

# 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  
[catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph](http://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph)

## 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



21st March  
2021

5th Sunday  
Lent  
Time Year B



## Weekday Services 23/03 to 26/03

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:

Thomas Carlon, John Carroll, Joan O'Connor

## Anniversaries:

Stanley Toleman, Christopher Mugavin, Bessie Sevilla, Margaret Mizzi, Alice Tobin, Joyce Jakubik, Josie Kelly, Cheryl Leonard, Michael Mugavin, Elizabeth Moroney, Dan McCabe, Fr Leo Baker SCC, Nancy Walsh, John Fothergill, Ted Pound, Shirley Beavis, John Arundell, Michael Couttie, June Green

## 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

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Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.

email: [greg.tait@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto: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 50

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

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.

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.

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, 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.

## Our Finances

### Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,107

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 43,707

Total YTD 2019/20 \$ 45,433

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 \$ 419.60

Direct deposit payments for the presbytery account can be made electronically. Details are as follows:

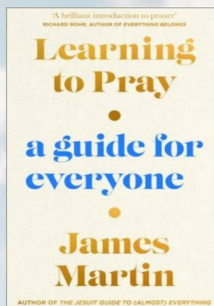
Account Name: All Saints Presbytery Portland

BSB: 083 526

Account No. 24476 6002



## BBI CONVERSATIONS WITH... FR JAMES MARTIN SJ



“Join us as we chat with Fr. James Martin, SJ- one 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 e-conference.

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

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

JOIN US VIA ZOOM  
FREE REGISTRATION

Thursday 25 March  
11.30am - 12.15pm  
(AEDT Time)

[Click here to  
REGISTER](#)



## 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](mailto: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

## Southern Stars Family Group

This months get together for Southern Stars Family Group will take place at Yambuk Lake on Sunday 28th March. Afternoon tea, a walk to the beach and a play on the big slide scheduled for 2.00 pm. However if people would like to go for a bar-b-que lunch Anne and Pat O'Brien have kindly volunteered to be there by 12 mid day to secure a bbq. Under cover area available if inclement weather. Bring food to share. Also bring a decent piece of cardboard if you're intending to slide down the big slide!

Hope to see you all there. Any queries phone Gabrielle Lewis on 0408 590 594.



**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.**

## FROM POPE FRANCIS - LET US DREAM

**What words or phrases stand out for you?**

**The discernment step allows us to ask: what is the Spirit telling us?** What is the grace on offer here, if we can only embrace it; and what are the obstacles and temptations? What humanises, what dehumanises? Where is the good news hidden within the sombre news, and where is the bad spirit dressed as an angel of light? These are questions for those who humbly search and listen, who are willing not just to grasp at answers but to reflect and pray ...

**Discerning what is and what is not of God**, we begin to see where and how to act. When we find where God's mercy is waiting to overflow, we can open the gates, and work with all people of goodwill to bring about the necessary changes.

**How do we distinguish the spirits? They speak different languages**; they use different ways to reach our hearts. The voice of God never imposes but proposes, whereas the enemy is strident, insistent, and even monotonous. The voice of God might correct us, but gently, always encouraging, consoling, giving us hope. The bad spirit on the other hand, offers us dazzling illusions and tempting sensations, but they are fleeting. It exploits our fears and suspicions, and seduces us with wealth and prestige. If we ignore it, it responds with contempt and accusation, telling us: You're worthless. The voice of the enemy distracts us from the present by getting us to focus on fears of the future, or the sadness of the past. The voice of God, on the other hand, speaks to the present, helping us to move ahead in the here and now. What comes from God asks: "What is good for me, what is good for us?"...

**Where the good spirit gives you hope, the bad spirit sows suspicion, anxiety, and finger-pointing.** The good spirit appeals to my desire to do good, to help and serve, and gives me strength to go forward on the right path. The bad spirit, conversely, closes me in on myself and makes me rigid and intolerant.

*- Pope Francis, Let us Dream*



**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
21st March 2021**



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them. You can donate through Parish envelopes,

or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**Total collected by Parish to date: \$528.05**