

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

**This Weekend: 16th & 17th July**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K. Loftus  
 Prayers: K. Arnott  
 Ministers: D. Arnott  
 Computer: A. Francis

**Next Weekend: 23rd & 24th July**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

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

**Following Weekend: 30th & 31st July**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K. Arnott  
 Prayers: K. Loftus  
 Ministers: D. Arnott  
 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.*

**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. 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 <https://ums.divinity.edu.au/unit/DP9631C/public>



17th July  
 2022

16th Sunday  
 Ordinary Time  
 Year C



**Weekly Services 19/07 to 24/07**

**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:**

Norma Oakley, Arthur Rogers, John O'Flaherty, Joe Cables, Louise Whitworth, Tim Buckley, Noel Oakley, Joseph Micallef, Margaret Moore, Ann Crooks, Bob Newton, Poppy Newell, Evelyn Freeman, Teresa Debono, Lola Smith, Audrey Downey, Margaret Grant

**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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 Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.  
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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webstock  
 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*

**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: \$ 1,140.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 2,691**  
**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 2,939**

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 \$ 618.30

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

**Ordinations to the Priesthood:  
 Friday, July 22, 2022**

Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend. For those not able to attend the Mass will be livestreamed at

<https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 68

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

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

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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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

### Sacred quality of trees

In the human religious imagination, a tree is often understood to be a symbol of the connection between heaven and earth: branches, spread out and covering all beneath them, are joined by a trunk to roots plunged deep into the ground. The foliage above gives shade and protection from the harsh heat of the day, and fruit for our nourishment. Besides water (which like fruit 'falls' from above) human survival depends on shelter and food, both of which the tree provides.



The terebinth tree, common in the Holy Land, manifests this sacred quality of trees: its thickly leaved branches, bearing berry-like fruit used in traditional medicine and cooking, span low and wide over the observer beneath them; its stubborn trunk rises out of the dry, rocky earth like a miracle.

In this way – seen from a spiritual point of view – the tree repeats the structure of the world, as sky and earth. Add to this the pungent resinous smell of the terebinth, and perhaps you have a sense of the setting for today's engrossing Old Testament reading: Abraham, camped under the terebinth of Mamre, is visited by three strangers, whom he graciously entertains, waiting on them, feeding them the best of what he has to offer. And conversing with them: they (or he: somehow the three persons are the appearing of the one God) make a promise that in a year's time Abraham's barren, elderly wife Sarah, who is well past her child-bearing age, will have a son.

A people, a land, and universal blessing: all of this is meant to turn our minds back to the beginning of the bible when God created people, in a land (the tree-garden of Eden) and gave them a universal vocation based on a blessing. Abraham and Sarah, under the terebinth, are a New Adam and Eve, the renewal of God's original humanity project that sin threatened to derail.

This project culminates in Christ, the ultimate Adam, through whose 'tree' the universal blessing promised to Abraham comes to the world. From the Garden of Eden to the tree of the Cross to the New Creation (with its centrally placed Tree that nourishes and heals all), the story of redemption is marked at major moments by trees. Their interrelated symbolic significance contributes to the meaningful unity of the whole biblical epic. Next time you are outside, spend a few contemplative minutes underneath a tree. It's not hard to see the cosmic beauty of that tree as a faint image of the coming 'world without end, amen' for which we are always praying. *W Chris Hackett © Majellan Media 2022*

### 175th Parish Anniversary Dinner - Booking Form

Venue: Royal Hotel

Date: Saturday 27th August, 6.30pm

Menu: 2 course dinner, roast meats with vegetables + dessert

**Bookings close 18th August**

Cost: \$30/person

Booking Form (Please place in envelope with either cash/chq or indication of EFT payment) and place in collection plate or email back to [portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed payment: \_\_\_\_\_ cash/cheque

**Bookings confirmed  
on receipt of payment**

Bank deposit (Portland Catholic Church BSB: 083 532 Account No. 5159 81661)