

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

This Weekend: 29th & 30th January

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Bennett
Prayers: C. Leonard
Minister
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Next Weekend: 5th & 6th February

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: P. Howman
Prayers: K. Howman
Minister
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Arnott
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.



**30th January
2022**

**4th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year C**



Weekly Services 01/02 to 06/02

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:

Jim Chigwidden, Andrew Taylor, Sheila Swain,
Mark Mills, Fr Noel MacKay

Anniversaries:

Sandra O'Brien, John Platt, Paul Beattie, Norma Oliver,
Maria Vella, Glyn Amos, Marie Condon, Kevin O'Connor,
Kevin O'Connor, Ethel Carr, Beryl Lovell, Kevin Coggin,
Elaine Wallace, Lauri Fleri, Noel Peck, Eugene Del
Fierro, Charlie Keane, Jack Proudfoot, Maria Townsend,
Lucy O'Toole, Margaret Gray IBVM, Bert Tober, Johnny
Panozzo

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 and Marriages

by appointment with Fr. Gregory Tait.

Sacrament of Penance

by Appointment with Fr Gregory

"The Spire"

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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 70

I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me.

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked.

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help.

My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still.

I will sing of your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 725.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 33,281
Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 31,854

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 \$ 452.75

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

Be open to God's message



In this astonishing incident in Luke's gospel, those listening to Jesus suddenly turn from praising him to rage against him. So intense was their anger that they attempt to kill him. And these are people from Jesus' home town of Nazareth, who knew his family and had grown up with him. How do we explain this?

Today's gospel follows on from Jesus in the synagogue reading from Isaiah about bringing Good News to the poor, proclaiming new sight to the blind, liberty to captives and setting free the downtrodden. He then stuns everyone by claiming he was fulfilling this text; he is the prophet they had been longing for.

His listeners were astonished, and greatly approved of what Jesus was saying. But then they struggled to take this in. They had heard about his miracles and teaching elsewhere, and demanded he do the same in their town. Perhaps that would really put Nazareth 'on the map', bringing them honour and prestige.

What a shock when Jesus suddenly pulls the rug from under their feet. Far from healing the blind, Jesus in effect accuses them of being blind to the message of God. He highlights how God ignored the plight of Israel when Elijah only helped the Sidonian widow, and when in Elisha's time no lepers in Israel were cured except a Syrian foreigner.

Jesus' listeners were in no doubt about the significance of what Jesus was saying, that God's message of love and solidarity was not just for the Jewish people alone, but for everyone. Jesus was not original in saying this, since it is a theme in the Jewish prophets. But these people in Nazareth did not want to accept this, and their initial admiration for Jesus turned to absolute fury.

Pope Francis repeatedly insists that Jesus' words are powerfully relevant for us in our very different world. Francis urges us to see with the eyes of Jesus those on the margins, those excluded and hard done by. These are the ones for whom God's heart especially aches.

Pope Francis says the Christian community is not meant to be a museum or a cocoon keeping us safe from the problems of the world, but rather a 'field hospital', bringing healing and seeking out the wounded. His catchy phrases, like getting mud on our boots, or smelling like the sheep, remind us that each of us, in our own way, shares this mission.

We know God loves everyone without exception, but in Jesus' eyes those who are most 'special' to God are the outsiders, like refugees and asylum seekers, the unemployed, or the homeless. As Pope Francis spells out in his document *Laudato Si'*, God is calling us to transform our world by protecting the wellbeing of everyone and preserving our glorious planet for future generations.

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Caritas Appeal for Tonga

Tonga is reeling after the violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Donate at

www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/

Caritas Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific

Loving God,
We hold before you in our hearts
the people of Tonga in this time of need.
We know that the communities of the Pacific often
experience fragility.
Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a
Tsunami
and degradation of land and water through ash,
we ask that your people find strength and feel closer to
you than ever.
They are communities of great faith.
May they turn to you for peace and reassurance.
May they turn to each other for comfort and community.
And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.
We all share this mysterious world
which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.
May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage
and fill us with the gift of Hope. Amen.

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 6th February

Time: 11:30am onwards

Where: Botanical Gardens. BBQ/picnic lunch in the picnic area at the Southern end of the Gardens adjacent to the canal.



As usual, Anne and I will aim to secure the location from about 1100 hrs and will bring along some snags, bread and onions for the BBQ. Please BYO everything else, including a chair.

There is scope for some cricket or other sporting activity, as well as relatively quiet contemplation, at the Gardens!

The wet weather alternative will be the Nun's Beach shelter and, if necessary, we will notify everyone on Sunday morning if this is required.

The Spirit and the Cross

Evangelisation Brisbane has developed a new Lent and Easter Octave reflection resource called *The Spirit and the Cross*.

Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis.

Beneficially, *The Spirit and the Cross* has been written by a single author. This allows for continuity and development within the resource, taking the reader on a meaningful journey.

"The challenge of listening to the many while attending to the one cannot be met without humble prayer and the wisdom which is the Holy Spirit's gift. I thank all who have worked hard to prepare *The Spirit and the Cross* as a resource for Lent and the Easter Octave, and I commend it to you as a way of helping us to listen more deeply to what the Holy Spirit is asking of us as we seek to enter the future which God is preparing for his Church." Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

If you would like to order a copy of the booklet, either email me at portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or place a note in the collection basket. The cost of the booklet is \$5. Thank you Antonella

