

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

**This 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

**Next Weekend: 27th August**

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: A. McIntyre  
 Prayers: P. O'Brien  
 Ministers:  
 Computer: A. Francis

**Following Weekend: 3rd & 4th September**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: P. O'Brien  
 Prayers: D. Bennett  
 Minister  
 Computer: A. O'Brien

**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.*

**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: \$1,480**

## Our Finances

### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,866

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 11,653**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 7,914**

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 \$ 1,152.85

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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**21st August 2022**

**21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year C**



**Weekly Services 23/08 to 28/08**

**Tuesday: 11.00am Mass (with MacKillop pilgrims)**

**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**

**Friday: 9.30am Adoration & Morning Prayer**  
**12.00pm Mass & BBQ All Saints Primary School**  
**5.00pm Evening Prayer**

**Saturday: No Vigil Mass**

**Sunday: 10.30am Mass - 175th anniversary**

**Recent Deaths:**

David Peddie

**Anniversaries:**

Rev. Robert Markey, Maureen Bourke, Danny Gorrie, Aileen Bourke, Rita Madden, Paul Murphy, Alice Ough, Anna Galea, Tim Fischer, Peter Priestley Snr, Gerald O'Brien, Ann Cremona, Michael Pye, Michael Nevins, Mary Smith, Patricia Sampson, Tom Gartlan, Lindsay Dart, Colin De Vries, Joyce Rickard, Laura McKenzie, Darren Groves

**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**

1st Saturday of the month 10am

or any other time by appointment with Fr Gregory

**"The Spire"**

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Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.

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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*

### Synod on Synodality

The Australian National Synthesis for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, colloquially known as the Synod on Synodality, has been published. The Australian synthesis draws from the local diocesan consultations that took place between October 2021 and March 2022, after which diocesan reports were prepared. More information available at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/australian-synthesis-for-global-synod-of-bishops-published/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/australian-synthesis-for-global-synod-of-bishops-published/)

**Key points that have emerged:**

- Recognise and acknowledge the present-day Sign of the Times – Women in leadership and in all ministries, professional development for laity, clergy and Bishops, leadership within dioceses and parishes, lay people in all areas of ministry.
- Respect and recognise diversity among people; welcome divorced and remarried people to Communion; welcome homosexual people, officiate at their marriage; those discriminated against and those on the edge
- Give particular emphasis to and promote integral ecology and ecological conversion, place importance on care of the earth.
- Clergy formation at different levels for all including new and international.
- Focus on mission – welfare, education, those on the edge.
- The need to acknowledge the current context of our young people and what reaches them.
- Allow and support diverse models of Catholic community to emerge as possible ways in which the Gospel might light the spark of faith within people.
- Ecumenism and interfaith dialogue are important.
- There is a need for a better understanding of the four-fold presence of Christ.
- Advocate a community that inspires people and encourages involvement and opportunities.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I know their works and their thoughts. I am coming to gather all nations and tongues, and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud, to Meshech, Tubal, and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory, and they shall declare my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 116

**(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (R.)

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children

“My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when you are punished by him, for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves and chastises every child whom he accepts.”

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children, for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline?

Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees<sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.

Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” He said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

Once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then in reply he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’

Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

But he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!’

There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out.

Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God.

Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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

## Instruments of God's work

In “Walking in a Relaxed Manner”, Sister Joyce Rupp described how despite months of training and preparation, she never anticipated how difficult her 825 km walk on the Camino would be. She was often at the mercy of the weather and challenged by the rugged terrain.

At many points of the journey, she felt tired, discouraged and frustrated. Nevertheless, she was supported and inspired by the goodwill, prayers and support of fellow pilgrims and other ordinary people she met on the Camino. Everyone from those who ran the “albergues” (pilgrim hostels) to the residents of the villages they passed through extended extraordinary kindness, care and concern towards herself and her fellow pilgrims. She learnt to meet every experience with a deep awareness of divine accompaniment, and in unity with her fellow pilgrims.

This spirit of courage and faith is reflected in today's gospel where Jesus asks his disciples to enter by the narrow gate. He advises his disciples to avoid taking an easy option. This was not misguided advice to seek out pain, for the clue about good discipleship lies in another phrase in today's gospel: that the last shall be first and the first last.

In Jesus's time, those who were preferred last by society were those of little consequence: people on the margins, those without power and status in society, women, children etc. Despite their station in life, Jesus regards them with love. There are many instances of him reaching out to touch, heal and bless those who society spurned. Indeed, Jesus does not reject or exclude them but regards them as being first in God's kingdom.

There is an additional dimension of God's love for the vulnerable. He also embraces the broken parts of each of us; parts which we might dismiss or be ashamed of. Instead of feeling diminished by our sometimes painful circumstances, we are invited to trust in his love for us. He is tender with our failings and frailties. We are invited to walk life's sometimes excruciating path in the awareness that he shares our burden intimately and is even able to transform us through it.

St Thomas Aquinas's teaching: “Gratia non tollit naturam, sed perficit” – grace does not destroy nature, but perfects it, holds tremendous insight. Grace builds on and fulfils nature; for God who is never outdone in generosity, takes the humble offering of our life and weaves it into the fabric of his plan for redemption.

Spanish cellist Pablo Casals, already a renowned musician in 1913, bought a 180-year-old cello made by luthier Matteo Gofriller who was not widely known at the time. He chose this instrument as it had been tempered by years of playing. It spoke in a warm, rich voice. He often said he used his cello to speak for the soul of his country.

In God's hands, all of us, no matter our station, can be his instruments: to proclaim the riches of his mercy, providence and unending love. *Sophie Clements* © 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

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

**Bookings close  
22nd August**

**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 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**