

Liturgy Rosters:  
Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish

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

Weekend of 2nd & 3rd November

Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: P O'Brien  
Prayers: P Howman  
Minister: M Lambert  
Computer: A O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J Sandeman  
Prayers: M Schultz  
Minister: D Kierce  
Computer: B Dillon

Weekend of 9th & 10th November:

Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K Arnott  
Prayers: M Schultz  
Minister: D Arnott  
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**



27th of  
October

2024

30th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



### Weekday Services

28th October to 3rd November 2024

Tuesday NO MASS  
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass  
4.30pm Rosary  
Thursday: 10.00am Mass  
Friday: Parish Feast Day 11.00am Mass  
5.00pm Evening Prayer

#### Weekend Masses

2nd & 3rd of November  
31st Sunday Year B

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

**Recent Death:** Anthony Claude Paris, Jason Cowan James Hanrahan.

**Anniversaries: 28th October to 3rd of November.**  
Beryl Smid, Mary Knight, Mary Hanes, Ross Grundy, Patricia Taggart, Carmel Vivian, Tex Vaughan, Michaela Perrin, Essie Tomasetti, Tom Hansford, Eric Lovell, Stan Murphy, Jim Clynes, Ted Kempton, Jim O'Halloran, Thelma Byron, Frank Murphy, Ron Ryan, Ken Murphy, Ferdi Meerbach.

#### 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**



#### Dates to Remember:

Parish Feast Day, 1st November, Mass at 11.00am & Shared Lunch in the Presbytery after Mass.

November Masses of Remembrance 7th & 8th November.

December Anointing Mass, 6th December 11.00am Mass & Shared Lunch in the Presbytery after 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 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.*



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. To donate to Mission month please go to; <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/> and follow the prompts for donating or open the hyperlink below.

[Ways to donate \(catholicmission.org.au\)](https://www.catholicmission.org.au/)

#### 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.

**Read Pope Francis' message for Mission Month here;** <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/worldmissionmonth>



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 \$461.00  
Target \$55,000

Total YTD 2024-2025, \$19,318.40

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: \$ 840.10

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

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

31:7 For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,

and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,

'Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.'

8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of  
the north,

and gather them from the farthest parts of the  
earth,

among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

9 With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stum-  
ble;

for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are  
filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it  
seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our  
lips there were songs. (R.)

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us, indeed we  
were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as  
streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they  
reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying  
seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

5:1 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is  
put in charge of things pertaining to God on their  
behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He is  
able to deal gently with the ignorant and way-  
ward, since he himself is subject to weak-  
ness; 3 and because of this he must offer sacrifice  
for his own sins as well as for those of the peo-

ple. 4 And one does not presume to take this  
honour, but takes it only when called by God,  
just as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming  
a high priest, but was appointed by the one who  
said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have be-  
gotten you'; 6 as he says also in another place,  
'You are a priest for ever, according to the order  
of Melchizedek.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with  
death, and brought us life through his gospel.  
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

From the holy Gospel according to Mark.

10:46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples  
and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Barti-  
maeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sit-  
ting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it  
was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out  
and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on  
me!' 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but  
he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David,  
have mercy on me!' 49 Jesus stood still and said,  
'Call him here.' And they called the blind man,  
saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling  
you.' 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up  
and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him,  
'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind  
man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see  
again.' 52 Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has  
made you well.' Immediately he regained his  
sight and followed him on the way.

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 move-  
ment 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. These intentions cover all sorts of ar-  
eas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and  
calling us to loving service.

Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part  
of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view  
at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org)

**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, com-  
munion and mission shared by priests, religious  
and laity.

## 30th Sunday Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

This passage from the Gospel of Mark draws to a close a significant section of the gospel. It stretches from 8:22 to this passage, 10:52. Like other examples in the Gospel of Mark, the stories at the beginning and end of the section are related and shed light on what they surround. Like this passage, the event at the beginning of the section is an account of the healing of a blind man. Contained within the two healings of blindness, as we have seen over the last six weeks, is an extended lesson on discipleship.

Within this section, Jesus speaks about his upcoming death on three occasions and each time the disciples display their own form of blindness when they fail to understand what Jesus is trying to tell them quite explicitly. In this section, we have heard that discipleship involves suffering and hardship; it means placing one's own needs last and the needs of others first; and that discipleship is all about faith.

In this healing of blind Bartimaeus, we see all the hallmarks of what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples in the preceding episodes. As a blind man, Bartimaeus would be regarded as 'imperfect' – incomplete – and consequently in a permanent state of uncleanness. He would not be allowed to live within the bounds of normal society, nor have contact with people. So it is that Jesus encounters Bartimaeus on the side of the road, outside the city walls as he is leaving Jericho.

Learning that it is Jesus passing by, Bartimaeus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him and, placing the needs of the other first, asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' When Bartimaeus makes his request, Jesus announces that it is his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored. Bartimaeus, like a good disciple, then follows Jesus on the road.

### Scriptural context – Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus. Have you thought? On the side of the road ...

When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road – a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience. If we allow ourselves to hear his voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' – our old life – and join him on the road.

### Living the Gospel – Bartimaeus, a model?

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession – his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.

### Questions for your personal reflection:

1. Which phrase or statement in the passage bears particular significance for you?
2. Would the impact and message of the story be different if Bartimaeus had some other affliction?
3. Why does this account come at the conclusion of a section about discipleship?
4. When have you ever experienced a sense of 'sitting at the side of the road'?
5. How would you answer Jesus' question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'

### Learning moments

- Compile a list of phrases and expressions in everyday use that relate to blindness. Why does this sensory loss bear so heavily on our language and attitudes?

© 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.