# 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.



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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.

If you would like to receive a weekly copy of "The Spire" by email, please send us an email and we can add you to a list of subscribers

# **Our Finances**

# Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,668

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 42,525 Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 44,032

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 \$ 772.40

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** 



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Weekday Services 16/03 to 19/03

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass

Wednesday: 11.00am St Patrick's Day 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:**

Kizzie O'Dea

Funeral Prayers - Saturday 13th March 10am,

St Patrick's Dartmoor

#### **Anniversaries:**

Roy McCluskey, Ena Clark, Caitlin Neeson, Fr Paul Gardiner, Sue Quinlivan, Marie Kearney, Hilary Lodge, Joy Jennings, Jean Hocking

#### **Prayer Requests:**

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

#### 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"

# **All Saints' Parish**

Portland - Heywood - Dartmoor

All Saints' Parish Office PO Box 210 Portland 3305

Phone: 5523 1046 Mobile 0475 512530 email: portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parishes Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.

email: greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Secretary: Antonella Webbstock 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 136

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps.

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.'

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

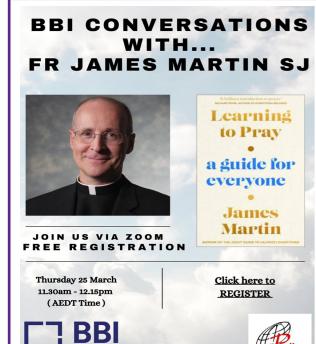
O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

# Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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.



"Join us as we chat with Fr. James Martin, SJ- one FR JAMES MARTIN SJ of America's most beloved spiritual leaders and New York Times bestselling author - about his new book Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone."

> Join us in the Parish Office meeting room on Thursday 25th March 11.30am for this econference.

There is no need to individually register. Fr Greq has registered online.

If you would like to attend please contact Fr Greg 04755 12530

#### Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance will be available at All Saints Church on the following dates:

Saturday 20th March - 11am

Saturday 27th March - 11am

#### **Easter Service Times**

All Easter services will be held at All Saints Church Portland

Thursday 1st April - Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm

Friday 2nd April - The Passion, 3pm

Saturday 3rd April - Easter Vigil Mass, 7pm

Sunday 4th April - Easter Sunday Mass, 10.30am

If you and/or any extra family members are wanting to attend any of these services can you please book in by contacting

Fr Greg by text 04755 12530 or email greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

We are receiving many requests from people visiting Portland over Easter to attend services, and our first preference is for the local community to attend, however with numbers still limited bookings will be required

#### Adult Faith Education:

The next meeting for the Adult Faith Education will be at the Parish Office meeting room on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 5:30pm. COVID restrictions apply. Queries can be directed to jphowman@gmail.com. This week; the completion of "Church Fathers: Christological Controversies."

# 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: Wednesday 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.



# Catholic women invited to national consultation

Catholic women are invited to participate in a national consultation with two bishops and to mark their diaries for a national gathering in September. The national consultation, which will take place on March 27 via Zoom, invites women to articulate and celebrate their contribution to and vision for the mission of the Countribution to and vision for the mission of the Countribution to and vision for the mission of the Countribution to and vision for the mission of the Countribution to and vision for the mission of the Countribution to and vision for the mission of the Countribution to and vision for the mission of the Countribution to and vision for the mission of the Countribution to an action of the Countribution to an action of the Countribution of the Countribution to an action of the Countribution to an action of the Countribution of the Countrib contribution to and vision for the mission of the Catholic Church in Australia. More information available from the diocesan website or



www.mediablog.catholic.org.au/catholic-women-invited-to-national-consultation/

# Out in Front: Leadership and Catholic Women

ACU are hosting an online panel presentation and discussion of theologically informed conversations about Catholic women in leadership across a range of organisations on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6.30pm. Registration is essential. For more information go to the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au



# Third Sunday of Lent 14th March 2021



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.

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: \$334