

Liturgy Rosters:
Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish

Weekend of 28th & 29th September:

Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: D Kierce
Prayers: P O'Brien
Minister: Volunteer Please
Computer: A O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J Sandeman
Prayers: M Schultz
Minister: M McGennisken
Computer: B Dillon

Weekend: of 5th & 6th of October

Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: K Howman
Prayers: D Baudinette
Minister: D Kierce
Computer: A O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: A McIntyre
Prayers: K Arnott
Minister: I Eichler
Computer: B Dillon

Weekend of 12th & 13th October

Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: P O'Brien
Prayers: P Howman
Minister: K Howman
Computer: A O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K Arnott
Prayers: K Loftus
Minister: D Arnott
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 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



29th of
September
2024

26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Weekday Services 24th to 29th September 2024

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

Weekend Masses
5th & 6th of October
26th Sunday Year B

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: 30th of September to 6th October.

Ray Keating, Garry Jennings, Kenneth Ryan, Sam Mizzi, Jim Whitehead, Paul Kierce, Heather Phillips, Gwenda Sweeney, Donald Murphy, Pat Stretch, Edward Shepherd, Rex Stewart, Ted McKenzie, Ivy Wilson, Estelle Wason, Stephen Harmer, Joseph Nguyen, Peter Hallam, Marian Saligari, Sadie Sheehan, Claire Jesser, Elizabeth Merritt.

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



Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's

intention for September: For the cry of the earth:
Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

"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.

Season of Creation 2024

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4, with the theme for 2024, "To Hope and Act with Creation".

Laudato Si': Everything is connected

In his encyclical Laudato Si', Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others. This concept of integral ecology encourages us to care for the Earth and each other. It calls us to action.

Water security - access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. The quality of available safe water is constantly diminishing. In some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatise this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market (Laudato Si 30). Consider your water usage even though here in Australia we are lucky to have access to this precious resource!

**110th World Day of Migrants & Refugees
Sunday, September 29, 2024**

God Walks with His People

Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "God walks with His people," for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024 (WDMR), which will be commemorated in Australia on Sunday, September 29, 2024. See link below for details & resources;

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/110th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-29-2024/>



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 \$566.00
Target \$55,000**

Total YTD 2024-2025, \$15,532.00

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: \$ 821.15

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

Readings 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 2024

First Reading Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

11:25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. 26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' 28 And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' 29 But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)

4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. (R.)

Second Reading James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

5:1 Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. 2 Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. 4 Listen! The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts on a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

From the holy Gospel according to Mark.

9:38 John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' 39 But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. 40 Whoever is not against us is for us. 41 For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 42 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, 48 where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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175 YEARS
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ALL SAINTS PARISH SCHOOL

Order of Events:

Thursday 17th of October 2024
Time Capsule Creation

Friday 18th of October 2024
Old Fashioned Dress-Up
9am - 12pm - School Tours*
12 pm- School Assembly, Mass & Shared Lunch*
2:30pm - Whole School Old Fashioned Sports

Saturday 19th of October 2024
9am - 12pm - School Tours*
6:30pm (doors open) Gala Dinner

Sunday 20th of October 2024
10:30am - Parish Mass

*Please book using the following QR code or at Humantix.com

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

The first part of today's gospel deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else 'cashing in' on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out.

Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because 'they're not one of us', or 'they're not doing it our way'.

The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.

Have you thought? Jealousy

The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. It is almost an intellectual property argument – you can't use Jesus' name to heal, only we can 'cause we're with Jesus. Their attitude sounds quite childish but it is an attitude we encounter all the time – and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behaviour at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one – if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Perhaps politicians would get more done if they weren't concerned about getting credit for what they do.

Living the Gospel – Cut it out!

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

Gospel Focus – Anyone not against us is for us

It is sometimes quite baffling why the movement for ecumenical dialogue is so laboured and apparently delivering such limited results. It seems that it is human nature to dwell much more on what makes us different rather than on what we have in common. Unfortunately, efforts to build dialogue between Christian churches seem to inevitably turn up the differences that impede dialogue more than the commonalities that foster dialogue. Jesus made it clear that 'anyone who is not against us is for us'. Perhaps if we focus on the common goal of leading people to Jesus we can get beyond the differences that set us against each other.

Questions for your personal reflection:

1. How would life be different if we all adopted a position of 'anyone not against us is for us'?
2. Why would someone using a literal interpretation of this text find it problematic?
3. How might the teaching about cutting off what causes sin be relevant to your life?
4. How do the people we mix with impact our ideas and actions?

Learning moments

- Use a meditation or relaxation technique to reflect on aspects of your life that are not positive or life-giving. What actions can you take to bring about positive change – even if it means ending some negative relationships.
- Create a silhouette of a person as a representation of the whole group. Colour the silhouette with vibrant, lively colours. In a reflective manner, identify ways in which the 'life' and 'colour' of the whole group is diminished by different actions and attitudes. For each negative action or attitude that is identified, cover a portion of the silhouette with black or white slips of paper.
- After all negatives have been identified, use colourful slips of paper (post-it notes) to identify life-giving actions within the group and restore new life and colour to the symbolic silhouette.

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