

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for the wonderful works you do!

This weekend: 30th December

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: L. Cooper
Reader: P. Couttie
Ministers: F. Mizzi, A. O'Brien
Gifts: K. Carr
Welcome: D. Baudinette

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: A. McIntyre
Reader: M. Picard
Ministers: M. Howman, T. McCallum, F. Arnott
Gifts: J & A Milani
Welcome: A & M Francis

Next weekend: 6th January

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Leader: H. Webb
Reader: D. Kierce
Ministers: K. O'Toole, A. Burns
Gifts: D. Baudinette, G. Priestley
Welcome: F. Mizzi

Sunday: 10.30am

Leader: P. Howman
Reader: J. Sandeman
Ministers: F. Mizzi, J. Fitzgerald, K. Loftus
Gifts: J & A Milani
Welcome: M. King

Church Flowers: Julie Crimmins

Church Linen: 30/12 J.Hall

Church Cleaning:

30/12 M. Lambert, J. Burns
06/01 M. Schultz, J. Sandeman

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

Prayer After Communion:
(For Minsters to the Home-bound)

God my creator breathe on me again, renew me, refresh me, extend my abilities, comfort me in adjusting to changes in health, mobility and activity.

Body and Blood of Jesus Christ flow through every fibre of my being.

Keep me well, and hope filled always.

Holy Spirit use me in my situation, for the good of others. Amen.

Our Finance

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,113

Target \$64,000

Total YTD 2018/19	\$ 32,465
Total YTD 2017/18	\$ 33,456

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: \$ 1,760.30 (inc Christmas)

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



30th December
2018
Holy Family
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Weekday Services 01/01 to 04/01

Tuesday:	11.00am	Mass, Mary Mother of God
Wednesday:	5.00pm	Mass
Thursday:	10.00am	Mass
Friday:	9.30am	Adoration Morn. Prayer
	10.00am	Mass
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer

***Note* Funeral Masses will always take the place of Weekday Mass for that day.**

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Joseph Farrell, Jack Kearney, Elsie Rose, Brendan Payne, Denise Kirwan, Patrick Bourke, Winnie McDonald, Dap Kennedy, Jack Foletti, Edmund Canavan, Gerald Mugavin, Allan Smith, Frank Lodge, Salt Ramona, Bishop Joe Grech, Sr Mary O'Neil, Karen Graham, Jim Tobin, Lee Crow, Gertie Brown, Hilda Habel, Inala Bell

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Couttie, Patricia Bailey, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Claire Jesser, John Smith, Lea-anne Bourke, Rudy Legray, Graeme Sewell, Michelle Mutch,

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

Weekend Mass & Sacrament of Penance times.

PORTLAND

Mass: Saturday 6.30 pm,
Sunday 10:30 am

HEYWOOD

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays,
9.00am Mass
4th Sunday, Lay Led Assembly, 9.00am

DARTMOOR

4th Sunday 5.00pm Mass

Baptisms by appointment with Fr. Gregory

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 10.30am or any Saturday 6.30pm vigil

Marriages by appointment with Fr Gregory Tait.

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment with Fr Gregory.

"The Spire"

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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webstock

Wednesday & Friday 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.

Psalm 83

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Gospel Connections - Luke 2: 41 - 52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Reflection - Dianne Bergant ccs

The specifics of customs and roles played within the family may be culture-bound, but the values out of which they emerge are not. Though Sirach sketches a picture of ancient family customs, it is easy to look beneath them and find values that are enduring and that speak to us today. There we discover mutuality, respect and service between wives and husbands, between parents and children and between the young and the old.

The model placed before us is the Holy Family. There we find mutuality in the relationships; compassion, kindness, and humility; gentleness and patience; obedience to parents along with respect for the uniqueness of children. In this portrait of the Holy Family, people do not claim privilege. Jesus, who was the Son of God, submitted himself to his human mother and father. Mary and Joseph, who exercised authority over Jesus, also stood in wonder of him.

While this feast considers the family unit, it also celebrates the Church as the Family of God. Thus the values of mutuality, respect and service become characteristics of the Church or the ecclesial family. What binds the family of God together are virtues that are as relational as are the ties that bind the members of the natural family together. Within the family of God, the virtues outlined by Paul are to be lived in a mature manner. We are all called in one body to live in a collaboration of love, of mutuality, and of service. We are joined in a bond of perfection.



'See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God.'

Indeed, what love. But what calling too. Not a calling to serve blindly, not a calling to be subdued as a slave, but a calling to be sons and daughters. A calling to let love, not fear or duty, be our strength and reason to strive for the Father's way. A love like that of the Holy Family: patient through doubts and fears, understanding through reproaches, steadfast in adversity. A love that would not abandon the cross, that rejoiced in resurrection, a love that trusted. The love of a family.



All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Target Car park) Phone: 5521 1587

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is in urgent need of good quality clothing; 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 to Friday 10 am - 4pm and Saturdays 10am - 12 mid-day.

As Outreach is our main fundraiser for the Parish we urgently need Volunteers to give 3 hours in the mornings or afternoons.

Please contact Marg Herbertson at Op-Shop for further information.

Dates to Remember

Saturday 26th January, Australia Day - Mass 11.00am, shared lunch 14 Henty Street, following Mass

Evening Prayers

A reminder that during the advent/Christmas period Evening prayers will be held every Friday night 6pm from 30th November to 11th January 2019.

Bishop's Collections

Thank you to all who contributed to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. The Parish will contribute \$1,385.95 to the Appeal.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Sacraments, scripture, youth ministry, liturgy, leadership - many subjects available – 5 weeks per subject. Next study cycle starts January 20, contact us by January 9 to register.

More info at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 5337 7125.

Pope Francis' World Day of Peace is on 1 January 2019

The Pope's Message: Politics must serve peace



The theme of Pope Francis' Message for the 52nd World Day of Peace, marked on 1 January 2019, is that politics must be at the service of peace.

The Holy See Press Office statement said Pope Francis'

Message for the coming World Day of Peace highlights the need for politics to be at the service of peace: "Political responsibility belongs to every citizen, and in particular to those who have been given the mandate to protect and govern". There is no peace without mutual trust.

The Press Office note continues pointing out that "this mission consists in safeguarding the law and encouraging dialogue between all actors of society, between generations, and between cultures".

The first condition for trust, it says, is respect for the given word. It adds that "political commitment - which is one of the highest expressions of charity - implies concern for the future of life and of the planet, of the youngest and of the smallest, in their thirst for fulfillment".

MORNING PROGRAMS MON 31ST DEC - FRI 4TH JAN, MON 7TH - TUE 8TH JAN
10:30AM-12PM BENTINCK STREET LAWNS OR CIVIC HALL IF RAINING

- BBQ NIGHT TUESDAY 1ST JAN
- JAZZ NIGHT WEDNESDAY 2ND JAN
- COOKS NIGHT OFF THURSDAY 3RD JAN
- CARNIVAL/SHOW & SHINE FRIDAY 4TH JAN
- BUSH DANCE MONDAY 7TH JAN
- CELEBRATION NIGHT TUESDAY 8TH JAN

EVENING PROGRAMS 6:30-8:30PM
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SUFM FESTIVAL

COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE SUNDAY 6TH JAN 7PM (CIVIC HALL)

WHERE? PORTLAND UNITING CHURCH
WHEN? 1ST-4TH, 7TH-8TH JAN
WHAT TIME? 4-6PM GAMES & ACTIVITIES 6-6:30PM FREE DINNER! ☺

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