

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

This 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

Next Weekend: 19th & 20th August

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Baudinette
 Prayers: K. Howman
 Minister
 Computer: C. Leonard

Sunday: 10.30am

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

Following Weekend: 26th & 27th August

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: TBC
 Prayers: TBC
 Minister
 Computer:

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: A. McIntyre
 Prayers: P. O'Brien
 Ministers:
 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: \$1,272



14th August 2022

20th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C



Weekly Services 16/08 to 21/08

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

Friday: 9.30am Adoration & Morning Prayer
2.00pm Funeral Mass (Marcello Brecely)

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Marcello Brecely

Anniversaries:

Sean McKinnon, Sr Sheila Hynes IBVM, Patrick Burns, Joan McCabe, Henry Nickless, Rita Seymour, Ety McKinnon, Carmel Jasper, Lorna Stoneman

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Coultie, 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

Summary of PPT meeting 4th August

Review of 175th Anniversary Celebrations

- Friday 26th - Mass and BBQ at All saints Parish School
- Sat 27th Parish Dinner - Royal Hotel with Bishop Paul. Bernard Wallace to speak about our Parish in the context of the history of Portland.
- Sunday 28th Anniversary Mass - Bishop Paul, then planting of memorial tree by Bishop and a representative group covering all ages of the Parish.
- Lunch - Bayview college (College providing some food) will ask parishioners to bring a cold plate.

Sacrament of Confirmation has begun (5 candidates). Children being confirmed 10th & 11th September.

National Child Safety Standards - Parish Pastoral Team, all who exercise a leadership role, and Parish employees are required to complete online module on Child Safety Standards. Victoria has 11 safe standards, number 1 concerns the safety and maintenance of Aboriginal Cultural heritage.

Congratulations to our Candidates for Confirmation

Archibald Desmond McCallum, Ella Marie Mifsud, Oliver Lachlan Copley, Oscar John Bell & Zena Catherine Howman, who began the journey of preparation last week, please keep them and their families in your prayers over the next 6 weeks.

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,642.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 9,722
Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 5,995

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 \$ 504.70

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 prophet Jeremiah

Then the officials said to the king, "This man ought to be put to death because he is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city and all the people by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm." King Zedekiah said, "Here he is; he is in your hands, for the king is powerless against you." So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. Now there was no water in the cistern but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud. So Ebed-melech left the king's house and spoke to the king, "My lord king, these men have acted wickedly in all they did to the prophet Jeremiah by throwing him into the cistern to die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city." Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Cushite, "Take three men with you from here, and pull the prophet Jeremiah up from the cistern before he dies."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 39

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Second reading continued

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

"I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:
father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

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

The peace that stays with us

Bearing in mind that Luke begins his gospel with stories surrounding the birth of Jesus and the angels joyfully singing – Glory to God in the highest heaven, and PEACE to people who enjoy his favour – it is not unreasonable for us to answer the Lord's question with "Yes".

So, how do we cope with today's uncomfortable gospel and the other texts in the liturgy this Sunday, which do not make for easy reading? The short answer is with "difficulty". The longer answer calls for a little reflection on the world into which Jesus was born and the world which persists to this day: a world in which there is so much violence and division, a great deal of which we feel helpless to influence, let alone resolve.

Luke provides the context for telling us about Jesus' comments: he is aware of his impending Passion and goes on to remind the people that while they have learnt how to provide weather forecasts, they are not so clever when it comes to resolving their problems and disputes. How often in recent years have we bemoaned our lot as we have battled with the challenges of COVID-19 or the global fall-out from the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the associated threats of further divisions and conflicts across the world? Suffering and evil are part of the human story from the very beginning, so how do we deal with this paradox?

Firstly, we should never isolate passages of Scripture, but seek to understand the whole gospel message. In his gospel, John also quotes Jesus on this subject: "Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you." Therein, I suggest, lies the key. Peace is God's gift to us and, just as for Jesus, it does not do away with suffering and death, it enables us to overcome them.

The tragedy of human history is that we have sought to manufacture peace by compromising our integrity. Jesus warns us this is doomed to failure and that we may even have to suffer breakdowns in our relationships with those who are closest to us if we are to experience his peace.

In conclusion, I suggest you note the example of Pope Francis: he has met with division and opposition throughout his life. He continues to agonise over the divisions in the Church and across the world. However, he invites us not to give up on loving and never to tire of being tenderly compassionate and forgiving.

On the night he was elected, he asked for some quiet time to ponder and pray. Later he would share with us the wonderful experience of peace that came upon him before he went out to give his blessing to the city of Rome and the world. He says that peace has never left him. May you and I experience the same. *Timothy J Buckley CSsR © Majellan Media 2022*

175th Parish Anniversary Dinner - Booking Form

Venue: Royal Hotel

Date: Saturday 27th August, 6.30pm

Bookings close 22nd August

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

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**