

Liturgy Rosters:
Many thanks for your ministry to the Parish!

This Weekend: 22 & 23rd April

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Kierce
Prayers: K. Howman
Minister
Computer: Vol. pls

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J. Sandeman
Prayers: M. Schultz
Ministers: M. McGennicken
Computer: B. Dillon

Next Weekend: 29 & 30th April

Saturday: 7.00pm

Readers: P. O'Brien
Prayers: D. Bennett
Minister
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: P. Couttie
Prayers: Vol. please
Ministers: B. McGennicken
Computer: B. Dillon

Following Weekend: 6th & 7th May

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Kierce
Prayers: J. Howman
Minister
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: A. McIntyre
Prayers: K. Arnott
Ministers: D. Arnott
Computer: B. Dillon

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.

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23rd April 2023

3rd Sunday Easter Year A



Weekly Services 25/04 to 30/04

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

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

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

Recent Deaths:

Fr Bob Maguire, Malcolm Easton

Anniversaries:

Fr John Murphy SDB, Christopher Powell, Sr Eileen Riley, Teresa Howard, Peter West, Greg Pound, Carmen del Fierro, Maria Pietschmann, Stan Gliszczynski, Myra Proudfoot, Sr Christine Daly IBVM, Douglas Vicary

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



“The Spire“

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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webstock
Wednesday & Thursday 9.00am till 3.00pm

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

**Southern Stars Family Group
Sunday 30th April**



April get together for Southern Stars will take place at Yambuk Lake on Sunday 30th April.

Anne and Pat have kindly offered to cook some sausages to be ready by 12.30. Then a nice long walk, will have us ready to have afternoon tea!

Please bring something to share. Looking forward to seeing everyone! Gabrielle

Briny Bunch Family Group

The next Briny Bunch event is lunch at the Digby Pub on Sunday, 30th April. They do Sunday roasts (beef or pork) and can supply a vegetarian option. We'll leave straight after Mass and car pool.

I do need to know numbers for the booking, so please let me know if you'd like to come.

Phone: 0428 780 536

Thanks, Anne



Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 663.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 46,129

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 46,184

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 \$ 668.70

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

Project Compassion Collection: \$ 1,551.15

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.' The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 16

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Protect me, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.'

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. (R.)

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel,

In the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;

Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved (R)

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,

or let your faithful one see the Pit. (R.)

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of

Second reading continued

the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread. The Gospel of the Lord.

Christ walks with us



Richard was consumed with grief and shock following his wife's tragic death. Richard's doctor suggested a trip to take his mind off his pain; however, the travel and change of scenery didn't help. Sadly, while hiking in a national park, Richard climbed a rocky outcrop with the thought of ending his pain.

As Richard stood on a ledge, looking down at the valley below, he suddenly heard music. Looking around he saw a young boy playing a harmonica. Listening to the music, Richard was moved to tears. He later remarked, "I was completely

depressed and overcome with grief, but the music was so pure, simple and unexpected, that it affected me deeply" Richard's musical encounter helped him to realise how much beauty and goodness life still had to offer in spite of his loss.

Today, we hear about two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus. Like Richard, it's the story of a world turned upside down. Everything known and familiar to the disciples had disappeared. Their few short years with Jesus ended suddenly on Good Friday. All their hopes and dreams were shattered by Jesus' horrendous death on the cross. What a desolate and desperate scene as they turn their backs on the pain and devastation of Jerusalem.

As they walk along in a state of utter confusion and uncertainty, Jesus walks beside them, yet somehow, he's 'hidden' from their view. What Jesus does next, changes their lives forever! He breaks open the Scriptures for them and breaks bread with them. The disciples then 'recognise' Jesus. Not surprisingly, their hearts 'burn' at this encounter and they hurry back to proclaim this Good News to the Eleven.

It's easy to become overwhelmed and confused by what life 'throws' at us. So often we're unable to see beyond life's challenges and difficulties. We tend to become fixated on the negatives and we see only the 'crucifixions' in our lives. When this happens, it's easy to forget and become blind to, the many 'resurrections' which are part of our story.

Whether our own unique journey to Emmaus is painful, challenging, a balancing act or obstacle-free, the Risen Christ always walks beside us. Yes, he can be hidden from our eyes, but he is there; often in unexpected places and encounters, just as he was for the disciples and for Richard. If we're able to recognise him, then our hearts too, will surely burn within us.

With that experience to urge us on, we're then able as 'Easter People', to resolutely and confidently proclaim to our sisters and brothers and indeed to the whole world, the Good News of the Resurrection and its promise of new life for all.

May we always be open to the amazing and creative ways that the Risen Christ breaks through to us and accompanies us, wherever the journey of life takes us. *David J Hore CSsR © Majellan Media 2023*

The ultimate sacrifice. Reflection for Anzac Day

This year marks the 108th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. So much has been written about Gallipoli over the years that reflecting years later on this disastrous chapter of our history almost seems trite.

And yet, no. The deaths of so many young Australians and New Zealanders at Gallipoli generated the spirit of the ANZAC and one of the reasons why we commemorate April 25 each year. The date should never be forgotten, dismissed or treated as just another holiday.

The official war historian Charles Bean, who covered the hostilities at Gallipoli and the Western Front, believed that the Spirit of ANZAC "stood, and still stands, for reckless valour in a good cause, for enterprise, resourcefulness, fidelity, comradeship and endurance that will never own defeat."

ANZAC Day is a very important event. Many young people sacrificed their lives so future generations could enjoy productive and peaceful lives. We owe that generation much. Anyone who has studied the period or watched movies and television series about WW1 could only agree that the loss of life was appalling ... and futile. A recent German remake of the movie, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, is an excellent retelling of one of the twentieth centuries greatest tragedies.

As stated at the end credits, neither the Germans nor the Allies gained much territory in the trenches after four years of fighting, and yet the cost in human life was atrocious. Around 20 million people were killed and another 21 million were wounded, many of them on the Western Front.

The trenches stretched well over 500 kilometres from the English Channel to the Swiss Alps. If machine gun fire, mortar and mustard gas didn't kill the soldiers, diseases such as trenchfoot were often fatal.

The Australian death toll was about 62,000 while New Zealand casualties were estimated at around 18,000. ANZAC Day does not glorify war but allows us to remember the brave men and women who left our shores and never returned home. Their ultimate sacrifice should never be forgotten.

