

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

**This Weekend: 18th & 19th March**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: P. Couttie  
Prayers: K. Arnott  
Ministers: D. Arnott  
Computer: B. Dillon

**Next Weekend: 25th & 26th March**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K. Loftus  
Prayers: M. Schultz  
Ministers: M. McGennissen  
Computer: A. McIntyre

**Following Weekend: 1st & 2nd April**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: M. Picard  
Prayers: J. Sandeman  
Ministers: A. McIntyre  
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 Sunday - 18 & 19 March**

Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia, supports young women in the community with practical support like housing and helps mentor the next generation of young people. The work of Baabayn involves initiatives such as a Homework Club, a Young Mums and Bubs program and a youth group. They also provide advocacy, counselling services and links to government departments. With your support, the work of Baabayn can continue to work with young mothers at Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation and help them keep their culture strong for future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Total Given TD: \$450**



**19th March 2023**

**4th Sunday Lent Year A**



**Weekly Services 21/03 to 26/03**

**Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass & Lenten Gospel Reflection**

**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**

**Friday: 9.30am Morning Prayer & Adoration  
10.00am Mass  
5.30pm Evening Prayer**

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

**Recent Deaths:**

Gerard Sculley, Mario Real

**Anniversaries:**

Hilary Lodge, Joy Jennings, Jean Hocking, Stanley Toleman, Christopher Mugavin, Bessie Sevilla, Jim Foley, Margaret Mizzi, Alice Tobin, Joyce Jakubik, Cheryl Leonard, Josie Kelly, Michael Mugavin, Elizabeth Moroney, Dan McCabe, June Green

**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"**

**All Saints' Parish**

**Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor**

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Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.

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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webstock

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*

**Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

God of abundant mercy  
give us the courage to ask humbly  
for forgiveness where we have failed  
and to grant it where we  
have been wronged  
Heal our wounds and make us whole  
that we might find the joy of life  
lived fully.

**Amen**

**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$1,071

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 40,399**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 41,030**

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 \$ 680.05

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

### First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord."

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 22

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me  
In the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Dates to Remember

- Saturday 1st April - 10am, Sacrament of Penance, All Saints Church
- Sunday 2nd April - Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser, after 10.30am Mass, All Saints Church
- Tuesday 4th April - 7pm, Communal Penance, All Saints Church
- Thursday 6th April - 7pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, All Saints Church
- Friday 7th April - 3pm, The Passion of the Lord, All Saints Church
- Saturday 8th April - 7pm, Easter Vigil Mass, All Saints Church
- Sunday 9th April - 10.30am, Easter Sunday Mass, All Saints Church
- Friday 14th April - 10.00am, Easter Anointing Mass, All Saints Church

## FAMILY SPIRITUALITY



Family spirituality is an essential aspect of our lives, which not only enriches our spiritual well-being but also contributes to the development of a harmonious and peaceful society. Family spirituality involves the shared beliefs, values, and practices that family members engage in to cultivate a sense of meaning and purpose in their lives.

The importance of family in society cannot be overstated. Families are the building blocks of our communities, and

they play a critical role in shaping the values, attitudes, and behaviours of individuals. Family provides a safe and nurturing environment where individuals can develop their emotional, social, and spiritual well-being. In a world where social and moral values are rapidly deteriorating, family spirituality can serve as an anchor that keeps us grounded and connected to our inner selves and to our community.

Family spirituality can take many forms, depending on the cultural and religious traditions of the family. During the season of Lent, many families engage in practices such as fasting, prayer, and acts of charity to deepen their spiritual connection and grow closer to God. These practices provide an opportunity for family members to connect with one another on a deeper level and to work towards a shared sense of purpose and meaning.

One of the most significant benefits of family spirituality is that it promotes empathy, compassion, and understanding among family members. When families engage in spiritual practices together, they develop a sense of shared values and goals. This shared sense of purpose can help to reduce conflicts and promote more positive interactions among family members. Additionally, family members who share a strong spiritual bond are more likely to provide emotional and social support to one another during difficult times.

Sharing faith as a family is an important aspect of our lives, which has a profound impact on our individual and collective well-being. It fosters a sense of connectedness and purpose among family members. By cultivating family spirituality, especially during the season of Lent, we can contribute to the development of a more harmonious and peaceful society, where individuals are valued, respected, and supported by their families and communities.

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### Southern Stars Family Group - 26th March



We will meet at the Bay of Whales Gallery at 2.55 pm for afternoon tea on Sunday 26 March.

Please let me know if you will be able to participate so that I can provide advice to the owner about approximate numbers.  
Jenni

### HOT CROSS BUN - FUNDRAISER

Sunday 2nd April  
- after 10.30am  
Mass

\$7/half dozen  
buns

- Henry Nguyen

