

Liturgy Rosters:  
Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish

**This Weekend: 13th & 14th January**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**  
Reader: D Bennett  
Prayers: P O'Brien  
Minister: D Kierce  
Computer: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**  
Reader: K Loftus  
Prayers: J Sandeman  
Ministers: A McIntyre  
Computer: Volunteer Please

**Following Weekend: 20th & 21st January**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**  
Reader: D Kierce  
Prayers: P Howman  
Minister: K Howman  
Computer: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**  
Reader: K Arnott  
Prayers: M Schultz  
Ministers: M McGennissen  
Computer: B Dillon

**Following Weekend: 27th 28th January**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**  
Reader: P O'Brien  
Prayers: D Kierce  
Minister: K Howman  
Computer: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**  
Reader: M Picard  
Prayers: A McIntyre  
Ministers: I Eichler  
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 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.**

**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



14th January 2024  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



**Portland Daily Services 15th to 21st of January 2024**

Monday to Wednesday NO MASS

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
20th & 21st of January:

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass  
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

**Anniversaries: 15th to the 21st of January.**

Bill Teal, Peter White, Sam Gilmer, Tom Lyons, Kath Gleeson, Francis Sheehan, Sr Patricia Zierbath IBVM, Winston Morton, Michael & Pat Caveny, Ern Sharrock, Ian Farrell, Michael Monaghan, Lulu Ferguson, Mark Araldi, Samantha Kelly, Kevin Pettigrove, John Malone, Kevin Pitts, Claire Greenham, Wilmur Hallinan.

**Prayer Requests:**

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 at 10.00am or any other time by appointment with Fr Gregory

**\*Dates to Remember\***

Australia Day Mass 26th January 10.00am

Ash Wednesday 14th February  
Mass 10.00am & 6.00pm All Saints Church

**\*Please mute your phone in the Church.\***



**"The Spire"**

All Saints' Parish

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday 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 Gundiḡimara 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.*

**Prayer for Peace & Justice in Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength  
to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen



Evangelisation Brisbane has developed a new Lent and Easter reflection resource called "A Resurrected Life".

Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis.

We have ordered 30 copies; to reserved one for yourself, please place \$6.00 in an envelope with your name and Label it "A Resurrected Life".

**Our Parish Finance**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, cash: \$186.00  
eft: not available this weekend

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2023 \$32,372.10

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, cash: \$580.70  
eft: not available this weekend

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

**First Reading**      **1 Samuel 3:3-10,19**

A reading from the first book of Samuel

3:3 Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' 5 and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. 6 The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

19 As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**      **Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9**

**(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord, and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim, instead, here am I. **(R.)**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**      **1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters;

6:13 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! 17 But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a tem-

ple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**      **John 1:41. 17**

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**      **John 1:35-42**

From the holy Gospel according to John.

35 John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' which translated means Teacher, 'where are you staying?' 39 He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' which is translated Anointed. 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' which is translated Peter.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## Parish Insurances 2024-2025.

A part of the process to tender our insurances for the 2024 – 2025 year, the Diocese is needing to establish some of the various types of buildings that each Parish has. This process of valuations is being coordinated by our new Diocesan Insurance Broker "**Lockton Insurance**".

Eight properties across the Diocese; **(including All Saints Parish Church)** have been selected by the insurance brokers for an independent valuation. The valuations are being conducted by Asset Valuation and Risk Consulting (AVR), Risktech and CIRK.

We hope to have the valuation reports completed by 9th February. There will be no cost to any parish for the valuations.

Please note, the valuation step is a critical part to our overall insurance renewal options for the whole diocese. Once completed our broker will be able to go to market for insurance quotes with a degree of confidence.



**Ross Wheatland**  
**Diocesan Business Manager**  
**Catholic Diocese of Ballarat**

## Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

### Living the Gospel – Vocation

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, vocare, meaning call or name. Realising to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.

### Have you thought? Why disciples?

Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.

### From the perspective of ... The Disciples

We'd been following John the Baptist for nearly a year. He was a great man doing great work. He had called us to repent and baptised us in the river. We were so impressed with him that we began to follow him. There'd been plenty of other healers and preachers to follow but John seemed to be something special – some had talked about him being the messiah! Then all of a sudden John pointed out Jesus and called him the lamb of God. There was something different about this man and it just seemed right to leave John behind and go with Jesus.

### Questions for your personal reflection:

1. Why do you think John the Baptist's role in this episode is important?
2. What role do you think the disciples play throughout the gospels?
3. In what ways is it harder/easier to be a disciple today?
4. How can you also invite others to 'Come and See'?

### Learning moments:

Compare John's gospel account of the first disciples with the call of the disciples in the three synoptic gospels. How might we explain the similarities and differences?

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