

Liturgy Rosters:
Many thanks for your ministry in our Parish!

This Weekend: 13th & 14th May

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Bennett
Prayers: D. Baudinette
Minister: [Volunteer Please](#)
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Loftus
Prayers: M. Picard
Ministers: M. McGennicken
Computer: K Arnott

Next Weekend: 20th & 21st May

Saturday: 6.00pm

Readers: J Howman
Prayers: M McKenzie
Minister: K Howman
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K Arnott
Prayers: J Sandeman
Ministers: D Arnott
Computer: A McIntyre

Following Weekend: 27th & 28th May

Saturday: 6.00pm

Readers: P Howman
Prayers: K Howman
Minister: [Volunteer Please](#)
Computer: D Kierce

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M Picard
Prayers: K Loftus
Ministers: J Sandeman
Computer: A McIntyre

All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Woolworth's Car park) Phone: 5521 1587
The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is in urgent need of good quality bric a brac or furniture.

Please ring Outreach for pick up if necessary. Thank you all for your ongoing support of Outreach.

Outreach is 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.
Please contact Kate Howman 0428 235 218 for further information.

**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre:
362 Albert St, East Melbourne VIC 3002 .**

The MMHC building initially designed and operational as a place of providence and respite for women in their time of need is located on grounds that were purchased by Mary in 1901. Explore the Museum with one of our guides or independently with our new audio tour.

Mary of the Cross Exhibition: The Mary of the Cross Exhibition will be held April - June 2023, Monday - Friday from 10.00am - 4.00pm. The Heritage Centre is proud to present a new exhibition in the Temporary Gallery that explores the significance of the Cross in Mary's life. Visitors will be able to view objects from the museum's collection of Josephite emblems and crosses, while activity sheets will be available for young people to enjoy.

When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre - accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 830.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2023 \$ 52,834.03

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 \$ 714.40

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



**14th May
2023**

**6th Sunday
Easter
Year A**



Weekday Services 16/05 to 21/05

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass
Thursday: NO MASS
Friday: 9.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass
5.30pm Night Prayer
Saturday: 6.00pm Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Phil Pettingill, Rev Mark McGuinness MSC, Hercilia Maria Barroso do Nascimento, Katie Bourke, Mary Bennett, Rosalie Andre, Bernie Crimmin, Gerald White, Gloria Whitehead, Willy Hartman, Ann Parker, Kevin Haberfield, Margaret Stuchbery, Rev Barry Strickland, Angelo Agius.

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Lea-anne Bourke, Michelle Mutch, Deanne Atkinson.

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 10am
or any other time by appointment with Fr Gregory

2023 Annual Mass Count

The 2023 Diocesan Mass Count will continue over the next four weekends of May. Collectors please take note.

Please mute your Mobile phone inside the church.



The Spire

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am till 3.00pm
Friday by Appointment

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 present and emerging. We commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation and constitutional acknowledgement of first peoples.

Dates to Remember

Coming soon: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28, 2023

1st Eucharist 2023

Families of children preparing for first Eucharist are invited to join the Parish community for a cuppa and a biscuit after the 6.00pm Vigil Mass in the Parish Meeting Room on Saturday May 20th. Bring a plate to share if you can. All welcome.

**Prayer for Mother's Day
Sunday, May 14, 2023**

Loving God, we pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and others who show us a mother's love.

We pray for adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care.

We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

We pray for those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort.

We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring.

And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments
and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love them and show myself to them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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6th Sunday in Easter Year A 2023: Gospel Reflection Greg Sunter

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

From the perspective of ... The disciples.

The words of Jesus in this gospel passage were addressed to the disciples at the Last Supper. They had almost no inclination of what was about to befall them, nor the heart-wrenching loss that they would feel. Yet Jesus tried to prepare them and reassure them that they would not be abandoned by him. In the days after his death, the disciples struggled to remember these words and they were caught up by despair. Even once they had witnessed the Risen Lord, he told them that he would again be leaving them. They must have been so confused and afraid.

Living the Gospel – Live in love.

Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

Gospel Focus – Paraclete.

The Greek word, parakletos, is translated into a number of different terms in English translations of the gospel. Its technical use was for a lawyer or attorney. However, its use in scripture is like the broader meaning of advocate that we use today: someone who stands up for another; someone who speaks up for another; someone who intercedes on behalf of another. An advocate is one who lends strength and support to someone who is disempowered. That is exactly what Jesus did for many people during his ministry and it is also what the Holy Spirit is sent to do.

Questions for personal reflection.

1. What does the sending of the Spirit say about the relationship between God and the world?
2. What are the commandments that Jesus refers to as 'his commandments'?
3. How can you be an agent of the Holy Spirit?

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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.

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.

Pope's intention for May - for church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Portland Uniting Church Fellowship at U/C Church Percy St.

A Ladies Social afternoon, Monday the 14th of May at 1.30pm, please come along to a musical themed gathering & afternoon tea to follow. Call Val Golding on 55232636.