

Liturgy Rosters:  
Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish

**Weekend of 12th & 13th October**

**Vigil: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K Arnott  
Prayers: K Loftus  
Minister: D Arnott  
Computer: B Dillon

**Weekend of 19th & 20th October:**

**Vigil: 6.00pm**

Reader: D Bennett  
Prayers: D Baudinette  
Minister: D Kierce  
Computer: A OBrien

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: School Representative  
Prayers: School Representative  
Minister: Kerri-Anne O'Keefe  
Computer: B Dillon

**Weekend: of 26th & 27th of October**

**Vigil: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K Loftus  
Prayers: A McIntyre  
Minister: J Sandeman  
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 2-3 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**



13th of October

2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Weekday Services  
15th to 20th October 2024**

Tuesday 5.00pm Mass  
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass  
4.30pm Rosary  
Thursday: 10.00am Mass  
Friday: 12.00 Noon 175th Anniversary  
Mass for All Saints Parish Primary School  
5.00pm Evening Prayer

**Weekend Masses  
19th & 20th of October  
29th Sunday Year B**

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

**Recent Death:** Denis Monaghan  
**Anniversaries: 14th to 20th of October.**

Neville King, Ivan Shepherd, Marie Milward, Dorothy Andre, Margaret Mary McKinnon, John Williams, Rev. William Melican PE, Neville Spencer, George Wallace, Sr Leonie Robinson, Alan Weir, Peter McLoughlin, Margaret Baker, Marie Kelly IBVM, Wayne Bell, Colin King, Pat O'Brien, Annette Cherry, Maureen Ulrich, Bruno Cancian, Asuncion Ladera, Eric Doherty, Peg Knutton, John Welfare, Barry Gawne.

**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**



**All Saints Parish Primary School  
175th Anniversary 2024**

**Please bring a plate to a shared Lunch next Sunday the 20th at the Presbytery after the 10.30am Mass.**

**"The Spire"**

**All Saints Parish**

**Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor**

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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 Gunditjmara 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.*



**October is World Mission Month**

Catholic Mission invites us to celebrate World Mission Month: "Together, we have the power to

create change and build a more just world for people everywhere. By supporting missionaries in their work, we can create life-changing opportunities for countless children, families, and communities worldwide. Join us in making a difference for our sisters and brothers." Pope Francis has recently published his messages for World Mission Month and World Mission Sunday, which will be celebrated on next Sunday, October 20.

**Pope Francis' Prayer for Mission Month**

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.



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 \$1681.00  
Target \$55,000**

**Total YTD 2024-2025, \$18,265.00**

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: \$ 725.45**

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 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 2024

**First Reading**      **Wisdom 7:7-11**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

7 Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. 8 I preferred her to sceptres and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. 9 Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. 10 I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. 11 All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**    **Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14**

**(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger forever, show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**

3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**      **Hebrews 4:12-13**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**      **Matthew 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**      **Mark 10:17-30**

From the holy Gospel according to Mark.

17 As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him,

'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 18 Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' 20 He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' 27 Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' 28 Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' 29 Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions and in the age to come eternal life.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer.

**Intention for October:** For a shared mission: Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.



**Synod on Synodality – Second Session** The Second Session of the XVI General Assembly of the Synod is currently underway in Rome. This session runs from October 2-27, 2024. Keep updated with the Synod at the diocesan website:

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/)

## 28th Sunday Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires absolute commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious to us. The rich man who approached Jesus was genuine in his desire to fulfil all the requirements of the Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to him all the commandments that deal with right relationships with others. The man is able to tick these off and assure Jesus that he has been doing this since childhood – a pretty big claim in the first place!

Then Jesus 'looked steadily at him and loved him' – he looked on him with the eyes of love; the eyes that see to the heart of a person, and in that look knew what was most important to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress no doubt that the man was wealthy and so it is this aspect of the man's life that Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This gospel shouldn't necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth – rather, it is the man's inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges.

Jesus sees to the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He's sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.

### From the perspective of ... The Disciples

'What about us?' Peter cried. The disciples were staggered that Jesus could turn away the rich man so easily and declare how difficult it is to enter into the kingdom of God. They suddenly see themselves in the shoes of the rich man: what more do they have to do? They've left their homes and families to traipse after Jesus, believing that this sacrifice would be enough to assure them a place in the kingdom, and suddenly they are faced with doubts. Has it all been worth it? Jesus reminds them that if they have followed him for all the right reasons then their reward is assured.

### Have you thought? The Gospel of Prosperity

There are those within the ranks of Christianity who preach what is sometimes referred to as a 'gospel of prosperity'. They claim that wealth is a sign of favour, or approval, from God. They feel that if a Christian person is wealthy then they must be living a 'good' life that God is rewarding through material possession. They use this as justification for further accumulation of wealth. We can see from today's gospel that Jesus would have something to say about such an interpretation! Jesus reminds us that our reward is not in this world in the form of wealth and material possessions, but in eternal life.

### Gospel Focus – Sacrifice

Sacrifice is a term that gets used quite a lot in religion and yet it's a term with which modern society is very uncomfortable. We're not really 'into' sacrifice. We're much more into feeling good about ourselves and comfortable in our existence. Jesus called on the rich man to make a sacrifice – to let go of what he really loved and valued. What Jesus really called the man to do was to place his trust in Jesus and not in material wealth – that was the sacrifice he was called to make. Ultimately, the man couldn't do that! He couldn't let go of certainty and security and entrust his life and soul to Jesus.

### Questions for your personal reflection:

1. Jesus told the man, 'There is one thing you lack.' What did the man lack?
2. What prevented the man from doing as Jesus instructed?
3. Why does Jesus insist that the kingdom of God is so difficult to enter?
4. Is giving to charitable causes an adequate response to today's gospel?
5. How is Jesus' radical challenge being realised in our world / your community?

### Learning moments

- Research national statistics on poverty e.g. What level of income is regarded as the 'poverty line'? How many people/families live below the poverty line? How many people/families access welfare services? . What do these statistics tell us about our own lifestyle and the needs within our own community?
- Volunteer your time and skills to a group that works with people who are disadvantaged in your local area.

© Greg Sunter: Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.