

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

**This Weekend: 10th & 11th December**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**  
Reader: M. Schultz  
Prayers: M. Picard  
Ministers: A. McIntyre  
Computer: Vol. please

**Next Weekend: 17th & 18th December**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**  
Reader: K. Loftus  
Prayers: A. McIntyre  
Ministers: M. McGennissen  
Computer: Vol. please

**Following Weekend: 24th & 25th December**

**Saturday: 8.00pm**  
Reader: K. Arnott  
Prayers: L. Cooper  
Minister: A. McIntyre/ Di Kierce (choir)  
Computer: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 9.30am**  
Reader: M. Schultz  
Prayers: Vol. please  
Ministers: D. Kierce  
Computer: Vol. please

**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.**

**Christmas Meat Hamper**



Through our Parish Outreach we will provide meat vouchers to accompany the Christmas hampers that are being delivered in December. If you would like to make a

contribution to the cost of the meat for the hampers, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Meat Hampers", and return via the collections.

**Total to date: \$950**

**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,565.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 27,953**  
**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 26,776**

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 \$ 660.30

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



**11 December 2022**

**3rd Sunday Advent Year A**



**Weekly Services 13/12 to 18/12**

**Tuesday:** 5.00pm Mass  
5.30pm Gospel reflection & Evening Prayer

**Wednesday:** 10.00am All Saints School End of Year Mass  
7.00pm Communal Penance

**Thursday:** 10.00am Mass

**Friday:** 9.30am Adoration & Morning Prayer  
10.00am Anointing Mass  
6.00pm Evening Prayer

**Saturday:** 10.00am Sacrament of Penance

**Saturday:** 6.00pm Mass

**Sunday:** 10.30am Mass

**Recent Deaths:**



**Anniversaries:**

Jack Millar, Anna Ridsdale, Merle Grundy, Jessie Ward, Patrick Pye, Willy Paget, Lorraine Asling, Michael Twomey, Vic Wright, Margaret McMahon, Anne Pye, Angelo Sacco, Kathleen Thomas, Gwen Blackley, Sr Myrene Erdman IBVM, Lorna Arnold, Leon Kelly, Magdalena Gerada, Cecelia Bull, Joseph Mifsud

**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**

**Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor**

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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*

**CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal**



Your compassion and kindness enable CatholicCare Victoria to fulfil our mission; to empower communities, build strength and resilience and help everyone reach their full potential.

Together we can empower individuals and families in our community by helping them break down the barriers holding them back and transforming lives of vulnerable and marginalised people living in Victoria.

Your donation to CatholicCare Victoria shows your belief that every Victorian deserves to live life to the full. Thank you! The last two years of the COVID pandemic have had a devastating impact on low-income families. Unemployment, rent prices, 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>



## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 145

**(R.) Lord, come and save us.**

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, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

It is the Lord who loves the just 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 letter of St James.

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The Gospel of the Lord

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### Dates to Remember

**Sunday 11 December**

- Carols at the Foreshore 5.30pm - 7.30pm, Skate Park Stage

**Wednesday 14 December**

- All Saints End of School Mass, 10am All Saints Church

- Communal Sacrament of Penance 7pm, All Saints Church

**Friday 16 December**

- Advent Anointing Mass & Morning Tea 10am, All Saints Church

### Christmas Mass Times

24th December, Saturday 5.00pm - Christmas Mass - Dartmoor

24th December, Saturday 7.30pm - Carols - All Saints Portland

24th December, Saturday 8.00pm - Christmas Eve Mass - All Saints Portland

25th December, Sunday 9.30am - Christmas Day Mass - All Saints Portland

### The need for patience while we wait

What are you like at waiting? As one person said: "I'm no good at waiting, but one day as I stood in line at a local supermarket I realised I was waiting. Waiting! I was doing what Advent is all about."

So, what do we see and hear? Can we glimpse the working of God among us in Advent? This may seem a daunting task because we're so caught up in the 'festive season' that any talk of slowing down is best left till Boxing Day. But what if we're able to see something else in what we're already doing? That's what the woman standing in the queue at the supermarket is doing; she's waiting and that's what Advent is about.

Could standing there, or wherever we find ourselves waiting, be such a moment? Why not put the phone away and wait? And what about a more formal moment, as we light the third, pink candle of the Advent wreath today, on Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday?

Amidst the call to pray and to fast, we seek to light a candle and share that light with the forgotten ones, inviting them to eat with us, welcoming them into our lives. In pointing to the Christ who is to come John bears witness to this light. That's the point of his life, doubts and all, and why Jesus says there is none greater.

The point of our lives is to become more Christ-like and discover our 'greatness' in him. In doing so 'the least in the kingdom of Heaven will be greater' than John is. We rejoice that we're invited to help build up the kingdom and to enable this we must learn to be patient, as the second reading says, waiting in expectation of the Lord's coming, for he will come and is already present among us, not attempting to force God's hand.

In Advent, we're preparing a way for the Lord, realising, once again, that God so loves the world.

- Damian Coleridge © Majellan Media 2022

All Saints Catholic Church presents

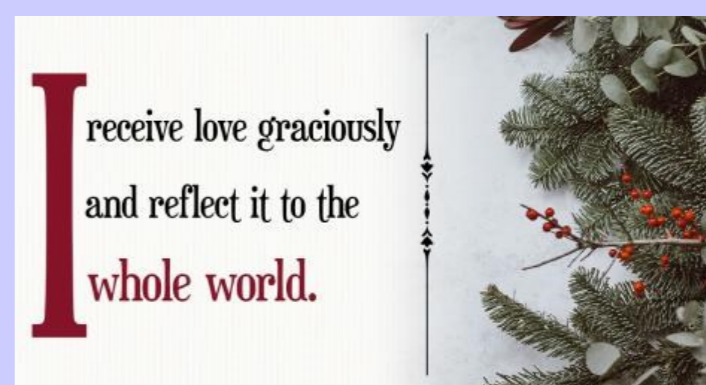
## SUMMER PSALTER

RUNNING IN THE SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY 8TH - 13TH

A week of fasting, meditation, study and chanted prayers

Orientation will be held at 5:00 pm on the 8th of January at All Saints Catholic Church. Contact [jphowman@gmail.com](mailto:jphowman@gmail.com) for bookings and further information

## Advent Week 3: LOVE



**There is an incredible sense of power and freedom in both giving and receiving love without condition or expectation. The experience can be so profound that we lose track of whether we're the giver or receiver ...**