

Liturgy Rosters:  
Many thanks for your ministry to the Parish!

**This Weekend: 19th & 20th November**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**  
Reader: P. O'Brien  
Prayers: D. Bennett  
Minister  
Computer: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**  
Reader: K. Loftus  
Prayers: M. Picard  
Ministers: A. McIntyre  
Computer: A. Francis

**Next Weekend: 26th & 27th November**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**  
Reader: D. Kierce  
Prayers: D. Baudinette  
Minister  
Computer: Vol. please

**Sunday: 10.30am**  
Reader: P. Couttie  
Prayers: K. Loftus  
Ministers: M. McGennissen  
Computer: A. Francis

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

**Saturday: 6.00pm**  
Reader: K. Howman  
Prayers: P. Howman  
Minister  
Computer: Vol. please

**Sunday: 10.30am**  
Reader: K. Arnott  
Prayers: J. Sandeman  
Ministers: D. Arnott  
Computer: A. Francis

**All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Woolworth's 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 1pm - 3pm  
Tuesday 10am - 1pm  
Wednesday 1pm - 3pm  
Thursday 10am - 3pm  
Friday 10am - 4pm  
Saturdays 10am - 12pm

Outreach is a significant fundraiser within the Parish and we regularly need Volunteers to give 3 hours in the mornings or afternoons.

**Please contact Kate Howman 0428 235 218 for further information.**



**CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal**

The last two years of the COVID pandemic have had a devastating impact on low-income families. Unemployment, rent prices and mental and physical health issues are just some of the things which can lead to financial crisis. Please help a family in need this Christmas.

To donate go to

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/19/giving-tree-appeal>



**20 November 2022**

**Jesus, King of the Universe Year C**



**Weekly Services to 22/11 to 27/11**

**Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass**  
**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**  
**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**  
**Friday: 9.30am Adoration & Morning Prayer**  
**10.00am Mass**  
**6.00pm Evening Prayer**  
**Saturday: 6.00pm Mass**  
**Sunday: 10.30am Mass**

**Recent Deaths:**

Gavan O'Brien, Connor Prunty

**Anniversaries:**

Gerard, Hockey, Jim Maloney, Eleanor Foley, Margaret Sawyer, Sarah Stuchbery, Anna Goosens, Betty Edwards, Esteban Cresencia, Kevin Willey, David Meehan, Nathan Johnston, Henry Sumner, John Doherty, Matthew O'Halloran, John Finnegan, Una Gladman, Bob Stuchbery, Betty Tyson, Fred Roberts, Ian McNamara

**Prayer Requests:**

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, 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**

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

email: [greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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*

**Remembrance for Holy Souls**

During November if you would like to have the names of deceased family and friends recorded please email the Parish Office at:

[portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or text details to mobile 0475 512 530.

**Remembrance for Holy Souls**

*Deceased members of the Tait & Perry families*

*Deceased members of the Costa, Tripodi & Webbstock families*

*Deceased members of Mizzi, Sacco & Galea families*

*Eric Charles Baudinette, Ernie & Myrtle Howard, Maureen Whiting*

*Rupert Eichler, Phyllis Eichler, Anton & Nellie Meerbach,*

*David Armour, Stewart Armour, Cindy Armour, Daun Armour,*

*Telesforo Armour, Leopoldo Armour, Esteban Cresencia, Luerica*

*Cresencia, Bernarda Cresencia, Doroteo Cresencia, Teofilo*

*Cresencia, M. Cresencia*

*Deceased members of the Pound, Jones and McIntyre Families*

*Deceased members of the Anderson, Annand, Murphy and*

*O'Brien families, Gavan O'Brien*

*Deceased members of the Couttie family*

*Jack & Peg Swiggs, Charlie & Gladys Rowe, Auntie's Pat,*

*Winsome & Max, Nancy & Joy, Uncle Francis & families*

**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 719.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 25,048**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 24,170**

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 \$ 642.90

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

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you, 'It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 121

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)

For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. (R.)

### Second Reading

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

Brothers and Sisters, Let us give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him.

### Second reading continued

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

And the people stood by watching Jesus, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## The king who saves others



We often associate the word 'king' with power and majesty. Also, a king's position is often not dependent on his personal abilities, virtues or goodness, but on family lineage: power and status through inheritance. But Jesus never displayed that kind of power or majesty; after all, he was born in a stable!

Jesus, the King of the Universe, doesn't reign from a golden throne. He does not wear a crown adorned with jewels or wear glittering royal robes. No, he hangs from a wooden cross (an instrument of brutality, pain and death for the 'lowest of the low'); he wears a crown of thorns; and his body is covered with the marks of his passion and torture. This is *our* King. This is the king we follow. With outstretched arms he invites us to embrace him and, in embracing him, to embrace all creation by living as merciful and self-giving people.

The cross is how God's kingdom is established and where our life as committed disciples begins – allowing ourselves to be formed by the cross of self-giving. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by saving himself but by saving others. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by power and domination over others, but by a loving and hope-filled assurance that the fullness of the kingdom (paradise) awaits his faithful disciples. The promise we have is that our lives will end like the Good Thief's, hearing Jesus say to us, "*Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.*"

Jesus was crucified because he chose not to run away, not to revoke his message of love, justice and peace, not to dilute his determined resolve, not to lose hope or to surrender his dream. Rather, he placed his hope and trust in God to make all things new. His integrity and determination in the face of unthinkable and unbearable suffering reveal his utter self-giving and his profound commitment to God's kingdom.

So often the world tries to seduce us into choosing to be ruled by other powers: greed, violence, indifference, manipulation, domination, intolerance, prejudice and exclusion. So much of Jesus' reign is still incomplete or disjointed in our world. Today's headlines will confirm that! Being members of God's kingdom, under Jesus' kingship, can at times be very discouraging.

Therefore, accepting Jesus' kingship needs to be renewed each day by the deliberate choices we make. By the way we live, by our words and deeds, we're challenged to make real the kingdom that Jesus dreamt of, hoped for, and poured out his life to bring about – "*a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.*" (Preface)

May Jesus' kingship inspire us to let go of whatever is contrary to the Kingdom of God and to give ourselves generously in love and service of others. *David J Hore CSsR © Majellan Media 2022*

### Portland's famous Carols on the Foreshore is back this year on Sunday 11 December from 6.00pm



If you would like to be part of the choir—come along and join us!

We will have TWO rehearsals only - Monday 28 November and Monday 5 December from 7pm.

Rehearsals will be at the **Bayview College PAC, entry via Tyers St** (down the stone driveway next to Victoria House). Parking is available on the College Grounds or on Tyers St.

Hope you can join us! All enquiries to Michelle 0418 990 191

### Groups invited to prepare for next phase of Synod on Synodality

The National Centre for Pastoral Research is inviting groups of seven to 10 people to express their interest in participating in the next round of consultation for the global Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups – using the working document and assisted by a reflection guide being produced by the national Synod of Bishops committee to support prayer, discernment and response – will be able to gather and share their feedback through an online portal. People wishing to coordinate groups for discernment on the Document for the Continental Stage should email the NCPR's Stephen Reid ([stephen.reid@catholic.org.au](mailto:stephen.reid@catholic.org.au)) to express interest in coordinating a group that meets the following criteria:

- Groups should be comprised of a mix of clergy, laity and religious.
- Group members are expected to be aware of Church matters at the diocesan and national level.
- Group members should be able to read and reflect prayerfully on the document and have experience doing so with similar documents.