

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

**This Weekend: 11th & 12th February**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: P. Couttie  
Prayers: Vol. pls  
Ministers: M. McGenniskien  
Computer: B. Dillon

**Next Weekend: 18th & 19th February**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: D. Baudinette  
Prayers: D. Bennett  
Minister  
Computer: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K. Loftus  
Prayers: M. Schultz  
Ministers: A. McIntyre  
Computer: B. Dillon

**Following Weekend: 25th & 26th February**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: J. Sandeman  
Prayers: K. Arnott  
Ministers: D. Arnott  
Computer: A. McIntyre

**All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Woolworth's 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 1pm - 3pm  
Tuesday 10am - 1pm  
Wednesday 10am - 3pm  
Thursday 10am - 3pm  
Friday 10am - 4pm  
Saturdays 10am - 12pm

Outreach is a significant fundraiser within the Parish and we regularly need Volunteers to give 3 hours in the mornings or afternoons.

**Please contact Kate Howman 0428 235 218 for further information.**

**Caritas agencies respond to catastrophic earthquake in Turkey and war-torn Syria**

Caritas Turkey and other Caritas agencies are responding to a series of powerful earthquakes in southeast Turkey (officially known as Türkiye) and Syria, where thousands of lives have been lost already and the death toll increases by the hour.

Our partner Caritas Turkey and other Caritas agencies on the ground are coordinating with local authorities and other organisations to see how they can best assist. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help families recover and rebuild from disaster.

Visit [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support to the Middle East by donating to our Middle East Emergency Appeal.

**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 993

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 35,860**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 35,292**

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 \$ 655.35

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



**12th February 2023**

**6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**



**Weekly Services 14/02 to 19/02**

**Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass**

**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**

**Friday: 9.30am Morning prayer & Adoration**  
**10.00am Mass**  
**5.30pm Evening Prayer**

**Saturday: 6.00pm Mass**

**Sunday: 10.30am Mass**

**Recent Deaths:**

John Lafferty, Alwyn Jude (Jock) Hayes

**Anniversaries:**

Rose Moylan, Riley Hutchinson, Margaret Lardner, Edward Whitten, Janette McKenzie, Eric Spencer, Helen & Trevor Troeth, Barbara Couttie, Mary (Mollie) Walsh, Anne Sharrock, Margaret O'Dea, Peter Crowe, Ian Berry, Pat Lloyd, Mary McCluskey, Ann Parry, Graeme Firth, Lorraine Zordan, Rex Jennings, Emmanuel Farrugia, Owen Williams, Sr Jennifer Diamond IBVM, Anne Forbes RSM, Dorothy Stevens

**Prayer Requests:**

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Lea-anne Bourke, Michelle Mutch, Deanne Atkinson, John Healy

*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**

1st Saturday of the month 10am or any other time by appointment with Fr Gregory



**“The Spire“**

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

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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*

**World Day of the Sick: Saturday, Feb 11, 2023**

The Catholic Church's World Day of the Sick is held on February 11, the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, and is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities.

*“To the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all of you who are ill; you who care for them in your families, or through your work, research and volunteer service; and those of you who are committed to weaving personal, ecclesial, and civic bonds of fraternity. To all, I impart my heartfelt blessing. “*

**Prayer for the people of Turkey & Syria**

Gracious God, we pray for the victims of this disaster in Turkey and Syria.

Lord, bring comfort to those whose lives were spared and care for those who perished.

Be with the rescue workers and keep them safe as they make heroic efforts in dangerous situations to rescue those in trouble.

Help family members to be reunited.

God of healing and mercy, we come before you with our hearts filled with grief as we see the devastation. We pray that your presence would be felt by those who are grieving, who are injured, who have lost their homes and livelihoods.

We pray through your loving son, Jesus.

Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 118

**(R.) Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

### Second Reading

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

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" - God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

The Gospel of the Lord

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## Dates to Remember

Wednesday 22nd February - Ash Wednesday Mass 10am

Ash Wednesday Mass 6pm

Friday 3rd March - World Day of Prayer, St John's Lutheran Church, 10.30am

### To be better gospel people



Forgiveness is a central tenet of the Christian faith and plays a significant role in building and maintaining healthy relationships. The Bible teaches that forgiveness is an act of grace and mercy, and that it is through forgiveness that we can experience the love and forgiveness of God. Christians are called to forgive others, just as they have been forgiven by God.

Apologising and saying "sorry" are important aspects of forgiveness. By taking responsibility for our actions and expressing remorse, we demonstrate our commitment to making amends and repairing the relationship. Forgiveness is a two-way street, and both parties must be willing to work towards reconciliation. This means not only apologising, but also listening to the other person's perspective and trying to understand their feelings.

Forgiveness can be difficult, especially in cases of hurt or betrayal. But, as Christians, we are called to put aside our pride and our desire for revenge and instead choose to forgive. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting what happened or ignoring the hurt that has been caused, but rather, it is a deliberate decision to release the anger, bitterness, and resentment that we may feel towards someone else.

In Matthew 6:14-15, Jesus teaches us to pray for forgiveness, saying, "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions." This passage reminds us of the importance of forgiveness in our relationship with God and with others.

Forgiveness is a crucial component of Christian faith and is essential in building and maintaining healthy relationships. By apologising and demonstrating empathy, we can repair trust, improve communication, and strengthen the bond between us and others. And, by practising forgiveness, we can experience the love and grace of God in our lives and in our relationships.

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