystery': the death and resurrection of Jesus brings about God's renewal of true worship (temple) and right living (law) in a worldwide community of faith (land) founded on the universal lordship of Israel's Messiah (king). What Daniel foresaw; the Church has been experiencing for two millennia.

Don't be shaken by scandal, controversy, persecution, or failure: sufferings and setbacks came, but God was faithful then. How much more so now with the mystery revealed?

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## 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*

*Deceased Family members & friends of David & Ann Taylor,*

*Deceased members of the Mwanga family*

## 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.**

## Southern Stars Family Group Picnic

When: Sunday 28th November

Time: 12pm onwards

Where: Portland Skate Park, beach and the All Abilities Playground.  
Anne and Pat will aim to secure a BBQ.



Anne & Pat will provide snags and bread. Please bring everything, including something to share and foldup chairs.

## World Day of the Poor – November 14, 2021

The fifth annual World Day of the Poor has the theme The Poor will Always Be With You. In his message for the day, Pope Francis says, "A different approach to poverty is required. This is a challenge that governments and world institutions need to take up with a farsighted social model capable of countering the new forms of poverty that are now sweeping the world and will decisively affect coming decades. If the poor are marginalized, as if they were to blame for their condition, then the very concept of democracy is jeopardized and every social policy will prove bankrupt.

With great humility, we should confess that we are often incompetent when it comes to the poor. We talk about them in the abstract; we stop at statistics and we think we can move people's hearts by filming a documentary. Poverty, on the contrary, should motivate us to creative planning, aimed at increasing the freedom needed to live a life of fulfilment according to the abilities of each person." Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of the Poor 2021, n 7.

God of the Poor,  
you hear and stand with all who suffer.

**Be with us** as we seek justice and mercy for the poor in our world today.

**Move us** to see, hear, and respond to the suffering poor in our midst.

**Disturb and challenge us** to take prophetic action with and for all who are afflicted.

**Mould us** to move closer and listen deeply to those who need our help and protection.

**Empower us** to speak out with courage against harm and degradation.

**Guide us** to build just communities of inclusion and acceptance.

**Teach us** to walk in your ways so that all can share in your abundance.

**Open us** to welcome your grace in the faces of people living at the margins.

**Send us** where we need to go to meet you.

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord and Giver of Life,**

**Amen.**