

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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7th March
2021

3rd Sunday
Lent
Time Year B



Weekday Services 09/03 to 12/03

Tuesday:	5.00pm	Mass
Wednesday:	10.00am	Mass
Thursday	10.00am	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:

Angelo Bagnato, Roger Graham, Tom Finnegan, Michael McLoughlin, Margaret Humphries, Kevin Cass, Ada Wilson, Kiah Finlayson, Eric Baudinette, Steve Wilson, Pauline Quinlivan, Dennis O'Keefe, Owen Henman, Tilly O'Dwyer, Joyce Arundell, Peter (Ming Huany) Vu, Joseph Nguyen, Peter Hare, Bonne Edgcumbe, Bill Caveny, Margaret McCarthy, Drew Rogers, Jane Mizzi, Damian Walsh, Jeff Page

Prayer Requests:

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

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.

"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 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

Psalm 18

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 2,976

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 41,030

Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 43,320

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 \$ 595.70

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

Pope's prayer intention for March: The sacrament of reconciliation

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God.

The Pope Video (www.thepopevideo.org) for March has been published, with the prayer intention that Pope Francis is entrusting to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

It's a message full of hope, in which he invites us to rediscover the power of personal renewal that the Sacrament of Confession has in our life. "Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God," Pope Francis asks. This month's video opens with the Pope himself going to confession, "in order to be healed, to heal my soul."

"Jesus waits for us, listens to us and forgives us"

"In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes," says the Holy Father in The Pope Video, highlighting once more the power God's love has over our being and action. Receiving this Sacrament isn't a matter of standing before a judge, but of going to a loving encounter with a Father who receives us and always forgives us.

"The centre of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need," the Pope adds. And this love comes before all else, before our mistakes, the rules, judgments and failings.

Merciful priests

Fr. Frédéric Fornos, S.J., International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, pointed to Pope Francis' final words in the video: "Let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers."

And he added: "It's not the first time that the Pope prays for this grace. As a good shepherd, he knows the people's suffering, their sins, and their need to encounter 'ministers of mercy.' This is the time of mercy. In his apostolic letter *Misericordia et misera*, at the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, he invited priests to be like Jesus, full of compassion and patient. It's a path of conversion for each priest, to be 'witnesses of fatherly tenderness,' 'far-sighted in discerning,' and 'generous in dispensing God's forgiveness.' He asks that their heart be close to the heart of Jesus, and it's a grace."

In the Angelus on this past 14 February, the Holy Father asked that we thank and applaud merciful confessors. God never tires of forgiving. Let us pray, then, "that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God."

Below find the full text of the Pope's prayer intention for March:

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul.

To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy.

The centre of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need.

The centre of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us.

Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes.

And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God.

And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers.

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.

St Patrick's Day

Mass: Tuesday 17th March 2021, 11am All Saints' Church

Shared Lunch: After mass, in the Presbytery, 12pm

A list has been placed in the foyer of the church to confirm your attendance and the shared plate you would like to bring.

Hope that you will be able to celebrate with us.



Southern Stars Family Group

Mel and Jamin are delighted to invite the Southern Stars Family Group to afternoon tea at our block of land. The entry is from the gate next to 77 Crowes Rd, Bolwarra.

Billy tea and damper provided. Hope to see you there!

Date: 7th of March

Time: 2pm onwards

Location: The block of land adjacent to 77 Crowes Rd



Third Sunday of Lent
7th March 2021



Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish envelopes,

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

Total collected by Parish to date: \$161