

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

**This Weekend: 1st & 2nd January**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: M. Schultz  
Prayers: A. McIntyre  
Ministers: K. Loftus  
Computer: A. Francis

**Next Weekend: 8th & 9th January**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: J. Howman  
Prayers: M. McKenzie  
Minister: C. Leonard  
Computer: C. Leonard

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K. Loftus  
Prayers: J. Sandeman  
Ministers: A. McIntyre  
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.



**2nd January  
2022**

**The Epiphany  
of the Lord  
Year C**



**Weekly Services 04/01 to 09/01**

**Tuesday:** 5.00pm Mass  
5.30pm Christmastide reflection & Evening prayer

**Wednesday:** 10.00am Mass

**Thursday:** 10.00am Mass

**Friday:** 10.00am Mass  
6.00pm Christmastide Evening Prayer

**Saturday:** 6.00pm Mass, Feast of the Baptism

**Sunday:** 10.30am Mass, Feast of the Baptism

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:**

Rita Smith, Zita McInerney, Chris Kelly, Francis Bowman, Pauline De Bono, Len O'Neil, Frances (Sandy) Sandeman, Bob Crooks

**Prayer Requests:**

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky Schultz, Claire Jesser, Lea-anne Bourke, Michelle Mutch, Deanne Atkinson, Vincent Bailey

*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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**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 71**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate  
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 723.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 29,530**  
**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 28,631**

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 \$ 767.25

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

**Christmas Meat Hampers: \$555.00**  
**Bishop's Christmas Appeal: \$824.25**

## The child is revealed



What's being revealed to us twelve days after Christmas, because this is what Epiphany means: something is shown, or revealed to us. We're all in holiday mode and then these Magi, these wise men appear, following a star.

But weren't they there at the crib? So, what are they doing turning up now? (It's been suggested they arrived quite some time after the birth, but that's not what is being revealed.) It's a vividly dramatic story filled with light and intense darkness too. The wise

men come from the East, from far away, strangers led by a star, not knowing where it might lead them. We might wonder what star would we follow, setting out, not knowing where we're going? Have our lives been interrupted at some point? When they arrive in Jerusalem they ask the authorities, "Where is the infant king of the Jews?"

This causes great consternation and Herod calls together the religious leaders who tell him that, according to prophecy, this king was to be born just down the road in Bethlehem and show no further interest. We understand their reluctance: we too have been given this gift, but often prefer to keep it under wraps and just do the decent thing.

Meanwhile, Herod is alert to what the wise men say because he wants to eliminate this possible threat to his throne. Again, we know something of Herod's instinct, the fear underlying it, the need to be in control. The wise men listen and take their leave, guided by what they have heard.

Now, the star reappears overhead and filled with joy, they're drawn on by its light, until it stops over a house, in Bethlehem. They go in and seeing Mary and her child they open their hearts, and 'do him homage'. Who, in our lives, are we able to revere, to open our hearts to, putting aside whatever else, whether money, status, or influence? Then, they open their treasures and offer him gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The wisdom of the wise men leads us to this. What are we able to offer him from our treasures, our lives, and so to those whom we love and respect? At the gospel's end, warned in a dream, they find another way home, leaving behind Herod and his enablers. In a world full of shadows and threat, a light still leads them.

As we learn to open our hearts a little, we come before him hesitantly with the gift of ourselves and 'do him homage'. In doing so, we will begin to know the wonder of Isaiah in the first reading and begin to share in the 'same inheritance', as the second reading says. In Matthew's gospel it's the Magi who first reveal to us we are no longer strangers to one another, that we belong to one another, in Jesus Christ. What's revealed to us in this child, is the glory of God being with us, now and forever.

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<b>Monastic Bootcamp</b>  <b>January 9th - 15th</b> <b>A week of fasting, meditation and prayer. See larger version of posters in foyer.</b> <b>Any questions or for bookings please contact Jamin Howman</b> <b>jphowman@gmail.com</b>	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		8:00 – 8:30 am	8:00 – 8:30 am	8:00 – 8:30 am	8:00 – 8:30 am	8:00 – 8:30 am
		Lauds	Lauds	Lauds	Lauds	Lauds
				Fasting from Lauds to Vespers		Fasting from Lauds to Vespers
	5:00 – 6:00 pm	5:30 – 6:00 pm	5:30 – 6:00 pm	5:30 – 6:00 pm	5:30 – 6:00 pm	5:30 – 6:00 pm
	Orientation to the week.	Theology Presentation 1	Theology Presentation 2	Meditation	Theology Presentation 3	Meditation
	6:00 – 6:30 pm	6:00 – 6:30 pm	6:00 – 6:30 pm	6:00 – 6:30 pm	6:00 – 6:30 pm	6:00 – 6:30 pm
	Vespers	Vespers	Vespers	Vespers	Vespers	Vespers
				6:30 pm - Onward		6:30 pm - Onward
				Shared Meal		Shared Meal and Conclusion

**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.**

## 55th World Day of Peace – January 1, 2022

Pope Francis' message for the 55<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace, "Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work:

*Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace:* Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.



### PRAYER TO MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Mary, Mother of God my mother, Queen of Peace, ask your Son Jesus to give me the gift of peace. Pray for me for peace; peace in my heart, peace of mind and of soul, peace in my family, peace with all whom I meet, the peace of Jesus.

I put all my hopes in thee, all my salvation. Receive me as thy servant and cover me with the mantle of thy protection, thou the Mother of mercy!

Amen.