

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

**This Weekend: 12th & 13th February**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: D. Baudinette  
Prayers: D. Bennett  
Minister  
Computer: C. Leonard

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: M. Schultz  
Prayers: A. McIntyre  
Ministers: J. Sandeman  
Computer: A. Francis

**Next Weekend: 19th & 20th February**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**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.

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## 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.



**13th February  
2022**

**6th Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year C**



## Weekly Services 15/02 to 20/02

**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:

### Anniversaries:

Dorothy Stevens, Maureen Saxon, Eric Spencer, Riley Hutchinson, Margaret Lardner, Edward Whitten, Janette McKenzie, Helen & Trevor Troeth, Barbara Couttie, Mary (Mollie) Walsh, Ian Berry, Anne Sharrock, Margaret O'Dea, Peter Crowe, Pat Lloyd, Mary McCluskey, Ann Parry, Graeme Firth, Sr Rosalie SJG, Lorraine Zordan, Rex Jennings, Emmanuel Farrugia, Owen Williams, Peter Burch, Sr Jennifer Diamond IBVM

## 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"

**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 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 1:1-3,4,6

Blessed the one, who trusts in the Lord.

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Blessed the one, who trusts in the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and the Gospel verses, are from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

## Our Finances

### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,274.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 35,352**  
**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 35,665**

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 \$ 654.15

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

## Not bad but good



A small boy once asked me what has been the most pertinent question I've ever been asked in my more than 50 years as a priest. The children were being prepared for Easter and reflecting on the events of Holy Week when the boy suddenly launched into a second question:

"Why do we call it *Good Friday* when it was such a bad Friday?"

Mind you, it was not the first time I'd been asked that question. But it was clear that his question had sparked the interest of the whole class and, to begin with, I could only congratulate him on asking it. I

agreed with him that his assessment was correct: the day on which Jesus suffered his Passion and Death was a dreadful day and would have remained so but for Easter Sunday.

St Paul could not be more explicit when he tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians: "If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins." Everything depends on the resurrection: without the resurrection nothing makes sense but in the light of the resurrection all that Jesus teaches us becomes life-giving.

The Old Testament prophets, like Jeremiah, continually invited their people to reflect on the importance of putting their trust in the Lord. The perennial temptation down through the ages is that we are inclined to put our trust in ourselves and imagine that it is our world and that we can sort everything out.

Jesus goes a step further, suggesting that our human way of thinking and acting needs to be turned on its head. In their gospels, both Matthew and Luke give us the Beatitudes: this is Christ's new charter for his followers and it takes us way beyond the Old Testament charter, the Ten Commandments. Now we are invited to think about what makes us ready for the kingdom of God. It is when we are poor, hungry and in distress that we are more prepared to recognise our need of God and experience the power of his presence.

Indeed, Paul grasps this when he reminds us that "if our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people." Our hope is precisely that everything is being redeemed in Christ, but more than that, it is that already we are living the new life which Jesus won for us through his Passion Death and Resurrection.

The ultimate paradox of the Christian life is that Jesus entered into the world as it is and entered into the pain of suffering and death. Through his Passion and Death, he breaks through their hold on us and frees us for our own resurrection. The cross becomes a triumph (we even have a feast for this in September) and Bad Friday becomes Good Friday.

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### My Parish

My Parish is comprised of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring people into worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a Parish of loyalty, and love, of fearfulness and faith, and a Parish with noble spirit.

If I, who make it what it is am filled with these things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all these things that I want my Parish to be.

**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.

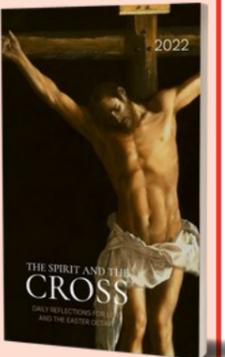
**Please contact Marg Herbertson at Op-Shop for further information.**

### 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.

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



### Prayer for World Day of the Sick 2022

Merciful God,  
you care for your people  
with the strength of a father  
and the tenderness of a mother;  
and you desire to give us  
new life in the Holy Spirit.  
You sent Jesus your Son  
as Saviour of all people;  
he proclaimed the gospel of the Kingdom  
and healed those who suffered  
from illness and disease.

We ask you to send the grace of your Son to us now,  
that he may bring healing and hope  
to all who suffer with infirmity and sickness.

Send the Holy Spirit  
to impart that new life  
which comes from Jesus your Son,  
through the power of his death and resurrection.  
May the same life-giving Spirit  
sustain and enlighten  
all who care for the sick and infirm,  
and all who seek cures for the diseases  
that afflict our human condition.  
Through Christ, our Healer and Lord. Amen.

Mary, Health of the Infirm, Pray for us.

Sickness is not just a disorder of the body,  
but affects the mind, heart, attitudes and  
emotions as well.

It brings people face to face with personal  
limitations and the frustration of their longings  
for endless life, meaning and well-being.

It also tends to disrupt relationships, including  
one's connection with God. Sickness, then, is  
wide-ranging in its effects, both on the sick  
themselves and on all others who make up  
their social world.