

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

This Weekend: 9th & 10th July

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Next Weekend: 16th & 17th July

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Following Weekend: 23rd & 24th July

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Bennett
 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.

Prayer for Peace & Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
 who change the hardened heart
 and break the power of violence,
 we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
 let them know not death but life,
 not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
 we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
 to live that truth in love,
 choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,516.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 1,516
Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 2,496

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 \$ 641.60

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

Collection for Pope: \$201.15



10th July 2022

15th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C



Weekly Services 12/07 to 17/07

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:

Betty Patterson, Dennis Lonsdale, Win Fidler, Bill Ough, Rocela (Sally) Stanton, John Matuschka, Bert Van Heugten, Aileen McCarrie, Laurence Vella, Iris Clarke, Maria Lamplough, Pat Marriner, Doris Mizzi, Helen Sobey, Brian Guthridge, Merle Bridges, Ken Bridges, John Kelly

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“

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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

Sea Sunday 10 July

Every year, over 28,000 merchant ships visit Australian ports. These ships are crewed by over 300,000 seafarers. Most of these mariners come from developing countries and are employed because they represent cheap labour for the ship owners. Even in the best of times, seafarers suffer harsh and demanding conditions aboard the ship. Having signed on for 8 to 10 months contracts, seafarers suffer from boredom, loneliness, constant noise and vibration, and the ever-present fear of suffering an injury or sickness whilst at sea. Every year, thousands of seafarers are injured and many die, many having taken their own life.

Last year, more than 250 seafarers were hospitalised in Australia because of a medical emergency suffered on board a ship. So, what is Sea Sunday? This is a national appeal undertaken by the Catholic Church in Australia each year across every parish on the second Sunday in July to raise awareness of the needs of seafarers – the often unseen, vital workers that keep our economies going, but often at great personal cost to themselves and their families.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to overseas seafarers, but they are very largely forgotten – we never think of them. Today, we acknowledge the work of seafarers and pray for their safety.

Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to www.stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Moses spoke to the people saying; when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 68

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R.)**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R.)**

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

Second Reading continued

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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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

CTC online unit: Ageing Persons and Pastoral Care

Australians are living longer and our society is an ageing one. Ageing in Australia today has become an urgent and increasingly important public issue. The recently concluded Royal Commission indicates some of the challenges and complexities in providing effective care for older citizens. Political, social and economic costs abound on the way forward. A Gospel perspective calls Christians to collaborate in the building of a just and compassionate society. Commencing with the ancient Christian understanding of the "care of souls" the course unit explores the evolution of pastoral and spiritual care to the present day as they contribute to the personal, mental and social wellbeing of ageing persons in our society. Presenter will be Rev. Dr Laurence McNamara CM, Director, Navigating Ageing Project. The unit will be offered online over six Saturdays in 2022: 30 July; 13, 27 August; 17 September; 8, 22 October from 10.00am – 12.00pm then 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Contact the Academic Records Office for enrolment information and appointments, ph. 9412 3309, or email or <https://ums.divinity.edu.au/unit/DP9631C/public>

Turning a blind eye is not the Christian way



You sometimes see it in a person's eyes. They are trying their very best to put up a brave front. It's to tell the world and to convince themselves that everything is fine. However, all is not well. They are one small step away from falling apart and breaking down.

Mental health and wellbeing issues have for a long time been overlooked or ignored and, in some cultures and societies, it is still a taboo subject. Many people struggle to talk or share about a loved one who is suffering mental illness, and it's even harder if they have had or are going through a breakdown. This makes supporting them or their loved ones challenging and difficult.

In the gospel story of the Good Samaritan, a traveller is attacked by brigands. It wasn't his fault that he was robbed and assaulted. The same can be said for people with mental health issues. Only a few people choose to help them, perhaps for fear of not knowing what to do or how to help. Like the priest and the levite who walked past the traveller who'd been attacked, they perhaps ask themselves, "What can I possibly do to help this person? Perhaps it's better for someone else with experience or expertise to come along to help them." But what if no one else comes along? And what if no one else notices the warning signs of the impending breakdown?

Jesus poses this question, "Which of these three do you think proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?"

"The one who took pity," was the reply.

It was a strong movement of the heart and the soul that moved the Samaritan to action. Though he himself did not have the time to care for the traveller, he did what he could and left the man in the care of the innkeeper.

So, perhaps when we notice someone doing it tough mentally, we do not need to be the one – like the Samaritan – to shoulder the primary responsibility, but we can assist in other ways. We might keep the hotline number for Beyond Blue or Lifeline on hand, for example, or put the person in touch with people who will be able to care for them or attend a workshop on mental health first aid to build our knowledge and skills.

In December 2021, the first insights from the National Study of Mental Health and Wellbeing 2020-21 were released. The study showed that 15% of Australians experienced high or very high levels of psychological distress. For those between the ages of 16 and 34, this increased to 20%. That's one in every five young Australians!

As Christians we are called to help those in need. To be like the Samaritan and to help a person in distress takes courage. We don't always need to do the heavy lifting, but we also can't ignore another person's suffering.

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