

Liturgy Rosters:
Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish

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: Volunteer Please

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 O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am
Reader: School Representative
Prayers: School Representative
Minister: Kerri-Anne O'Keefe
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



6th of
October
2024

27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Weekday Services

7th to 13th October 2024

Monday 2.00pm Funeral Mass
Bradley Herbertson

Tuesday 5.00pm Mass

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass
4.30pm Rosary

Thursday: 10.00am Morning Prayer

Friday: 9.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Weekend Masses

12th & 13th of October

28th Sunday Year B

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Death: Gerard Conheady, Bradley Graeme Herbertson

Anniversaries: 7th to 13th of October.

Iris Nicholls, Gayle Dempsey, Maureen McKenzie, Amy Saunders, Noorgaya Mifsud, Jack Condon, Win Hallam, Rev Francis Crowe, Caroline Deutscher IBVM, Anne Crowe SGS, Margaret Phillips, Shirley Panozzo, Rosalie Farley, Leila Hornicke, Barry Herbertson, Patricia Langeluddecke.

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



World Mission Month – October 2024

October is World Mission Month. Pope Francis has recently published his World Mission Sunday message with a key theme from Matthew 22:09 of "Go and invite everyone to the banquet". Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 20. 2024.

"The Spire"

All Saints Parish

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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.



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 \$1052.00

Target \$55,000

Total YTD 2024-2025, \$16,584.00

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: \$ 1046.25

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



Mass & Tour
Tickets
(events are free)

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



Gala Dinner
Tickets

Liturgy of the Word

Readings 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 2024

First Reading Genesis 2:7,15,18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

2:7 then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 18 Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' 19 So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' 24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat, you will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed those who fear the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children, on Israel, peace! (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

2:9 We do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. 10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

From the holy Gospel according to Mark.

10:2 Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' 3 He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 4 They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' 5 But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6 But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." 7 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh." 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' 10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11 He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12 and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' 13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' 16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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.

27th Sunday Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

Scriptural context – Discipleship

This section of Mark's Gospel explores what it means to be a disciple. While this particular passage may seem to be a bit out of place, Jesus seems to be stressing to the disciples that there are some bottom lines – some non-negotiables – when it comes to being a disciple. Unlike the Pharisees who are preoccupied with the letter of the Law, Jesus encourages his disciples to get beyond that and understand the spirit of the Law – God's dream for humankind. The shift in the passage to the focus on children seems a little disconnected but the whole passage is about living in the kingdom with the right attitude.

Gospel Focus – Like a little child

Most of us at some time or another have been told to 'grow up'; 'stop acting like a child'; or to 'act your age'. It implies that, as we grow older, we have to behave in a more 'responsible' or 'mature' way than when we were children. Jesus turns this on its head and tells us that unless we 'welcome the kingdom like a little child' we will never enter it. The gospels are full of stories about people who call on God's mercy because they recognise that without God they are nothing. When they subsequently receive God's mercy or healing they welcome it all the more – like a little child.

Historical Context – Writ of dismissal

In Jewish tradition, a man could divorce his wife but a woman could not divorce her husband – she could only seek a court ruling to force her husband to divorce her. The grounds for divorce under biblical law were *ervat devar* – meaning 'some fault or indecency'. One legal tradition held that *ervat devar* applied exclusively to adultery while another applied it to anything that was 'offensive' to the husband. To divorce his wife, a man simply had to renounce his wife and ask a court to authorise a writ, or bill, of dismissal – his wife had no chance to challenge his decision.

Questions for your personal reflection:

1. How does this passage help explain the Church's position on divorce?
2. Is the clash between the church's position on divorce and society standards helpful or harmful?
3. Why does the gospel writer include this passage in a section about what it means to be a disciple?
4. In what ways does the teaching about children challenge us today?

Learning moments

- Research the status of women and children in Jesus' time. What similarities can be drawn between the two groups? Why did these two groups receive special attention from Jesus?
- Build a list of 'child-like' characteristics. Identify ways in which individuals or the group could practise these characteristics as a way of welcoming the kingdom of God.

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