

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

**This Weekend: 25th & 26th February**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: J. Sandeman  
Prayers: K. Arnott  
Ministers: D. Arnott  
Computer: A. McIntyre

**Next Weekend: 4th & 5th March**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: M. Picard  
Prayers: K. Loftus  
Ministers: M. McGennissen  
Computer: B. Dillon

**Following Weekend: 11th & 12th March**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: M. Schultz  
Prayers: J. Sandeman  
Ministers: K. Loftus  
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 - 25 & 26 February**

 After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All 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.



**26th February 2023**

**1st Sunday Lent Year A**



**Weekly Services 28/02 to 05/03**

**Tuesday: 2.00pm Funeral (Victor Drought)**

**Wednesday: 2.00pm Funeral (Katrina Cairns)**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**

**Friday: 10.30am World Day of Prayer St John's Lutheran Church**  
**5.30pm Evening Prayer**

**Saturday: 10.00am Sacrament of Penance**

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

**Recent Deaths:**

Victor Drought, Katrina Cairns, Bernadette Ziesing IBVM

**Anniversaries:**

George Kennett, William Crowe, Ron O'Brien, Dorothy McCluskey, Ria Pepperkamp, Sr Theresa Parisq RNDM, Sr Mary Shelley, Jack Manley, Terrence Bourke, Maureen O'Brien, Terry Sheriff, Paul Couch, Leila Mizzi, Fay Rizzo, Lorna Barclay, Frank Webb, Dora Bourke, Anna Ackerley

**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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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 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*

### First Sunday of Lent

There are four things Christ wants us to know: first of all, that he is the ground and source of all our life and being. Second, he is with us in mercy and strength even as we do wrong, even as we are surrounded by enemies that we have enabled through our own foolish actions. Thirdly, he gently and lovingly draws us to understand how we went astray. Fourthly, that despite all, he remains steadfastly on our side, willing us to turn to him and love him as much as he loves us.

Julian of Norwich

## Our Finances

### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 885

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 37,334**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 36,630**

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 \$ 619.00

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 book of Genesis.

then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 102

**(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned.

### Second reading continued

If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## Dates to Remember

Friday 3rd March - World Day of Prayer, St John's Lutheran Church, 10.30am

### ARE YOU READY?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, it is a time to set aside for reflection, penance, and spiritual renewal. The ashes that are placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross are a symbol of mortality and a reminder of the need for repentance and forgiveness.

Lent is a time to take stock of one's life, to recognize one's faults and shortcomings, and to seek a greater relationship with God. In the book of Joel 2:12-18 encourages us to return to God with all our heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning, as we repent for our sins and turn back to Him. And in Psalm 51, which is a prayer of repentance, it acknowledges our sinful nature and asks God to create in us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us. As we begin our Lenten journey, these Scriptures remind us of the importance of repentance and renewal

Lent can also be a meaningful experience for families. It is a time for family members to come together and support one another in their spiritual journeys, as they strive to draw closer to God and grow in their faith.

For many Lent is a time of sacrifice and self-discipline. People choose to give up something they enjoy, such as sweets or social media, as a way of focusing their attention on spiritual matters. Others use this time to engage in acts of service or to deepen their prayer life. It is a season of introspection and growth, a time to draw closer to God and to become more aware of one's place in the world. In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul calls us to be ambassadors for Christ and to reconcile with God and reminds us that we are called to be Christ's representatives in the world and to share His message of reconciliation with others.

Lent also provides an opportunity for families to practice sacrifice and self-discipline together. Families can also choose to adopt new habits during Lent, such as daily prayer or reading a daily devotion, to help them deepen their faith.

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and praying before beginning his public ministry. Lent is an opportunity to follow in his footsteps, to imitate his example of selflessness and devotion. The Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, from Matthew's Gospel warns against performing religious acts for show, but encourages us to pray, give alms, and fast in secret, so that our Father who sees in secret will reward us.

This reminds us to focus on our personal relationship with God during Lent and to emulate Christ's humility and devotion.

Lent can be a time for families to grow closer to God and to each other. It provides a chance for family members to support one another in their spiritual journeys. - Tony © Majellan 2023



Calling for any budding singers to be part of the Easter Choir.

Easter practices at 9.30am from the first Sunday in Lent. All welcome!!!

Enquiries: Michelle Kearney

### Southern Stars Family Group

Sunday 5th March

Port McDonnell -  
fish & chip lunch

12.30pm (Vic time)



We invite you all to meet us in Port McDonnell for fish and chip lunch. Last year the weather was perfect so I also suggest bringing bathers.

Anyone who needs a ride please contact us.  
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