

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.



DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021
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PRAYER

O God,
you reveal the signs of your presence
among us in the church, in the liturgy
and in our brothers and sisters.

Let no word of yours
ever fall by the wayside
or be rendered ineffective
through our indifference or neglect.
Rather, make us quick to recognise
your saving plan
whenever we encounter it,
and keep as ready always
to serve as prophets
and apostles of your kingdom
Amen.

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

All Saints Parish has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your First Communion, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness.

By leaving a gift to your Parish in your Will, you will leave a legacy of faith – a legacy to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue both for today's needs and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.

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21st February
2021

1st Sunday
Lent
Time Year B



Weekday Services 23/02 to 26/02

Tuesday: 5.00pm

Wednesday: 10.00am

Thursday No Mass

Friday: 10.00am Mass
6.00pm Evening Prayer

The Portland Church only has capacity for around 60 people at any one time (as per the 1 person per 2sq metre rule). Bookings are still essential for Fri/Sat/Sun Masses. QR Code sign is available on Church front door to register when entering.

No bookings required for Tue/Wed/Thu

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Peter Lewis, Margaret Farrugia, Pat Bourke, William Donohue, Louise Sheba, Ryan Rieger, Cindy Collier, John Smith, Bob Wood, George Kennett, William Crowe, Ron O'Brien, Dorothy McCluskey, Ria Pepperkamp, Jack Manley, Terrence Bourke, Sr Theresa Pariso, Sr Mary Shelley

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky Schultz, Claire Jesser, Lea-anne Bourke, Rudy Legray, Michelle Mutch, Kizzie O'Dea

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

Weekend Mass & Sacrament of Penance times.

PORTLAND

Mass: Saturday 6.00 pm,
Sunday 10:30 am

Baptisms by appointment with Fr. Gregory

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 10.30am or any Saturday 6.30pm vigil

Marriages by appointment with Fr Gregory Tait.

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment with Fr Gregory.

"The Spire"

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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

Psalm 24

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

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

The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and the Gospel verses, are from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 872.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 36,226

Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 38,062

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 \$ 105

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

The Season of Lent - a time of prayer, almsgiving and fasting

The three-fold, inter-related practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting have their foundation in scripture. They are a rich dimension of the Christian life and also that of other religious traditions. We are called to a regular practice of prayer, almsgiving and fasting throughout our daily lives. During the Season of Lent we pay particular attention to these practices, in a sense we try to exercise these practices more intensely, and more regularly while remembering not to leave them aside during other times of the year.



During Lent, we could put aside a few extra minutes each day to spend in quiet with God. We know and we believe that God is with us in every moment of our day, as Jesus said, "I will be with you always". Spending some quiet time in prayer with God helps us to grow in our attentiveness and awareness of God's presence with us in our daily lives: when we are enjoying a cup of coffee or tea, alone or with others, God is with us; when we are taking a walk through nature; when we are shopping; when we smile, say hello, make an act of kindness to a stranger, or warmly welcome an act of kindness, God is with us.

During Lent, we are mindful of the Christian practice of almsgiving and we try to be more intentional with this practice at this time of the year. In the early Christian community, there was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need (Acts 4: 34-35). That was the radical living embodiment of a basic principle of social Catholic teaching, what tradition calls "the universal destination of goods". The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it succinctly: "the goods of creation are destined for the entire human race" (n.2452). Our acts of almsgiving can be varied: acts of service, of kindness; a donation to our local parish or other organizations or charities who help the poor and those most in need. The wealth of the richest 1% of the world's population is twice the wealth of the rest of the world's population and the gap between the rich and the poor of the world is growing every moment. Our advocacy and actions to help change the sinful structures that perpetuate and expand the gap between the rich and the poor, and continue to keep the poor on the margins of society, are also forms of almsgiving in service of our brothers and sisters around the world.

During Lent we have the practice of fasting, usually by way of giving up something, for example, giving up desserts, chocolates, alcohol or some other form of food or beverage. The very practice of letting go, of forgoing something, can draw us closer to God and remind us of creating space for God to come to us. Fasting reminds us of Jesus' passion and suffering and in a small way reminds us of our need to be in solidarity with, and to share our resources with, the poor of our world. We also know that such fasting can be good for our health. Pope Francis invites us to expand our understanding of fasting to also include fasting from those behaviours that take us away from God and from others. Those behaviours we know which are not life-giving for ourselves and for others. We also know that such fasting can be good for our own personal and spiritual well-being and that of others.

Pope Francis asks us: "Do you want to fast this Lent"? Here is what he shares.

"Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen."

Columban Fr Kevin O'Neill is assigned to China but is currently working at St Columban's Mission Society, Melbourne.

All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Target Car park) Phone: 5521 1587

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is in urgent need of good quality clothing; 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 to Friday 10 am - 4pm and Saturdays 10am - 12 mid-day.

Outreach is a significant fundraiser within the Parish and we regularly need Volunteers to give 3 hours in the mornings or afternoons.

Please contact Marg Herbertson at Op-Shop for further information.

Slavery-free Easter Chocolate Campaign:

ACRATH's Slavery-free Easter Chocolate Campaign kicks off on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. This year we are asking people to name their change. What will you do in 2021 to help eliminate slavery or child labour? We have developed information and a range of resources including a poster school and parish bulletin notices. Importantly, ACRATH is hosting a fun zoom morning tea on Thursday, March 4 at 10.30am. Pour a cuppa and join us as we chat about our slavery-free hopes, dreams, intentions and commitments in 2021. Let's inspire each other to make a change. No need to register, just join us for five minutes or for 30 minutes at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89357222192?pwd=TmRTWVVVaWmg3MzZnTEpjeTNEWDVudz09> .

For more Slavery-free Easter Chocolate information go to: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/> or the diocesan website Social Justice Commission page <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

'The People's Patriarch' film screening with Q & A

Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre, the Australia Palestine Advocacy Network and PIEN would like to invite you to the Australian launch of the film "The People's Patriarch", Reflections with Patriarch Michel Sabbah. The documentary screening will be followed by an open discussion with His Eminence Patriarch (Emeritus) Michel Sabbah and the film's, director Mohammed Alatar and producer Lily Habash. Moderated by Ursula Stephens, former Senator and current CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia. Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7.30pm (EST).

Registration via zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UpG7WwUAT6ywg3SxFdYrYQ

PROJECT COMPASSION
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First Sunday of Lent
21st February 2021

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish envelopes,

or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.