

Liturgy Rosters:  
Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish

Weekend of 21st & 22nd September:

Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: D Bennett  
Prayers: Volunteer Please  
Minister: D Kierce  
Computer: Volunteer Please

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M Picard  
Prayers: K Loftus  
Minister: I Eichler  
Computer: Volunteer Please

Weekend of 28th & 29th September:

Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J Sandeman  
Prayers: M Schultz  
Minister: M McGenniken  
Computer: B Dillon

Weekend: of 5th & 6th of October

Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: A McIntyre  
Prayers: K Arnott  
Minister: I Eichler  
Computer: B Dillon

## All Saints Outreach Op-Shop:

(In Woolworth's Car park)  
Phone: 5521 1587

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is always in need of good quality clothing, bric a brac or furniture.

### Donations during shop hours only.

Please ring Outreach for pick up if necessary. Thank you all for your ongoing support of Outreach.

### Outreach is normally open

Monday 1pm - 3pm  
Tuesday 10am - 1pm  
Wednesday 10am - 3pm  
Thursday 10am - 3pm  
Friday 10am - 4pm  
Saturday 10am - 12pm

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

**We currently have a pressing need for Volunteers on each of the days of operating during our advertised Hours, and for on-call volunteers who can fill in at other times.**

**Please contact Kate Howman 0428235218 or Diane Kierce 0427946053 for further information.**

### LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

All Saints Parish has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your First Communion, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness. By leaving a gift to your Parish in your Will, you will leave a legacy of faith – a legacy to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue both for today's needs and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.

**If you would like to receive a weekly copy of "The Spire" by email, please send us an email and we can add you to a list of subscribers**



22nd of  
September  
2024

25th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



### Weekday Services

24th to 29th September 2024

Wednesday: 10.00am Morning Prayer  
4.30pm Rosary  
Thursday: 10.00am Morning Prayer  
Friday: 10.00am Morning Prayer  
5.00pm Evening Prayer

### Weekend Masses

28th & 29th of September  
26th Sunday Year B

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

**Recent Death:** Dorothy Gray.

**Anniversaries: 23rd to 29th of September.**

Allan Hoskins, Mary Milledge, Kevin McKinnon, Les Enscoe, David Armour, Bob McIntyre, Geoff (Barney) Baxter, Gerry Alexander, Mary Pound, Sam Mizzi, Cath Malone, Christine Guy, Maria Merrett, Mary Debono, Mollie Carey, Michael-Angelo Galea, Michael Vella, Eileen Laidlaw, Vincent Powell.

### Prayer Requests:

Les Hildebrand, Lea-anne Bourke, Michelle Mutch, Deanne Atkinson, Jose Trimble.

*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 at 10.00am  
or any other time by appointment with Fr Gregory

**Please Mute your phone in the Church during Mass**



**Praying with Pope Francis:**  
**Pope's intention for September:**

### For the cry of the earth:

*Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.*

## "The Spire"

All Saints Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

### All Saints Parish Office

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

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Parish Office Hours: Most Tuesdays to Fridays  
9.00am till 3.00pm or by appointment  
with Fr Gregory

*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 emerging. We commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation and constitutional acknowledgement of first nation peoples.*

### Season of Creation 2024

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4, with the theme for 2024, "To Hope and Act with Creation".

### Laudato Si': Everything is connected

In his encyclical Laudato Si', Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others. This concept of integral ecology encourages us to care for the Earth and each other. It calls us to action.

**Water security** - access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. The quality of available safe water is constantly diminishing. In some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatise this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market (Laudato Si 30). Consider your water usage even though here in Australia we are lucky to have access to this precious resource!

**110th World Day of Migrants & Refugees Sunday, September 29, 2024**

### God Walks with His People

Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "God walks with His people," for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024 (WDMR), which will be commemorated in Australia on Sunday, September 29, 2024. See link below for details & resources;

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/110th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-29-2024/>



We now have **CDF Pay**; You can use this QR Code portal for all you giving if you wish.  
**\*\*Before using please cancel any prior electronic payments\*\*.**

When you access this code, follow the prompts for frequency of payment, then amount, then; "My giving is for ..." Stewardship, (Parish Account) or Priest Support (Presbytery Account), then record your personal and Card details as the prompts ask you. Thank you. Fr Gregory Tait PP

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**  
**Given this week inc. eft \$987.00**  
**Target \$55,000**

**Total YTD 2024-2025, \$14,966.00**

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: \$ 789.80**

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

Readings 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
First Reading Wisdom 2:12,17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, <sup>2:12</sup> 'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training.

<sup>17</sup> Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; <sup>18</sup> for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

<sup>19</sup> Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance.

<sup>20</sup> Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

**(R.) The Lord upholds my life.**

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

2. For the proud have risen against me, the ruthless ones seek my life.

They have no regard for God. **(R.)**

3. But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

Second Reading James 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Beloved, <sup>3:16</sup> where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. <sup>4:1</sup> Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

From the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples; <sup>30</sup> went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**175 YEARS**

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ALL SAINTS PARISH SCHOOL

Order of Events:

**Thursday 17th of October 2024**  
Time Capsule Creation

**Friday 18th of October 2024**  
Old Fashioned Dress-Up  
9am – 12pm – School Tours\*  
12 pm– School Assembly, Mass & Shared Lunch\*  
2:30pm – Whole School Old Fashioned Sports

**Saturday 19th of October 2024**  
9am – 12pm – School Tours\*  
6:30pm (doors open) Gala Dinner

**Sunday 20th of October 2024**  
10:30am – Parish Mass

\*Please book using the following QR code or at  
Humantix.com

## Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

Last week's gospel, in which Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death.

Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus' Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews – it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do.

With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus' great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn't grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah.

To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don't argue about who will be the greatest; this child – this nobody – is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.

### Historical Context – Messianic expectation

The term Messiah means anointed one. In the era of the Kings of Israel, quite literally someone was designated King by being anointed – having oil poured over their head. It's easy to see that when the people of Israel spoke about a 'Messiah' (an 'anointed one') who would restore justice and peace, they had in mind a great King. They even expected that the new king would come from the line of David, the line of the great kings of their history. Jesus was working against centuries of tradition when he tried to get the disciples to see that the Messiah could be something else.

### Scriptural context – Three predictions

This gospel event is the second of three occasions in the gospel of Mark when Jesus clearly makes a prediction about his death and subsequent resurrection. They occur in chapters 8, 9 and 10 of the gospel and all three are associated with the disciples' lack of understanding about the mission and fate of Jesus. In each case, Jesus could not speak more plainly about what will happen to him and yet the disciples fail to understand. These three chapters have an overarching image of the disciples' 'blindness' to the truth of Jesus' message.

### Have you thought? Last of all?

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

### Questions for your personal reflection:

1. Why might Jesus have wanted to go away secretly to instruct his disciples?
2. Have you ever had the disciples' experience of completely missing an important point?
3. What are the attributes of being 'first' in our contemporary society?
4. How is it possible to be first by making yourself last of all?
5. Who do you need to be more welcoming toward?

### Learning moments

- Compile a list of 'good' leadership characteristics.
- Conduct an online search to identify characteristics of 'Servant Leadership' as it is practiced today. Compare these characteristics with Jesus' teaching from today's gospel.
- Compile a list of people in your community and beyond who have a leadership role. What attributes of leadership does each of them display?

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