

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

This Weekend: 19/20/21 November

Friday: 10.00am

Reader: K. Arnott
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

Next Weekend: 26/27/28 November

Friday: 10.00am

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

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: C. Leonard
Prayers: D. Baudinette
Computer: Anne O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Loftus
Prayers: M. Picard
Ministers: M. McGenniken
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.



**21st November
2021**

**Christ, King of
the Universe
Year B**



Weekly Services 23/11 to 28/11

**Tuesday: 2.00pm Funeral Prayers
Jocelyn Perry**

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

Friday: 10.00am Mass

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Jocelyn Perry

Anniversaries:

Margaret Sawyer, Sarah Olive Stuchbery, Anna
Goosens, Betty Edwards, Esteban Cresencia,
Kevin Willey, David Meehan, Nathan Johnston,
Henry Sumner, Matthew O'Halloran,
John Finnegan, Una Gladman, Bob Stuchbery,
Sr. Liz Johnson, Fred Roberts, Ian McNamarra,
Rev. Justin Woodford

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 92

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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: \$ 1,032.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 23,825
Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 22,233

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 \$ 537.60

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 Kingdom is the truth



The first reading today is from the Book of Daniel (2nd century BC). It foretells the coming of a mysterious “one like a son of man.” This was a title that Jesus used of himself. The Church reads this text as prophesying the universal Kingship of Christ.

The second reading is from the New Testament Book of the Apocalypse (late first century). It presents the risen Christ, who has overcome all earthly powers, even the ultimate power of death.

The gospel reading tells us of the trial of Jesus before Pilate. Jesus confronts the imperial power of Rome. Pilate is a Roman governor: he is concerned with power. In the Roman way of thinking, every advance in power was bought by a victory over an opponent. Pilate could understand Jesus if Jesus was planning to seek political power by armed force.

Pilate as a Roman governor thinks he knows how to deal with someone who seeks that kind of kingdom. He would use force. He would have that person flogged and then executed by barbarous crucifixion. He would try to annihilate even the memory of that person. When Jesus does not take this option of seeking political power by armed force, Pilate is at a loss. He cannot locate Jesus in his own scheme of things.

In Jesus’ way of understanding his mission, he has come to enable people to see the truth and to enter into the kingdom which is truth. In the Gospel of John, Pilate expressly asks Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Some understand this as a politically charged question: if Jesus was indeed claiming to be “King of the Jews” he would be intending to lead a revolt against Roman power.

However, Jesus turns the question back to Pilate: he asks Pilate where he, Pilate, stands. Although Jesus is a prisoner in the power of the Roman governor, he does not submit to him.

Pilate and not the power of Rome. Jesus indicates clearly that he is not concerned with achieving political power. Rather than speaking of power, he turns attention to his kingdom. His kingdom is not of this world.

Pilate presses his questioning: “Then you are a king?” Again, Jesus deflects the question. Pilate again asks; “Then you are a king?”

But again, Jesus turns the questioning back on Pilate. “You say I am a king.”

Then Jesus states clearly: “Yes, I am a king.” But then he explains clearly the nature of his kingship. He came into the world: “To bear witness to the truth.” He is not pursuing the kind of kingship that has to be imposed by the threat of death by crucifixion. His kingship will be freely accepted and it will be welcomed by those who are seeking the truth.

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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 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.

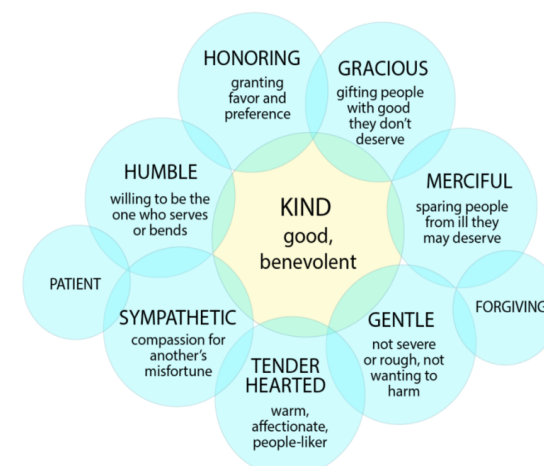


Christian Kindness: More Intentional than Random

Kindness is a trait that is sometimes in short supply. Just think of how people interact on social media or while driving on the road. Think how children socialise at school or in the playground. Or how family members interact at home. How often have you witnessed behaviour that can be described as unkind? How often have you struggled to be kind especially when someone is mean to you?

For a child of God, kindness is never truly random or senseless. Instead, it bears witness to the kindness of our heavenly Father and the great redemptive work of Jesus. We are kind because God is kind, and because through Jesus, our hearts are filled to the brim with goodness.

To be kind is to have a good heart that is inclined toward doing good things for others. In Scripture, kindness not only describes the beneficial nature of a deed, but also indicates that the deed is motivated by the godly character of the benefactor. The main challenge in understanding the biblical meaning of the word *kindness* is the fact that it belongs to a cluster of attributes that go together, overlap in meaning, and are even used interchangeably sometimes. If a someone is kind—in the godly sense of the word—then she is also merciful, gracious, patient, gentle, and forgiving. Her heart is characterized by goodness. That's why in Scripture, the word for *kindness* is often translated as “good” or “goodness.”



Kindness is a by-product of goodness. It encompasses an attitude of benevolence, but it also involves other godly character traits like tender-heartedness, humility, sympathy, patience, forgiveness, and gentleness.

All of the attributes in the word cloud contribute to what it means to be kind. So, if you want to be the type of wife and mom who is kind toward her husband and kids, it's important for you to tackle the challenge at a deep heart level, by working on your character, and not just your behaviour. Do you want to increase in kindness? Then aim to be more patient. Aim to be humbler. Aim to be more forgiving. Aim to be gentler. Aim to be more sympathetic. As you grow in these related traits, you will also grow in kindness.

For a believer, kindness is a fruit of the Spirit that is empowered, enabled, and directed by God. When our kindness extends beyond those who deserve or reciprocate our benevolence, when it reaches out to those whose shortcomings and failures we know full well, that is when we reflect the heart of him who is “kind to the ungrateful and the evil” (Luke 6:35).

A kind-hearted Christian is a rare find in this self-centred world where there are far more takers than givers. Christian kindness, expressed in our attitudes and actions, our speech on the Internet and social media, in our relationships and in our homes, in our churches and communities, is a powerful means of displaying the amazing kindness of Christ.

MARY KASSIAN