

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

This Weekend: 6th & 7th August

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: K. Howman
Prayers: P. Howman
Minister
Computer: C. Leonard

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Next Weekend: 12th & 13th August

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Bennett
Prayers: K-A O'Keefe
Minister
Computer: K. Howman

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Following Weekend: 19th & 20th August

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Shared Table Project - Yanaoca

Fr Michael McKinnon has returned for a 6 year period to Yanaoca in the Andes (4kms above sea level) on behalf of the Ballarat Diocese. His plan is to setup a space in which the elderly and children are provided with meals. He also is looking to provide a parish space for children to study and use resources such as computers and utilise trained teachers.

It is time for the committed parishioners who have been donating to Shared Table over many years to donate their annual gift of \$52. Please put the \$52 in an envelope marked Shared Table and your name and address and email and put on Collection Plate or drop off at Outreach. Or via EFT to the Parish account marked Shared Table. Any new parishioners interested in the Project are welcome to make a donation.

Total to date: \$995



7th August
2022

19th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year C



Weekly Services 05/08 to 10/08

Tuesday: ****No Mass****

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

Friday: 10.00am Anniversary Mass
Garry Hincks
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Bernadette Lunt

Anniversaries:

Carly Deverell, Margaret Bromley, Bill Grant, Alf Stirling, Barry Sullivan, Ruth Saunders, Kevin O'Dea, Grace Micallef, Bronwyn Anderson, Patricia Heath, Fr Brendan Davey, Josephine Vella, Gerald Hall, Garry Hincks, Dorothy Priestley, Donald Brady, Dave Dellow, Chris Annett, Lorna Rock, Kath Briggs, Keith Whitbourn, Tom Nolan, Richard Nash, Eileen Wright, Queenie Vicary

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

A prayer for perseverance

Lord Jesus,

I come to you tired, burdened, and weary knowing that you promise rest. Grant me peace and rest.

I come to you seeking respite from the heaviness and uncertainty. In my weakness, may you grant me relief as I dwell in your presence. May your grace be sufficient.

I lay down the fear and anxiety on my heart. Lord, strengthen me with the courage to keep going, to continue to persevere through these difficult and trying days.

Help me remain steadfast under trial to run with endurance the race that is set before me, to rejoice in hope and to be patient and constant in prayer.

Lord, as my redeemer, my refuge and strength. Guide me through trials both great and small.

You, Lord, deserve all my praise, for you, Lord, never change.

Your steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Social Justice Statement 2022-23

The 2022-23 Social Justice Statement, "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse", points out that the roots of domestic and family violence 'lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others' and that 'this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us.' The statement and the full range of resources are available at

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 3,963.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 8,715

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 5,313

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 \$ 594.70

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

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night was made known beforehand to our ancestors so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, so that the holy ones would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers, and already they were singing the praises of the ancestors. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 32

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead and, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?" And the Lord said, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

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 courses, 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

Waiting for Jesus' return

A priest walked into a bar and made an announcement. "Anyone who wants to go to heaven, please stand up now."

Everyone stood except for one man who continued to sip his drink at the bar. The priest said to him, "Sir, don't you want to go to heaven when you die?"

The man looked up and said, "When I die? Yes. But I thought you were gathering a group to go now."

In today's gospel, the Evangelist Luke brings together several of Jesus' parables that focus on the call to persevere and to be vigilant as we await the final end-time drama.

As Christians, we inhabit a strange situation where we must live out our busy, work-a-day lives while always conscious that Jesus will one day return and utterly transform the world as we know it. The very ordinariness of our lives is always threatened by a possible outbreak of the extraordinary. As Luke's Jesus warns us, his return will come on "a day and at an hour we do not expect" (Luke 12:40)

Like the man in the story above drinking quietly in the bar, however, we are not quite prepared for that final day to happen any time soon. While each day we pray the words of the Our Father, "may your kingdom come", we silently add the caveat, "but not right now". We have plans and dreams yet unrealised; tasks unfinished; and hopes unfulfilled. If the second coming of Jesus is imminent, it would prove inconvenient.

This reaction is, in part, due to fear – fear of the unknown. Jesus told us very little about the when and the what of the end times. Indeed, in Mark's Gospel (13:32) Jesus says that not even he was privy to the exact timetable of the last days. We are told that we must remain at our posts, be on guard, and be ready for Jesus' return.

But generations have passed since the time of Jesus, and little has changed. War and want, pandemics and politicking, disease and death continue to define our world. So, it isn't simply fear that has led to trepidations about the end, it is also weariness; we have grown weary of waiting for Jesus' return.

Today's gospel suggests that because of this weariness, our focus has turned from the return of Jesus' return and the coming of the God's kingdom to the acquisition of worldly wealth and the attainment of personal success.

We must ask ourselves, have we lost sight of what ultimately matters in life? If so, then it may be time to reboot and to renew; to reconsider our priorities and reorder our plans and dreams, tasks and hopes. We may not know the day or the hour when Jesus will return. But 'right now' is the perfect day and hour to reflect on our goals, our achievements, and our values to determine if they are helping or hindering our faith journey. *Ian J Elmer © 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 22nd August

Cost: \$30/person or children are able to order from Children's menu

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

Name: _____ Contact number/email: _____

Number adults: _____ Children: _____

Dietary requirements: _____

Enclosed payment: _____ cash/cheque

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

**Bookings confirmed
on receipt of payment**