

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

This Weekend: 31st Dec & 1st January

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M. Picard
Prayers: K. Loftus
Ministers: M. McGennissen
Computer: Vol. please

Next Weekend: 7th & 8th January

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Arnott
Prayers: J. Sandeman
Ministers: A. McIntyre
Computer: Vol. please

Following Weekend: 14th & 15th January

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Loftus
Prayers: M. Schultz
Ministers: M. McGennissen
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 Closed for New Years
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.

Appeal for Ukraine

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia.

All collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes will support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; food packages for people in need; shelters for internally displaced persons.

We will be collecting for this appeal next weekend 7th/8th January

To make online donation through CDF Pay go to <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/> and follow instructions.

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 652

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 30,362
Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 29,495

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 \$ 853.30

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

Bishop's Christmas Appeal: \$821.75



1st January 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Year A



Weekly Services 03/01 to 08/01

Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
Friday: 9.30am Adoration & Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass
5.30pm Evening Prayer
Saturday: 10.00am Sacrament of Penance
Saturday: 6.00pm Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Norma Ruge, Rita Smith, Zita McInerney, Chris Kelly, Francis Bowman, Pauline De Bono, Len O'Neil, Frances (Sandy) Sandeman, Bob Crooks, Mark Mills

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Lea-anne Bourke, Michelle Mutch, Deanne Atkinson, John Healy

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 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

56th World Day of Peace - January 1, 2023

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace: Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying: Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. "So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 71

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples.
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading

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

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

So the Shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them. When the eighth day came, it was time to circumcise the child, and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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No one can be saved alone

Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace

Message of Pope Francis for the 56th world day of peace



Dates to Remember

January 8th - 13th - Summer Psalter (bookings open jphowman@gmail.com)



The greatest mother of them all

Most of us can handle changes to our plans that are part of everyday life. For example, a friend 'drops in' unexpectedly and we have to put aside what we're doing or set an extra place for dinner; a family member falls sick and we have to postpone a planned trip; or our computer or smart phone crashes, leaving us 'high and dry', in the midst of something important. We might complain and grumble, but we generally accept the changes, despite the inconvenience and disruption.

The change of plans announced by the angel Gabriel to Mary weren't simply an inconvenience. Her life and future were already somewhat established: she was betrothed and no doubt expecting a typical married life. Gabriel's message changed everything! In saying "yes" to God, Mary had to surrender her plans, her life and her body. By surrendering (saying "yes") to God, new life comes not only to Mary, but through her to the whole world.

It's difficult to really appreciate the disruption to Mary's life plans that her "yes" to God caused. She was a simple young girl who, without understanding fully what was being asked of her, surrendered herself to God and was "overshadowed by the power of the Most High."

Surrendering to the Spirit is a challenge for us all. It is to let God take the lead and allow the power of the Most High to overshadow us and lead us to where God is calling and reveal to us what God is asking. Surrendering to the Spirit means casting aside all the 'baggage' we carry and cling to, and that weighs us down and holds us back from being the person God wants us to be and knows we can be. Without openness and surrender we can become sluggish.

Surrendering to the Spirit stretches us, gives us new colour and outlook, and breathes new air into our lives. Surrendering to the Spirit happens when we realise that it's time to become someone new. It's not about giving up, but moving on to something greater in God's plan.

We don't need all the details of God's plan for us. Like Mary, we need to say "yes" and trustingly to reach out and take God's hand. Only by surrendering, can we come to new life and help bring that life to the world around us.

As we leave behind 2022, we look back and, like Mary, "treasure and ponder in our hearts" all the moments of grace, blessing and growth, and give thanks. As we begin 2023, we look forward with expectation and a readiness to surrender to all that will come our way, ready to say "yes".

To our family, friends and loved ones we say: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace." . David J Hore CSSR © Majellan Media 2023

New Year's Day sunrise prayers relay 2023

On New Year's Day 2021, people at over a thousand locations in over 70 nations participated in the Sunrise Prayer Relay.

Some people pray at a public location like a hill, lookout, bridge, public landmark, at a church in their city or town, or pray privately in their own home. These prayer gatherings at sunrise around the world generate a synchronised 24-hour global prayer relay.

We pray together aloud as the sun rises,

In Portland we will meet **opposite the hospital on the lawns if fine and if wet at the undercover area** near the BBQ's. We meet at **5:20am on New Year's Day** (Sunday) so we can see the first light and end with the sun rise. It is a great way to start the year. Looking forward to you joining with us.

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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 for bookings and further information