

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

This Weekend: 3/4/5 December

Friday: 10.00am

Reader: P. Rowe
Prayers: K. Arnott
Computer: L. Cooper

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: P. Howman
Prayers: K. Howman
Computer: C. Leonard

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Loftus
Prayers: A. McIntyre
Ministers: F. Mizzi
Computer: A. Francis

Next Weekend: 10/11/12 December

Friday: 10.00am

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

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Baudinette
Prayers: D. Bennett
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M. Schultz
Prayers: J. Sandeman
Ministers: B. McGenniskien
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.



**5th December
2021**

**Second Sunday
Advent
Year C**



Weekly Services 07/12 to 12/12

Tuesday: 11.00am Anointing Mass
5.30pm Advent Reflection & Evening Prayer

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

Friday: 10.00am Mass
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

John Alexander Doherty, Jim Foley, Eleanor Foley

Anniversaries:

Jason Murray, Cath Dixon, Bill Mailing, Ada McNeilly, Terry McMeel, Stella Young, Maureen Rogers, Lorraine Bloomfield, Denise Shepherd, Sr Mary Muirhead, Margaret Cassie, Merle Grundy, Jessie Ward

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.

Dear Parishioners,
According to the State-wide Settings PDF that the State Government released last week the wearing of masks is still required in settings where there may be a mix of people vulnerable to COVID-19.

I believe that this applies to our Mass attendance in all settings where we have a mix on fully Vaccinated and unvaccinated people attending.

I would therefore recommend that you all bring a mask to wear indoors when you attend mass in any instance.

kind regards Fr Greg

"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 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 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!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 702.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 25,889
Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 24,647

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 \$ 559.00

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

Joyful expectation



Advent is a time of waiting in hope and expectation. We may hope for many things: to win the lottery; get a better-paid job; pass an examination; find the right person to marry; overcome an illness; heal a soured relationship. Perhaps though the Church's celebration of Advent is more akin to the kind of excited joy in a child's heart awaiting a forthcoming birthday party. Or the joy of expectant parents awaiting the birth of their first child.

For the Church, Advent is the season that prepares us for the celebration of a birth and a birthday: Jesus Christ on the 'first Christmas'. However, this is not simply a celebration of an event that

occurred some two thousand years ago. This first coming of Jesus Christ includes his birth, public life and ministry, his death and resurrection, as well as his continuing presence among us.

This is what we celebrate in the Church's liturgy, especially the Eucharist; it is also at the heart of Christian mission which sees Christ present in every person, tribe, people and nation, as throughout the whole of creation.

Advent, then, is meant to awaken us to this reality that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth, ministered throughout Galilee and was crucified and rose from the dead in Jerusalem. He ascended to the Father and continues now as 'light of the world' in which we live today. In other words, this first coming of Jesus Christ is an ongoing event calling us ever and always to centre our lives on his teaching and example, and to recognise his living presence in our Church and world.

While all this is central to our Christian faith, we do well to think about what the Scriptures call the second or final coming of Jesus Christ. Remembering that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow" (Hebrews 13:8), we need to read his role as judge of the living and the dead in relation to his central message of the "Kingdom of God" yet to come and already present among you. Equally central to this message is the call to repentance and the offer of salvation.

We are not called to live our lives in fear and dread. Of all people, Christians should be full of joyful expectation in the knowledge that the one who comes to judge is also the one whose love for us and offer of salvation are so poignantly expressed in the figure of Christ on Calvary.

Christians are no longer so narrow-sighted to think only they will be 'saved'; rather they see their mission to the world to be Christ for others and to show that God's divine mercy and forgiveness are offered to all. Or, in the words of Pope Francis, "The mercy of God is the mission of the Church."

Gerard Hall SM

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Advent Prayer

**GOD OUR FATHER
HELP US KEEP WATCH
AND STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH
AS WE WAIT FOR THE COMING
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
WAKE US UP
AND FIND US READY
TO SERVE AND PRAISE HIM.
AMEN.**

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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.

Columban Calendar

The Columban Calendar 2021 is available to purchase at the All Saints Outreach Shop for \$10. Support Missions - It would make an ideal Christmas gift! Get one before they are sold out!



Christmas Mass Times

21st December, Tuesday	7.00pm - Sacrament of Penance, All Saints Church
24th December, Friday	5.00pm - Vigil Mass - Dartmoor
24th December, Friday	7.30pm - Carols - All Saints Portland
24th December, Friday	8.00pm - Christmas Eve Mass - All Saints Portland
25th December, Saturday	9.30am - Christmas Day Mass - All Saints Portland
26th December, Sunday	10.30am - Feast of the Holy Family, All Saints Portland

****Please note there is no Vigil Mass on Saturday night****

Briny Bunch Family Group

Briny Bunch Members are invited to afternoon tea at the Fauna Park (Bridgewater Road) from 3pm on **Sunday, 5th December**.

Bring your own drinks and a chair. Food will be supplied.

Please RSVP to Anne (0428780536) for catering purposes.



Christmas Meat Hamper

Through our Parish Outreach we will provide meat vouchers to accompany the Christmas hampers that are being delivered in December. If you would like to make a contribution to the cost of the meat for the hampers, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Meat Hampers", and return via the collections.

Total to date \$120

**International Volunteers
Day – Sunday, December
5, 2021**



Within our parish communities are many volunteers who provide their talents and time to contribute to the mission of our churches. We thank God for these people who continue to strive to make our parishes a place of welcome and prayer.

Blessing Prayer

God of glory,
your beloved Son has shown us that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts.
Bless our volunteers
who have responded to the needs of our parish and wish to commit themselves to your service.
Grant that their ministry may be fruitful and our worship pleasing to you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.