

**Liturgy Rosters:**  
 Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish  
 This Weekend: 1st & 2nd June

**Vigil: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K Loftus  
 Prayers: J Sandeman  
 Minister: A McIntyre  
 Computer: Volunteer please

**Next Weekend: 8th & 9th June**

**Vigil: 6.00pm**

Reader: G Priestley  
 Prayers: Volunteer Please  
 Minister: D Kierce  
 Computer: Volunteer Please

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: M Schultz  
 Prayers: M Picard  
 Minister: M McGennisken  
 Computer: Volunteer please

**Following Weekend: 15th & 16th June**

**Vigil: 6.00pm**

Reader: K Howman  
 Prayers: D Baudinette  
 Minister: D Kierce  
 Computer: Volunteer Please

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: M Picard  
 Prayers: A McIntyre  
 Minister: I Eichler  
 Computer: Volunteer please



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**Planned Giving for Parish Account**  
 Given this week inc. eft \$1538.00  
 Target \$62,400

**Total YTD 2023–2024, \$50,431.10**

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: \$ 846.70  
 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

**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**



**2nd of June**

**2024**

**Body & Blood of Christ**  
**Year B**



**9th Week in Ordinary Time**  
**4th to 9th June 2024**

**Tuesday 2.00pm Graveside Service**  
**Heywood Cemetery, Bernard Millard**

**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**  
**4.30pm Rosary**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**

**Friday: 9.30am Morning Prayer**  
**10.00am Mass**  
**5.30pm Evening Prayer**

**8th & 9th of June, 10th Sunday OT**

**Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday: 10.30am Mass**

**Recent Deaths:** Bernard Millard, Lesley Toohey.

**Anniversaries: 3rd to the 9th of June.**

Bev Porter, Roger Schultz, Brett Baker, Kevin Fitzgerald, May Phillips, Margaret Belden, Annie Brown, Irene Harrington, Joseph Harrington, Russell Hurst, Frank Sileni, Genevieve Davey IBVM, Emmanuelle Mifsud, Nancy Wright, Noel Donnelly SCS, Patricia Grant, Veryl Carr, Michael Holmes, Louis Holmes, Bill Grenfell Jnr, Ervin Geller, Paul Sacco.

**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**



**"The Spire"**

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**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.*

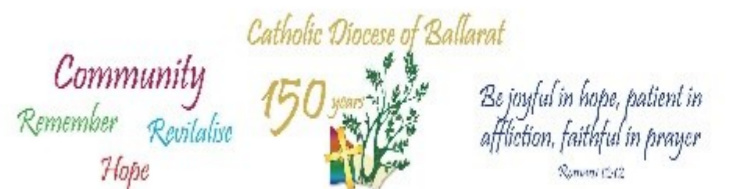
*All Saints Parish Portland acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which our Parish Community meets, the Gunditjmarra people. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and emerging. We commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation and constitutional acknowledgement of first nation peoples.*

**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.

**Pope's intention for June: for those fleeing their own countries:** *Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.*

**First Eucharist 2024:**

We congratulate our Candidates for 1st Eucharist this year and their families. Please make your self known to our Candidates and to their Families. Please keep them in your prayers at this most important time.





## Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading** Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus.

**24:3** Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.' **4** And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. **5** He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the Lord. **6** Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. **7** Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, 'All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.' **8** Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, 'See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 115:12-13, 15-18, R. v.13

**(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.**

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

**9:11** But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), **12** he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. **13** For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, **14** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to

God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! **15** For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation** John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 14:12-16,22-26

From the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**12** On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' **13** So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, **14** and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' **15** He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.' **16** So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University.

Cycle 5 begins July 15. There are 41 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you!

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## Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

In the Jewish tradition, blood plays a very interesting double role – being both sacred and impure. As we see from this week's first reading, blood was used as a sign of sealing a covenant and so took on a very sacred significance. Blood was held to be sacred due to its relationship with life and thus God. However, in other circumstances, blood was regarded as forbidden and impure. The Torah forbids the eating of blood and so for meat to be regarded as kosher (ritually proper) it must be drained of all blood at the time of slaughter. This prohibition has to do with an ancient pagan practice of eating blood and was designed to distinguish the Jews from such pagan practices. In the parable of the Good Samaritan we see the two Temple officials avoiding the beaten and bloodied man because to touch him would have made them ritually impure and unable to perform their duties. So we have this interesting contrast that blood was regarded as being both very sacred as well as impure.

It is in the context of sealing a covenant that Jesus used blood at the Last Supper. Jews would have been very familiar with the notion that a covenant with God was sealed with blood and so for Jesus to describe his blood as being 'the blood of the covenant' would have been immediately significant to his disciples and the first audience of the Gospel. Jesus is marking a new covenant between God and God's people – a covenant in blood like the covenants of old. He is making it clear that God is prepared to start over again with the people – a new covenant for a new phase of the ever developing relationship.

### Historical Context – Covenant.

Covenant is a recurring element throughout the Old Testament writings. A covenant is a formal agreement between two or more parties. In the Biblical context, covenants were made between God and God's people. The first covenant, although not described as such, is the covenant between God and Adam – each promising certain things. After the failure of this covenant, God renewed the covenant promise to Noah and symbolised it with the rainbow. Later covenants were again struck with Abraham, Moses and David – each time initiated by God to give the people another chance to be faithful to their relationship.

### Have you thought? You are what you eat.

Many religious traditions have rules about what can or cannot be eaten or in what manner certain foods should be eaten. The two with which we tend to be most familiar are the Jewish kosher and Islamic halal restrictions. Both share common requirements about the way in which meat is to be slaughtered and drained of blood. Kosher food laws also separate the cooking and eating of meat and dairy products. Certain foods are regarded as being 'unclean' and consequently are forbidden: pork and shellfish are both forbidden to Jews. Prohibitions on foods are a statement about relationship with God and relationship with the world. They often have basic health standards as their basis but have taken on religious significance.

### Gospel Focus – Words of Institution.

The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them will be familiar. They are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community.

### Questions for your personal reflection:

1. What does this gospel passage reveal about the Jewish foundations of Christianity?
2. How was Jesus' use of blood to make a covenant different from the traditional understanding?
3. What was the new covenant that Jesus established?
4. How have ways of showing respect and reverence for the body and blood of Christ changed over time?

### Learning moments.

- Read the Last Supper accounts from the three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and compile a 'Compare and Contrast' retrieval chart to identify similarities and differences between the three accounts.

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