

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

This Weekend: 3rd & 4th December

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: K. Howman
Prayers: P. Howman
Minister
Computer: Vol. please

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Arnott
Prayers: J. Sandeman
Ministers: D. Arnott
Computer: Vol. please

Next Weekend: 10th & 11th December

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Bennett
Prayers: D. Kierce
Minister
Computer: Vol. please

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M. Schultz
Prayers: M. Picard
Ministers: A. McIntyre
Computer: Vol. please

Following Weekend: 17th & 18th December

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Loftus
Prayers: A. McIntyre
Ministers: M. McGenniskien
Computer: Vol. please

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 1pm - 3pm
Thursday 10am - 3pm
Friday 10am - 4pm
Saturdays 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.

Christmas Meat Hamper



Through our Parish Outreach we will provide meat vouchers to accompany the Christmas hampers that are being delivered in December. If you would like to make a

contribution to the cost of the meat for the hampers, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Meat Hampers", and return via the collections.

Total to date: \$440

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 470.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 26,548

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 25,949

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 \$ 656.60

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



4 December 2022

2nd Sunday Advent Year A



Weekly Services 06/12 to 11/12

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
5.30pm Gospel reflection & Evening Prayer

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

Friday: 9.30am Adoration & Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Sr Jennifer Collins IBVM

Anniversaries:

Danny Clifford, Kathleen McIndoe, Jason Murray, Cath Dixon, Bill Mailing, Ada McNeilly, Terry McMeel, Stella Young, Fran Powell, Maureen Rogers, Lorraine Bloomfield, Denise Shepherd, Margaret Cassie, Sr Mary Muirhead

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 Webbstock

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

International Volunteers Day – December 5

Volunteering Australia proudly supports International Volunteer Day (IVD) to raise awareness on the important role volunteers play in responding to challenges facing the world. The 2022 theme is "Solidarity through Volunteering". IVD is a day to celebrate and promote volunteering. There are millions of volunteers in Australia and the contribution that they make to communities around the country is enormous. IVD is an opportunity to acknowledge, thank and shine a light on the important work of volunteers. This year's International Volunteer Day asks people to Volunteer now for our common future, it inspires people to take action now for people and the planet <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/events/international-volunteer-day/#/>

Blessing Prayer for Volunteers

God of glory,
your beloved Son has shown us that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts.

Bless our volunteers

who have responded to the needs of our parish and wish to commit themselves to your service.

Grant that their ministry may be fruitful

and our worship pleasing to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 71

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

Second reading continued

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name".

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptise you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Dates to Remember

Sunday 11 December

- Carols of the Foreshore 5.30pm - 7.30pm, Skate Park Stage

Wednesday 14 December

- All Saints End of School Mass, 10am All Saints Church

- Communal Sacrament of Penance 7pm, All Saints Church

Friday 16 December

- Advent Anointing Mass & Morning Tea 10am, All Saints Church

Christmas Mass Times

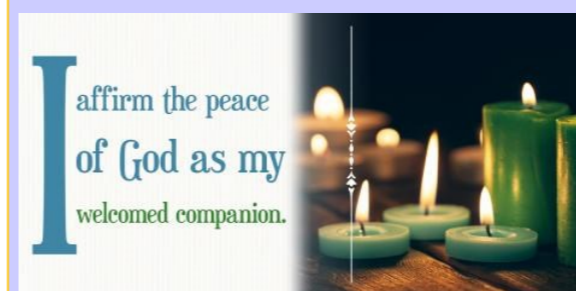
24th December, Saturday 5.00pm - Christmas Mass - Dartmoor

24th December, Saturday 7.30pm - Carols - All Saints Portland

24th December, Saturday 8.00pm - Christmas Eve Mass - All Saints Portland

25th December, Sunday 9.30am - Christmas Day Mass - All Saints Portland

Advent Week 2: Peace



I affirm the peace
of God as my
welcomed companion.

"All manifestations of life originate in the Silence," the Society of Silent Unity wrote in Unity, Vol. 17 (Unity Tract Society, 1902). "The thoughts that rise in you and come to the surface in deed and act, are they not from the Silence?" ...

... **With quiet minds and open hearts, we find rest in the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

All Saints Catholic Church presents

SUMMER PSALTER

RUNNING IN THE SECOND
WEEK OF JANUARY
8TH - 13TH

A week of fasting,
meditation, study and
chanted prayers

Orientation will be held at 5:00 pm on the 8th of January at All Saints Catholic Church. Contact jphowman@gmail.com for bookings and further information

**You've got a lot to give
beyond Christmas gifts.**



In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad.

Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

At Home

Palms' Neighbours Without Borders program (January 7 – 11) will "focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church" as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

Overseas

Completing a further four days (January 12 – 15) will prepare you to meet one of the many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training.

Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.