



“The Spire“
All Saints' Parish
Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

12th April 2020
Easter Sunday
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Easter reminds us that hope must never be lost for as dark as the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled. May you have a pleasant

Easter!

Recent Deaths:

John Ryan, Pulu Aupaau, Mary Bourke, Andrew Storrie, Mavis Finnegan

Anniversaries:

Loretta Pye, Wes Sawyer, Norma Grayson, Elda Strada Joseph Galea, Anne Martin, Kevin Kearney, Sr Mary Roarty, Matthew Couttie, Thelma Churchill, Dawn Clancey, Graeme Sewell, Stephen Quinlivan, Lenny Kirwan, Stan Frederichs, Margie Meerbach

Prayer Requests:

Bruno Cancian, Margaret Couttie, Patricia Bailey, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky Schultz, Claire Jesser, Lea-anne Bourke, Rudy Legray, 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

A Prayer for Easter Eyes

My Lord, Jesus,
You have risen to new life!
Give me new eyes with which to recognize
your presence in the world around me.
Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the
ordinary events of each day and into the
extraordinary reality of your grace.
Brighten my view of the world with renewed
hope in the coming of your Kingdom.
Soften my gaze so that I view others with the
kind of tenderness and compassion you
showed to so many.
May each day of this Easter season provide
glimpses of your glory.
In your sacred name, I pray.
Amen.



You will be able to watch online services at the following links:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat: St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat: Mass livestreamed on [Patrick's Cathedral](#) facebook page:

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 4.30pm

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross, 11.30am

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3.00pm

Holy Saturday prayers, 11.30am

Easter Sunday Mass, 11.30am

Mass Western Border Parish: Website westernborder.church or Facebook page: Western Border Catholic Parish

Mass for You at Home: This program has been allowing the faithful to participate in Mass from their homes for many years. Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day.

A Message from Fr Gregory:

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate this most holy of seasons we may be reminded in our own social isolation from one another of the place of Jesus as he enters into the most isolating of all human conditions.

Last Sunday Pope Francis in delivering his Passion Sunday homily in Rome reminded the very small assembly present, that in these times we may well ask the question has God abandoned us?

Then, on the cross, Jesus asked God "the most excruciating question, 'Why.' 'Why did you, too, abandon me?'"

"Why did all this take place?" the Pope asked. "It was done for our sake, to serve us." Jesus experienced total abandonment, he said, "in order to be one with us in everything. He did it for me, for you, to say to us, 'Do not be afraid, you are not alone. I experienced all your desolation in order to be ever close to you.'"

"Today, in the tragedy of a pandemic, in the face of the many false securities that have now crumbled, in the face of so many hopes betrayed, in the sense of abandonment that weighs upon our hearts, Jesus says to each one of us, 'Courage, open your heart to my love. You will feel the consolation of God who sustains you.'"

Article by Carol Glatz 5th April 2020 [Catholic News Service](#)

The feast of Easter reminds us that God is still with us as we are with one another in our thoughts, remembrances, prayers and our phone conversations and walks with one another in pairs. God is also with us in the homes we share with those closest to us, in the small acts of kindness for our elderly neighbours. God is also close to us in our Health Care workers and Emergency Agencies keeping vigil over our local communities.

As I offer mass for each of your intentions this Easter Sunday, I pray you know that you never far from my thoughts and are foremost in my prayers.

May the Peace of our Risen Christ lift your hearts.



Fr Gregory Tait.

All Saints Parish, Portland.

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