

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

This Weekend: 19th & 20th March

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: K. Howman
Prayers: P. Howman
Minister
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: A. McIntyre
Prayers: M. Picard
Ministers: K. Loftus
Computer: A. Francis

Next Weekend: 26th & 27th March

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: P. O'Brien
Prayers: C. Leonard
Minister
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

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

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

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
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.

Project Compassion
19 & 20 March



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

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

Total to date: \$ 200



20th March
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Weekly Services 22/03 to 27/03

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:

Anniversaries:

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

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Couttie, 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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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webstock

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

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, call 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.

Prayer for Peace & Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 993.00

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 41,225

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 43,584

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 \$ 584.50

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

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,

and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters;

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food,

and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.

And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel

Lk 13:1-9

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"

No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?

No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.

If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Dates to Remember

- Tuesday April 12 - Sacrament of Penance for Parish - 7.00pm, All Saints Church
Thursday April 14 - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's supper, 7.00pm
Friday April 15 - Passion, 3.00pm
Saturday April 16 - Easter Vigil Mass, 7.00pm
Saturday April 16 - Easter Vigil Supper - Presbytery
Sunday April 17 - Easter Sunday Mass, 10.30am
Friday April 22 - Anointing Mass 10.00am, All Saints Church
Shared morning tea 11.00am, Presbytery

Where to find repentance



We might understand saying sorry, or an apology, forgiveness, even reconciliation and healing, but often we're uncertain what part repentance plays in our lives. Yet it's the very first thing that Jesus calls us to in the gospels and in Lent it's front and centre.

So, in today's gospel we hear two stories: firstly, the tragic story of the Galileans murdered by Herod in the temple. Jesus' response to it is quite unexpected because he asks the people, do you think these Galileans were worse sinners than those Galileans who survived? "No", he says, and urges us in the light of a coming judgment to repent of our self-serving or it will be the ruin of us.

The second story is the fig-tree parable which offers hope that God will be patient; but there is a point when the gardener will have to say enough if, after patient tending, the tree still bears no fruit. There's an underlying urgency in this, but God is at work so that we may bear fruit: trust in his presence.

If we're uncertain about repentance, one writer has noted, it's there in the 12-step program to recovery from addiction, where participants begin by owning that they're powerless and their lives have become unmanageable. It's also a reminder that repentance is one step towards finding peace.

That's where we all come to, most often unable, or unwilling, to see ourselves in this way. We say we can manage our shortcomings, or issues, with some assistance from God at moments, so when the going gets tough, we get on with our lives, occasionally wondering what, or who, is absent from them, but trudging on.

At those tough moments in our lives – of failure, betrayal, death – we might pray earnestly to God, but there comes a breakthrough point when we realise we need to let God be in our lives, rather than make use of him, however openly, or subtly, we go about it. A god made in our own image, who does our bidding, is not the God made real to us in Jesus Christ. And it's this deep reluctance to get real we're wanting to name and repent of in Lent. This has implications for us all, because it's never simply a private matter, which means we're in this together.

We'll only be able to repent if we take to heart what the psalm says: 'The Lord is kind and merciful'. That's who 'I Am', the God of the burning bush, who appears to Moses in the first reading: trust in his love. In the second reading we're reminded that we're living at the end of the age and we're cautioned not simply to trust in our own efforts to feel safe: trust in his love.

Because the only place where repentance will happen is where there is love, where we are loved, in the company of one another. This is the life offered to us, here and now, in Jesus Christ.

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