

Liturgy Rosters:
 Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish
 This Weekend: 18th & 19th May

Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: P Howman
 Prayers: K Howman
 Minister: D Kierce
 Computer: Volunteer please

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J Sandeman
 Prayers: M Schultz
 Minister: D Arnott
 Computer: Volunteer please

Next Weekend: 25th & 26th May

Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: A McIntyre
 Prayers: I Eichler
 Minister: K Loftus
 Computer: Volunteer please

Following Weekend: 1st & 2nd June

Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

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



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 \$ 592.00**

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2023–2024, \$47,679.10

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

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.

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**19th of May
 2024
 Pentecost
 Sunday
 Year B**



**7th Week in Ordinary Time
 21st to 26th of May 2024**

Tuesday 5.00pm Mass
**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass
 4.30pm Rosary**
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
**Friday: 9.30am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Mass
 5.30pm Evening Prayer**

25th & 26th of May Trinity Sunday

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: 20th to the 26th of May.

Ann Parker, Kate Henman, Kevin Haberfield, Margaret Stuchbery, Rev Barry Strickland, Angelo Agius, Joseph-Nguyen-Van-Cuong, George Horovitz Carmel Smith, Marian Dorothy May, Ellen Drought Joan Baker, Colin Gilmore, Sadie King, Joanne Wheeler, Thomas Fitzpatrick.

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



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"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.

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 May:

For the formation of men and women religious and seminarians: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

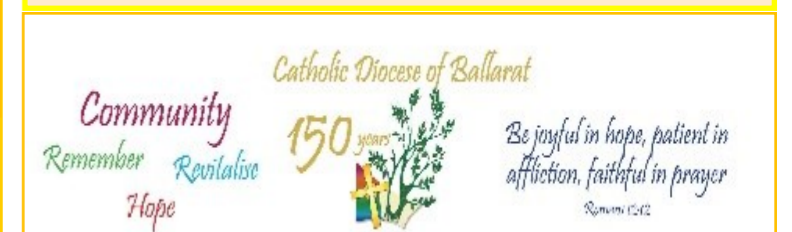
First Eucharist 2024:

We make welcome 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.

Confirmation 2024: I am now taking registrations for Confirmation for 2024. If you have a child (or Grandchild) in Grade 4, please contact me ASAP on 0475512530. Registration finishes Friday 24th May Regards, Fr Greg.

Mass Counts during the month of May:

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 4-5 May and continue each weekend until the end of May.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are, how many are your works, O Lord.

The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever, may the Lord rejoice in his works.

May my thoughts be pleasing to God, I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

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

3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-23

From the holy Gospel according to John.

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish Authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

Historical Context – Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Have you thought? The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, Vene Sancte Spiritus, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

Questions for your personal reflection:

1. What was different about Jesus breathing the Spirit on the disciples and the Pentecost experience?
2. What was significant about the disciples being heard to speak in many different languages?
3. Why might Pentecost sometimes be regarded as the birth of the Church?
4. Have you ever had an experience of being aware of the Spirit's presence/action?
5. Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

Learning moments.

- Write a prayer that begins, 'Come, Holy Spirit ...' that seeks the Spirit's help or guidance in an aspect of your life or your community.

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