

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for your ministry to the Parish!

This Weekend: Easter time 8 & 9th April

Saturday: 7.00pm

Readers: A. McIntyre & K. Loftus
Epistle reader: D. Bennett
Procession: Marg & Lorraine
Minister: Vol. please
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J. Howman
Prayers: J. Sandeman
Procession: Howman family
Ministers: D. Kierce
Computer: B. Dillon

Next Weekend: 15 & 16th April

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Baudinette
Prayers: D. Bennett
Minister
Computer: Vol. pls

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Arnott
Prayers: K. Loftus
Ministers: D. Arnott
Computer: B. Dillon

Following Weekend: 22 & 23rd April

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: J. Howman
Prayers: K. Howman
Minister
Computer: Vol. pls

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J. Sandeman
Prayers: M. Schultz
Ministers: M. McGennissen
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.



Project Compassion Easter Sunday 9th April

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal. You can donate through Project Compassion donation envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Total Given TD: \$ 1,214.90



9th April 2023

Easter Sunday Year A



Weekly Services 11/04 to 16/04

Tuesday: 10.00am Mass

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Anointing Mass

Friday: 2.00pm Funeral Mass (David Thomas)

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

John Clarke, Brendan Hoy, Sr Margaret Houlihan RSM, John Roach, Margaret Meerbach, Carmel Malone, Loretta Pye, Wes Sawyer, Norma Grayson, Joseph Galea, Anne Martin, Kevin Kearney, Sr Mary Roarty IBVM, Matthew Couttie, Thelma Churchill, Patricia Bailey, Dawn Clancey

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 Gunditjmarra 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



Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 720

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 43,611

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 44,755

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 \$ 667.50

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

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your son, Jesus Christ and for the hope and new beginnings that Easter brings. May we always remember the sacrifice He made for us and strive to live our lives in accordance with Your will. Amen."

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality." That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 117

R) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good,
for God's love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'God's love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
God's right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount God's deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Dates to Remember

Thursday 13th April - 10.00am, Easter Anointing Mass, All Saints Church



Easter Message 2023

I write these words on March 30, 2023, exactly a year before we celebrate a special jubilee, the 150th anniversary of our Diocese of Ballarat. It was on March 30, 1874, that Pope Pius IX issues a decree establishing the western part of Victoria as a distinct diocese, with the Murray River as the northern boundary and the sea as the southern boundary. We continue to echo the Pope's decree in our diocesan vision statement, beginning with the words "We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea."

Our 150th anniversary next year will be an opportunity for each community throughout our diocese to remember those who have gone before us, those who have laid the foundations of our parish and school communities and the social services and health care in our diocese today. The anniversary will also be an opportunity to review our history, acknowledge both strengths and weaknesses, celebrating the achievements and recognising the failures to live our Christian faith to the full. It will be a chance to take stock of where we are now and look ahead to how we can live as a truly Christian community, sharing the good news of Christ, in the years to come.

Since my last Easter message, the Australian Plenary Council has met to consider a wide range of issues of concern to our Catholic community throughout Australia. The Council encouraged us to find ways in which all the members of the Church might be engaged in the life of the community and share in the mission to spread the gospel. In a similar vein, Pope Francis has called us to develop a 'synodal' way of living in which the whole community walks together. He has highlighted the value of listening to one another as we all seek to discern what the Holy Spirit wishes us to do in response to the many challenges facing the world in our time.

In line with the calls of the Plenary Council and Pope Francis, I propose some steps for us as a diocese in the next few years.

First of all, I ask each parish to make 2023 a year when you focus on the leadership in the local community, through forming or developing further a parish pastoral council or leadership team according to your local circumstances.

In 2024, as well as celebrating the 150th anniversary of our diocese, we will hold a Diocesan Assembly, bringing together representatives of the leadership teams in our parishes and schools, to consider how we might develop the leadership in our communities in the future.

Following the 2024 Assembly, we could form a Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Council to help us fulfil our mission to share the gospel with the wider community, as well as helping us develop the pastoral services we provide throughout the diocese.

Then, in 2025, the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Council would lead the preparations for a Diocesan Synod to be held in 2026-2027. The Diocesan Synod would consider how we are to implement the various decrees of the Australian Plenary Council in our diocese.

I hope that all our parishes and schools and all the organisations in our diocese will walk together in these steps over the next few years.

As we approach the great feast of Easter, I take confidence in the promise of the Risen Christ, that he will be with us as we gather in his name and as we seek to fulfil the mission he has entrusted to us. As we look to the 150th anniversary of our diocese, I give thanks that Jesus has guided our communities through the years so far and I pray that he will continue to guide us in the years ahead.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of Ballarat