

**Liturgy Rosters:**  
 Many thanks for your ministry to the Parish!  
 \*\*Communion ministers please have a mask\*\*

**This Weekend: 18th & 19th June**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

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

**Next Weekend: 25th & 26th June**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: D. Bennett  
 Prayers: D. Kierce  
 Minister  
 Computer: Required

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K. Arnott  
 Prayers: M. Picard  
 Ministers: D. Arnott  
 Computer: A. Francis

**Next Weekend: 2nd & 3rd July**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: K. Howman  
 Prayers: P. Howman  
 Minister  
 Computer: D. Kierce

**Sunday: 10.30am**

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

**All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Target Car park) Phone: 5521 1587**

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is in urgent need of good quality 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 Thursday 10 am - 3pm  
 Friday 10am - 4pm  
 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.*

**Planned Giving**

The end of financial year is quickly approaching, so can you please ensure that your planned giving is up to date over the next month. We realise there can many pressures on family finances so we do appreciate your support of our Parish financial responsibilities.

New boxes of envelopes will be put out in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions in regard to your planned giving please contact Antonella on the parish email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5523 1046 (Wed or Thu 9am - 3pm).



19th June 2022

The Holy Body & Blood of Christ  
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**Weekly Services 21/06 to 26/06**

**Tuesday: No Mass**

**Wednesday: No Mass**

**Thursday: No Mass**

**Friday: 9.30am Adoration & Prayers  
 10.00am Mass**

**Saturday: 6.00pm Mass**

**Sunday: 10.30am Mass**

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:**

Maria Godrick, Br Dan Geary MSC, Vince Ryan, Jean Stuchbery, Sheila Brady, Marie Hills, Roy Symes, Kirain Dalton, Genevieve Whitbourne, Margaret Saltmarsh, Ursula Turpie, Barbara Sharp, Teresa Lynch, Isobel Perry

**Prayer Requests:**

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, 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 and Marriages**

by appointment with Fr. Gregory Tait.

**Sacrament of Penance**

by Appointment with Fr Gregory

**“The Spire“**

**All Saints' Parish**

**Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor**

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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*

**Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness**

Heavenly Father,  
 We come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family.  
 We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony.  
 May they rediscover each day the grace they have received,  
 and as small domestic Churches, may they know how to witness to Your presence  
 and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.  
 We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering  
 caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know.  
 Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness upon which You call them,  
 so that they might experience Your infinite mercy and find new ways to grow in love.  
 We pray to You for children and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully  
 to the vocation You have in mind for them;  
 We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware  
 that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God  
 in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them;  
 and for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world.  
 Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church  
 as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace,  
 in communion with our priests, religious and all vocations in the Church.  
 Bless the World Meeting of Families. Amen.

**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 3,873.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 59,722**  
**Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 55,955**

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 \$ 645.10

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

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High.

He blessed Abram and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave Melchizedek one-tenth of everything.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 109

**(R.) You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right:  
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **(R.)**

The Lord will send from Zion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R.)**

A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the daybreak I begot  
you. **(R.)**

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.  
'You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **(R.)**

### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The crowds followed Jesus and he welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed to be cured. The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside to lodge and get provisions, for we are here in a deserted place." But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." They did so and had them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled, and what was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### Plenary Council conversations around the diocese

Leading up to the second Assembly of the Plenary Council (July 3 -9), there will be an opportunity to gather for a conversation around the diocese with the diocesan members to encourage and affirm their participation in the Council. The Motions Framework document has been published and is available from the diocesan website and this will also be a focus for prayer and engagement.

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Motions-Framework-31a-May-2022.pdf](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Motions-Framework-31a-May-2022.pdf)

**Warrnambool** – June 29 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Warrnambool

### Dates to Remember

#### 175th Parish Anniversary 2022

Sat Aug 27 - Parish Dinner 6.30pm, Royal Hotel. \$30/head, 2 course dinner, roast meats & vegetables + dessert.

Sun Aug 28 - 10.30am Anniversary Mass - celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird

Sun Aug 28 - Anniversary Luncheon 12 noon, Bayview College

### Get connected and explore faith with others

Alpha is a series of sessions that freely explore the big questions of life. It's an opportunity to get connected, discover more about the Christian faith, and share your thoughts in a friendly environment.



#### 13 July - 14 Sept

Wed nights with dinner  
6:30 - 8:30pm

Discovery Hospitality Centre  
(Cnr Fawthrop & Must St)  
Citiport Church  
Ph: 0493 254 456

- ♦ Gather together and get connected
- ♦ Watch an episode on a topic of faith
- ♦ Ask questions and share your thoughts

### Gifts of bread and wine



Today's readings introduce us to the mysterious High Priest, Melchizedek, who has an encounter with Abraham, the better-known Israelite figure. Abraham, as we know, became the founding father of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

However, it is Melchizedek who prefigures Jesus' actions at the Last Supper by giving Abraham gifts of bread and wine. This is brought to further light in today's Psalm which acknowledges Melchizedek as "a priest forever" thereby foreshadowing Jesus'

royal priesthood demonstrated through his sacrifice at Calvary.

Although our celebration of Corpus Christi – literally, the Body of Christ – has these wonderful connections to the world well prior to God's special covenant with the Jewish people, the focus of our feast is on Jesus of Nazareth, who was both faithful Jew and centre-point of our Christian faith. Christians keep this focus on Jesus our High Priest and Saviour alive especially through the prayerful celebration of the Eucharist.

The Eucharist does not just keep alive for us the memory of Christ's actions at the Last Supper and the sacrifice of his earthly body for us but the Eucharist re-enacts the reality of God's saving presence among us in the here-and-now. In a particular way, the Eucharist is linked to the Exodus-event of Israel's liberation from slavery by the Egyptians. God continues to shelter us from all life's trials and tribulations and to shower us with gifts for the road ahead.

Pope Francis tells us the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect, but nourishment for the weak!" In saying this he is not suggesting we should attend the Eucharist without thoughtfulness, prayer and presence of mind; but he is also reminding all of us that we come to the Eucharist as sinners in search of God's healing grace and mercy.

Pope Francis also provides guidelines for how the Eucharist should make a real difference in our lives and relationships with others – whether rich, poor, young, old, neighbour or stranger. He suggests the Eucharist should lead us to "see the face of Christ" in the poor, sick and marginalised people of our world. The Eucharist is also especially connected to our experience of being "forgiven sinners", empowering us to reach out in forgiveness of others, to heal broken hearts, and to overcome division. The pope notes the Church's very identity and mission flow from the Eucharist enabling us to become "other Christs" through loving service and compassion for others.

The Anglo-Catholic poet TS Eliot says Christ is "the still point of the turning world". It is especially through our celebration of the Eucharist that our distracted, busy, turning worlds are stilled by the overpowering, silent mystery that camouflages the saving, liberating, loving presence of Christ in the broken bread and sweetened wine.

Gerard Hall SM

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