

**Liturgy Rosters:**  
 Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish  
 This Weekend: 25th & 26th May

**Vigil: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

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

**Next 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

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

**Vigil: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K Loftus  
 Prayers: M Schultz  
 Minister: M McGennisken  
 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 \$ 1,196.00**  
**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2023–2024, \$48,875.10**

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: \$ 612.45**

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**



**26th of May**  
**2024**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**Year B**



**8th Week in Ordinary Time**  
**27th of May to 2nd June 2024**

**Tuesday 5.00pm Mass**  
**Wednesday: 10.00am Funeral Prayers**  
**Graeme Pitts**  
**4.30pm Rosary**  
**Thursday: NO MASS**  
**Friday: 9.30am Morning Prayer**  
**10.00am Mass**  
**5.30pm Evening Prayer**

**1st & 2nd of June; Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ**

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

**Recent Deaths:** Graeme Pitts, Elizabeth (Betty) Wallace.

**Anniversaries: 27th May to the 2nd of June.**

Keith Maloney, Ron Earl, Margaret Mason, Geoff Hitchman, Mary Ann Gore, Kate Cattanach, Jack Foley, Gaye McLean, Paul Murphy, Dwayne Alexander, Merv Powell, Pat Pluckhahn, John Bowden, Charlie Mifsud, Michael Kierce, Margaret Clark, Kathleen Wilson, Sam Debono, Lucrica Cresencia, Marg Van Heughten, Keith Barnes.

**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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**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.



*Laudato Si'*



*Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. (Laudato Si' 25).*  
*reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose*

*Community*  
*Remember Revitalise Hope*  
 Catholic Diocese of Ballarat  
 150 years  
*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer*  
 Romani 12:12



## Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

**4:32** For ask now about former ages, long before your own, ever since the day that God created human beings on the earth; ask from one end of heaven to the other: has anything so great as this ever happened or has its like ever been heard of? **33** Has any people ever heard the voice of a god speaking out of a fire, as you have heard, and lived? **34** Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by terrifying displays of power, as the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? **39** So acknowledge today and take to heart that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. **40** Keep his statutes and his commandments, which I am commanding you today for your own well-being and that of your descendants after you, so that you may long remain in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12**

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be, he commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord, the Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:14-17**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**8:14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. **15** For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' **16** it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

**Gospel Matthew 28:16-20**

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**28:16** Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## **First World Children's Day: May 25 & 26, 2024.**



Pope Francis has announced the celebration of the first World Children's Day on May 25 & 26, 2024, "Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre and care for them."

The day will be organised by the Vatican's Dicastery for Culture and Education and will seek to answer the question, "What kind of world do we wish to pass on to the children who are growing up?" Read the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Children's Day at;

<https://www.worldchildrenday.org/>

## Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

The Easter season celebrates some of the most important events and beliefs in Christian tradition. In the last seven weeks, we have remembered Jesus' Last Supper with his friends (regarded as the institution or establishment of the Eucharist); Jesus' death on the cross; the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday; the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples; the Ascension into heaven; and finally, the Holy Spirit filling the disciples at Pentecost. They are events that have shaped Christian belief for nearly 2,000 years. They provide the basis of beliefs and teachings such as: Christ present in the Eucharist; the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of resurrection for all people; the divinity of Jesus; and the ongoing action of the Holy Spirit in the world. The period of Easter-Pentecost celebrates these truly momentous events, beliefs and teachings.

Almost to round off this extraordinary focus on Christian beliefs and teachings, the Church this week celebrates the central doctrine of Christian faith: the Trinity. The belief in the Trinity is the belief that there are three 'persons' in the one Godhead: Father; Son; and Holy Spirit. The understanding and articulation of this doctrine occurred over time and was not until well after the writing of the gospels and other New Testament letters. Consequently, there are no specific scriptural passages that identify explicitly the doctrine of the Trinity. This week's gospel passage, the commissioning of the disciples from the Gospel of Matthew is perhaps the closest any New Testament writer comes to an expression of the Trinity when Jesus instructs the disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'.

### Historical Context – I believe

The word 'Trinity' does not appear anywhere in the New Testament although one can certainly see the beginnings of ideas about a Trinitarian God. It was not until 325, at the Council of Nicea, that the doctrine of the trinity was established as being orthodox teaching. This council sought to officially define the relationship between the Father and the Son as a response to the arguments of Arius (later known as Arian heresy). The statement of beliefs developed by this council in 325 is the Creed (credo = I believe) that is used in Catholic churches around the world today.

### Have you thought? Mystery

I always thought that to describe the Trinity as a 'mystery' was a bit of a 'cop out' for not offering a decent explanation. However, a theological 'mystery' is defined as something that not only are we incapable of discovering except through divine revelation, but that even when its truth has been fully revealed, we are incapable of fully grasping it. Our understanding can never be any more than partial, even when we fully accept it. This is a concept with which our world struggles – that there is something that is not fully able to be known but it's OK not to fully understand it.

### Living the Gospel – The Sign of the Cross

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptise them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.

### Questions for your personal reflection:

1. Why might non-Christians find the idea of 'Trinity' a difficult concept?
2. What consequences would follow if we did not believe that Jesus was 'God from God'?
3. What image of Trinity do you find helpful?
4. How does the concept of Trinity help explain the different experiences of God throughout time?
5. Do you think that most Christian people understand the teaching on Trinity?

### Learning moments.

- Use an online biblical concordance to search for uses of the word 'spirit'. (There will be hundreds.) Select about twenty references from across the Old Testament and a similar number from across the New Testament. Compare the way the term is used in the Old Testament and New Testament. What similarities and differences can be observed?

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