

Liturgy Rosters:  
Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish

Weekend: of 16th & 17th of November

Lay Led Assembly: 6.00pm

Leader: P & A O'Brien  
Reader: D Baudinette  
Prayers: Volunteer Please  
Minister: M Lambert  
Computer: Volunteer Please

Sunday Mass: 10.30am

Reader: M Picard  
Prayers: J Sandeman  
Minister: I Eichler  
Computer: B Dillon

Weekend of 23rd & 24th November

Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: P Couttie  
Prayers: K Loftus  
Minister: D Arnott  
Computer: Volunteer Please

Weekend of 30th November & 1st December:  
1st Weekend in Advent Year C  
Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J Howman  
Prayers: I Eichler  
Minister: D Kierce  
Computer: Volunteer Please

## 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.

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17th of November  
2024  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### Weekday Services

19th to 24th November 2024

Tuesday 1.00pm Funeral Mass  
Anthony Hodges  
Wednesday 10.00am Mass  
4.30pm Rosary  
Thursday: 10.00am Mass  
Friday: 2.00pm Funeral Service  
Mrs. Carmel Blackman  
5.00pm Evening Prayer

#### Weekend Masses

23rd & 24th of November  
34th Sunday Year B Christ the King

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass  
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

#### Recent Death:

Anniversaries: 18th to 24th of November.

Don Bloomfield, Rob Rowlands, Marg Van Heughten Ted Murphy, Sadeo Nemoto, Chris Forsyth, Shirley Hill, Jennifer Collins IBVM, Pat Twomey, Slavko Komes, Kath McKenzie, Barry Manley, Terry Farrugia, Tom Parker, Gerard Hockey, Jim Maloney Eleanor Foley, Margaret Sawyer, Sarah Stuchbery, Anna Goosens, Betty Edwards, Esteban Cresencia, Kevin Willey, David Meehan, Nathan Johnston, Henry Sumner, John Doherty.

#### 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:

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.

#### November the Month for Remembering - All Souls & the Faithful departed

As we feel the warmth of the late spring sun and witness new life blossoming around us, This special time to remember and honour our loved ones who have passed away. It's a month rich in tradition, where we feel especially close to those who are now with God. It's a time celebrate the enduring bonds of love that even death cannot break.

Our cherished memories weave us together, stitching our hearts into one tapestry. These treasured moments aren't just pieces of the past but a testament to the lives we've shared and the love that still thrives. When we gather with family, sharing stories and laughter, we're reminded that love is eternal. As the Apostle Paul assures us in Romans 8:38-39 (NRSV): "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." This profound truth comforts us, affirming that love never dies—it simply transforms.

During this time of remembrance, let's offer grace and comfort to one another. Building a strong community of faith within our families allows us to support each other and strengthen our spirits. Encourage open conversations about those we've lost, letting their legacy inspire and guide us. Perhaps we can light a candle or say a prayer to honour their presence in our lives and acknowledge their ongoing influence.

As we navigate between feelings of grief and gratitude, may we find peace knowing our loved ones are cradled in God's boundless love. Trust that their souls are at rest, enveloped in the infinite compassion of our Creator. Embrace the belief that one day we will be reunited, where love knows no bounds and joy is everlasting. ©Magellan Media.2024.

Let November be a beacon of hope and a reminder that we are never truly alone. In our hearts, love prevails, and through faith, we find the strength to carry on, cherishing the memories that keep our loved ones alive. ©Majellan Media



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Planned Giving for Parish Account  
Given this week no eft \$291.00  
Target \$55,000

Total YTD 2024-2025, \$21,432.40

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, no eft: \$ 549.05

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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 2024

**First Reading Daniel 12:1-3**

A reading from the prophet Daniel

12:1 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1**

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

**Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

11 Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', 13 and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. 18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:36**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Mark 13:24-32**

From the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus spoke to his disciples about the end which is to come:

13:24 ' In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

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. These intentions cover all sorts of areas 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 November:** For those who have lost a child: Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

**Supporting Portland Families at Christmas 2024.**

We will be partnering with the Salvation Army again this year in providing meat trays valued at \$30.00 per tray. If you would like to assist by donating to this cause, please put your money in an envelope and mark it "Meat Trays 2024" and place it in the weekend collection. Alternatively you may directly deposit in into the Parish Account & note "MT 2024" in the reference on your eft deposit.

Many thanks, for your assistance once again.

Fr Greg.

## 33rd Sunday Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

The whole of chapter 13 in the Gospel of Mark is devoted to a discourse about the future. In the section preceding this week's passage, Jesus has foretold the destruction of the Temple and the fall of Jerusalem. He has also predicted war on a massive scale and the persecution of his followers. Now, in this passage, Jesus predicts the return of the Son of Man and the fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

Why does the gospel include such an extended description of the collapse of the world as it was? Because that's exactly what was going on around the community of this gospel writer! This gospel is understood to have been written somewhere in the period 70-75 CE. In the year 70 CE the city of Jerusalem was besieged by Roman troops who stormed the city and destroyed it. As a sign of complete disdain for the people of Jerusalem and a mark of overwhelming victory, the Romans burnt and completely destroyed the Temple in the heart of Jerusalem. For the entire Jewish community, this was absolute devastation. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times – the day of judgment and completion of this world. The community gathered around this gospel writer were no less affected. On top of this, the Roman Emperors were reaching new heights (or depths) in their persecution of the followers of Jesus.

In the midst of this despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow. This passage is written for them as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. It is a call to hope. Although we can understand the context in which it was originally written, we are also challenged to apply its message of hope and perseverance to our own lives.

### Historical Context – 70 CE

In 66 CE a Jewish revolt against Roman occupation began in Caesarea and soon spread to most of the country. By the year 68 the sheer weight of Roman numbers had stamped out a lot of the rebellion. The leaders of the revolt rallied again in Jerusalem and in the year 70 the Roman armies laid siege to the city for several months. Finally, Titus, the emperor Vespasian's son, led an assault on the city and the Romans ransacked and burnt the entire city. The treasures of the Temple were looted and the Temple itself – the very centre of Jewish religion – was destroyed.

### Living the Gospel – People of Hope

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case. Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope.

### Gospel Focus – Eschatology

Theologians refer to beliefs about the future and the end times of the world as 'eschatology'. The word itself comes from two Greek words meaning 'last' and 'discourse' – basically meaning talking about the end. In Christian tradition, eschatology concerns many different concepts: the end of the world; the return of Jesus; the Last Judgment; the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy; the accomplishment of the kingdom of God. These eschatological events are sometimes simply referred to as 'the end times' or 'the last things'. The whole of Mark Ch 13 – from which this gospel passage comes – is referred to as an eschatological discourse by Jesus.

### Questions for your personal reflection:

1. Why was a belief that Jesus' return was imminent so strong among early Christians?
2. Do historical events around the time of its writing help explain why Mark's gospel was the first written?
3. How can a Christian community maintain hope and counteract despair about the future?
4. How do you demonstrate hopefulness in your life?

### Learning moments

- Build an image, symbol and word collage entitled, 'Signs of Hope', in which you portray evidence and role models of hope for the world: social, environmental, political, religious, etc.
- Compare and contrast the beliefs about the 'end times' in different religions (e.g. Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Christianity).

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