

Liturgy Rosters:
Many thanks for your ministry to the Parish!

This Weekend: 5th & 6th March

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: K-A O'Keefe
Prayers: D. Bennett
Minister
Computer: C. Leonard

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M. Schultz
Prayers: A. McIntyre
Ministers: J. Sandeman
Computer: A. Francis

Next Weekend: 12th & 13th March

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Kierce
Prayers: P. O'Brien
Minister
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Loftus
Prayers: K. Arnott
Ministers: D. Arnott
Computer: A. Francis

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.

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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.



**6th March
2022**

**1st Sunday
Lent
Year C**



Weekly Services 08/03 to 13/03

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
5.30pm Gospel Reflection & Evening Prayer Lent

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

Friday: 9.30am Morning prayer & Adoration Lent

10.00am Mass
6.00pm Evening prayer lent

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Nancy Sparrow, Father Kevin Mogg

Anniversaries:

Frank Webb, Damian Walsh, Jeff Page, Allan Radford, Thomas Carlon, Angelo Bagnato, Roger Graham, Tom Finnegan, Michael McLoughlin, Margaret Humphries, Kevin Cass, Ada Wilson, Steve Wilson, Kiah Finlayson, Eric Baudinette, Pauline Quinlivan, Dennis O'Keefe, Owen Henman, John Carroll, Tilly O'Dwyer, Joyce Arundell, Joan O'Connor, Peter (Ming Huang) Vu, Joseph (Doi Van) Nguyen, Peter Hare, Timothy O'Meara, Bonne Edgumbe, Bill Caveny

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Coultie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky Schultz, Claire Jesser, Lea-anne Bourke, Michelle Mutch, Deanne Atkinson, Vincent Bailey

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

Baptisms and 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 90

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

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!

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Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,793.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 39,073

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 40,857

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 \$ 571.05

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 importance of Lent



Lent is a good time to slow down and breathe more deeply. It's a time to stop running around so much in search of distractions. It's a time to be still and remember that God is with us.

Pope Francis has said that Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to "make his dwelling" among us. The pope reminds the faithful that the Lenten practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity, thereby sharing in Jesus' mission of the salvation of the world.

Lent is traditionally a time for some kind of fasting. For example, we might go without sweets, chocolates or alcohol. It's like training for sport. If someone wants to be a good athlete, they have to train themselves in self-control. They have to be self-disciplined so they can run their best race. Likewise, we need to train ourselves in self-control as Christians. We need to be self-disciplined so we can run our best race as followers of Christ.

Lent is a time to practise self-control.

Lent is also a time to review our lives and repent of any wrongs we have done. It's a time to receive God's mercy, especially in the sacrament of penance.

Lent can help us become more generous towards others. Another traditional practice of this season is almsgiving. When we give to those in need, our own hearts are enlarged. We feel good about ourselves. And our giving can be more than money. For instance, we could give some extra time and attention to someone who's lonely. In this way we grow to be truly loving people.

The third traditional practice of Lent is prayer. By spending extra time in prayer through Lent we can come closer to God.

It's been a tough two years for many because of the pandemic. I hope this Lent helps you become more peaceful, more prayerful, more generous, a better person. I hope this Lent helps you come closer to the people around you and closer to God.

Father Michael Gilbert CSsR

Prayer for Ukraine

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.

Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Project Compassion - Sunday 26 & 27 February



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation envelopes available, or by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413



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

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is in urgent need of good quality 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 Thursday 10 am - 3pm, Friday 10am - 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.

Dates to Remember

March 9 - Parents Penance Preparation 7.00pm, All Saints Church

March 17 - St Patrick's Day Mass, 11.00am, All Saints Church
St Patrick's Shared Lunch 12.00pm, Presbytery

April 12 - Sacrament of Penance 7.00pm, All Saints Church

April 22 - Anointing Mass 10.00am, All Saints Church
Shared morning tea 11.00am, Presbytery

Caritas International Women's Day – March 8

Today we honour women all over the world, sisters in our one human family.

We honour their courage, as they overcome the challenges of living in extreme poverty.

We are thankful for their care of our common home.

We admire their dedication for the common good.

We learn from their commitment to the progress of their whole community.

We are enriched by their passion and generous sharing of their cultures.

We honour their open hearts and feel privileged to hear their stories.

We pray for women who spread joy and nurture hope throughout struggles.

We support their determination as they strive to attain new skills and experience.

We honour the extraordinary roles they have in their community.

We stand with women as they open new horizons for the next generation.

We celebrate women as mothers, sisters, wives, friends, leaders, champions, advocates and world changers.

New Church Organ

The Parish has recently acquired a new Johannus One Classical Keyboard organ with a Hammond Amplifier and pedals for our Church to be installed in the coming weeks.

It is a pipe organ/keyboard instrument, which will meet the varying requirements of church music for our times of traditional and contemporary hymns. Purchased from parish resources \$7,100.

At our last Parish Pastoral Team meeting it was suggested that Parishioners might wish to make a contribution toward this purchase. If you would like to make an offering it would be gratefully accepted.



Briny Bunch Family Group

Sunday, 6th March, from 12 noon, we'll be having lunch at The Ploughed Field (opposite the hospital).

BYO lunch. Barbecue is available.

Any queries, contact Anne McIntyre

