

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

**This Weekend: 24th & 25th September**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

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

**Following Weekend: 1st & 2nd October**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: P. Howman  
 Prayers: K. Howman  
 Minister  
 Computer: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**

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

**Following Weekend: 8th & 9th October**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

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

**BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND**  
**Collection for Sick and Retired Priests**

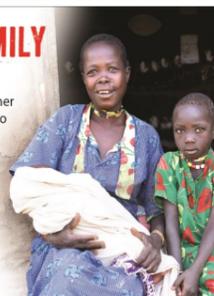
The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement.

Thank you for your support which will allow the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. **Total: \$630**

**BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY**

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Church in Ethiopia as it builds a new and exciting community project to help address malnutrition in rural communities like Emdibir.

This work simply will not be possible without your support - we hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.



**25th September 2022**

**26th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C**



**Weekly Services to 27/09 to 02/10**

**Tuesday: 11.00am Funeral Mass Dennis Carr**

**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**

**Friday: 9.30am Adoration & Morning Prayer**  
**10.00am Mass**  
**5.00pm Evening Prayer**

**Saturday: 10.00am Sacrament of Penance**  
**6.00pm Mass**

**Sunday: 10.30am Mass**

**Recent Deaths:**

Joseph Sacco

**Anniversaries:**

David Armour, Henk de Jong, Paul Kierce, Sam Mizzi, Cath Malone, Christine Guy, Maria Merrett, Mary Debono, Mollie Carey, Michael-Angelo Galea, Michael Vella, Eileen Laidlaw, Ray Keating, Garry Jennings, Kenneth Ryan, Jim Whitehead, Heather Phillips, Gwenda Sweeney, Donald Murphy, Pat Stretch, Edward Shepherd

**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**

1st Saturday of the month 10am  
 or any other time by appointment with Fr Gregory

**“The Spire”**

**All Saints' Parish**

**Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor**

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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 Gunditjmarra 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*

**Southern Stars Family Group**

Our next activity will take place at Cape Bridgewater, on the beach adjacent to the Portland SLSC clubrooms, commencing at 1400 hrs on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September.

We propose to commence with a half hour return walk along the beach followed by afternoon tea in conjunction with individual or group performances of any artistic nature (poetry or literary reading, song, dance, musical performance) suitable for a public space. All welcome to join.



**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 789.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 16,669**  
**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 16,728**

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 \$ 489.20

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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It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him. If you would like to see him, send him a text while driving!

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts!

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 145

**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## Knowing the nobody as somebody



It's easy enough to be invisible in our society, just be poor. We often don't see the outsiders, who become the nobodies, and then, quite literally, we remove them from our sight – to cheap motels, to grotty boarding houses, to the edges of our cities, to Christmas Island, while not forgetting those who lie at our gates in what we call the ‘Third World’: out of sight so they might all be kept out of mind.

We see them differently in this week's gospel where the nobody is revealed as a somebody. Lazarus lies at the rich man's gate, hoping for a few crumbs from his table, but the rich man doesn't see him. His lifestyle doesn't allow for Lazarus, though we often see him on our streets, occasionally thinking if I give him something he'll probably spend it on alcohol or drugs.

We're more familiar with the rich man because he resembles us, even if we think who me, rich? No way. At least he doesn't call the police to come and move Lazarus on, which is a reminder that he's not simply self-serving and Lazarus isn't necessarily virtuous, but that's not the point of the parable: it's that the rich man simply doesn't acknowledge his existence.

Then Lazarus dies and is taken up to heaven, finding a home in Abraham's bosom and, soon after, the rich man dies and finds himself in Hades. The nobody is seen as a somebody and vice versa. In torment the rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus, whom he now acknowledges by name, with a little water to cool him, and when Abraham replies it's impossible, the rich man says, then send him to warn his five brothers, but Abraham says, let them listen to Moses and the prophets and if they won't, then someone rising from the dead isn't going to convince them.

They certainly won't listen to the prophet Amos, an outsider himself, who denounces the self-absorbed well-to-do, who are so caught up in their lifestyles that they're blinded to the needs of the poor. Nor will they sing the psalm of God's love for all those cast out, those whom scripture says we must care for. This applies as much to the Pharisees to whom the parable is addressed, as it does to us, because we're prone to the same satisfactions, the same reluctance to change our lives.

At a weekly café run by a nearby parish, lunch is provided for anyone who comes, and so they all sit down together to eat, visitors and helpers, for a moment recognising there's no more them and us, there's simply us: it's a moment of grace. And when we're able to be with the poor, the outsiders, the nobodies, and know them as somebodies, we'll begin to know Jesus Christ as Paul speaks of him at the end of the second reading, making real on earth God's unending love.

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### Pope Francis to star in new movie – The Letter

On October 4, YouTube Originals will release the grand documentary film, *The Letter*, telling the story of the Laudato Si' encyclical letter and the unfolding ecological emergency. It's the fruit of a few years of work of Laudato Si' Movement in partnership with Off the Fence (Oscar-winning producers of *My Octopus Teacher*) and the Vatican.

**It will be big.** Truly, a historical moment. Our movement's largest initiative so far. Pope Francis is the film's star. He generously spent time during the production, sharing his deep wisdom.

As the film powerfully explains, the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are growing increasingly desperate. Droughts, floods, wildfires, hurricanes, deforestation—they all keep getting worse and worse.

“Sustainability and climate action are key areas of focus,” **Nadine Zylstra**, the head of family, learning, and impact for YouTube Originals, said in a statement. “Off the Fence's expertise in this space makes them the perfect fit to bring Pope Francis' critical message to our global audience.

### Heart of the Disciple - 28 Day Reflection Resource for Advent 2022



In the way that John the Baptist announced the coming of something new, so giving people hope and offering them healing, we are to live lives that inspire others to reach out to God. To do this, we must learn what it means to have the ‘heart of a disciple’ – increasingly open to hearing and responding to God.

Learning to do this takes time, but it begins with simply ‘showing up’. That is to say, we learn to put the time aside each day to allow God to teach us who he is and how he communicates with us.

If you would like to order a copy of the booklet, either email me [portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or record your name on the list in the foyer of the church. The cost of the booklet is \$5. Payment can be made by placing money in the envelope provided and writing your name on the envelope and then placing in the collection tray. Thank you