

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

**This 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: Volunteer Please

**Next 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

**Following Weekend: 4th & 5th March**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: M. Picard  
Prayers: K. Loftus  
Ministers: M. McGennissen  
Computer: B. Dillon

**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  
Saturday 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.**

 **Project Compassion Sunday - 18 & 19 February**

 Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

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 from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 937

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 36,390**  
**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 35,969**

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 \$ 737.65

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



**19th February 2023**

**7th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**



**Weekly Services 21/02 to 26/02**

**Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass**

**Wednesday: 10.00am } Ash Wednesday  
6.00pm } Mass**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**

**Friday: 10.00am Mass**

**Saturday: 6.00pm Mass**  
**Sunday: 10.30am Mass**

**Recent Deaths:**

Dorothy McEwan, Marjorie Sargeant

**Anniversaries:**

Peter Burch, Maureen Saxon, Paddy Delaney, Margaret Farrugia, Norm McNess, Peter Lewis, Barry Edrich, Pat Bourke, William Donohue, Louise Sheba, Nancy Sparrow, Ryan Rieger, Cindy Collier, John Smith, Bob Wood, Fr Kevin Mogg

**Prayer Requests:**

Margaret Couttie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Lea-anne Bourke, 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*

**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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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 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*

**World Day of Prayer 2023**

**St John's Lutheran Church**  
**Friday 3rd March at 10.30am**

The country of focus for this year is Taiwan, with the theme of the service being: "I have heard about your Faith".

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome everyone to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

In 2023 services will be held in over 170 countries.



Artist: Hui-Wen HSAIO

Hui-Wen HSAIO was born in Tainan, Taiwan, in 1993. In 2017, she received her bachelor's degree in Visual Communication Design at Kun Shan University in Tainan. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Intermedia Art Therapy (Intermediate Kunstherapie) at MSH Medical School in Hamburg, Germany.

"I cherish my God-given talents and serve God with my artwork. I humbly hope people will know God through my art." - Hui-Wen HSAIO

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

“Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 102

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless God’s holy name.

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

It is God 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 is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. (R.)

### Second Reading

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

Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?

If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” So let no one boast about people. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future all are yours, and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also, and if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give your coat as well,

and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? Be Holy, therefore, as your heavenly Father is Holy.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## Dates to Remember

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

### POPE’S PLEA TO THE WORLD - Bruce Duncan CSSR

*See the good in everyone; seek the good together – Pope Francis* Pope Francis has an unmatched gift to speak to millions of people as if heart-to-heart. He speaks of Christian faith in a way that is fresh and appealing: God loves each one, without exception, intensely and personally.

In a homily at Mass in May 2013, Francis insisted that God had redeemed “all of us, not just Catholics. Everyone!” Even the atheists, he reiterated. “The Lord created us in God’s image and likeness, and ... all of us have this commandment at heart: do good and do not do evil.” God expects us to treat each other as living images of God, with care and respect. Francis said, “We must meet one another doing good.”

Francis is appealing to all people of good will, who are concerned about social justice and human wellbeing, that we must join together in advancing the good of humanity and the planet, especially to eradicate hunger and the worst forms of poverty, and to redress global warming.

Nothing emphasises more clearly the need for united action than the emerging threats from climate change, not just to the lives of hundreds of millions of people, but to the very planetary systems on which all life depends.

Since he became pope, Francis has constantly reiterated his message in his talks and writings, in addresses in various countries, and to major gatherings of world leaders, including the US Congress and the United Nations General Assembly. He insists that concern for peace, development and social justice springs from the very heart of the gospel.

He believes that while we may have different understandings of the final good in various religious and philosophical traditions, we need to dialogue about the practical good we can achieve, insightfully respect the consciences of others in their perceptions of the good, and work together as much as possible. He says that in God’s eyes, what matters for all of us, whatever our beliefs, is that we care for the marginalised and struggling: “when did we see you hungry, thirsty, in prison ...”?

#### Nature as God’s precious gift to us

The reason people of different beliefs can seek the good together stems from the fact that God has created all that is. “The root of this possibility of doing good – that we all have – is creation.”

In his recent encyclical *Laudato Si: on care for our common home*, the pope uses the famous song from St Francis of Assisi in praise of creation to recall us to a sense of the presence of God in the entire universe, sustaining and loving every part of it, all the creatures included, and especially of course us human beings who are entrusted with care of this common home. Many of us in our crowded, busy cities have lost this religious sensitivity to the natural world, though we may try to connect with it again in our gardens, in the bushland or countryside, in art or music.

Yet this sensibility to nature resonates powerfully through Aboriginal spirituality for instance, with its sense of the sacredness of the land and of places, of ritual and symbols. Indeed, all indigenous peoples have this sense, and the pope is urging us to recover this feel for the beauty and fragility of nature, as a precious gift of the Creator that we must urgently protect and nurture, not destroy.

#### Human wellbeing as God’s concern

Pope Francis insists that we all need to listen closely to people’s experience, in their struggles, tears and disappointment. He repeats a puzzling phrase, that “realities are more important than ideas”, meaning that moral conscience develops and matures by processes of discernment about life experience, about what truly enhances our human wellbeing. Such a process of reflection occurs through careful listening to others, dialogue and prayer, personally and on a wider social scale.

The pope favours an approach that is clearly pastoral rather than doctrinal. He is of course not against doctrine but is inviting a conversation about how well church guidelines and policies meet the needs of people today, especially those in difficult circumstances.

For Francis, discernment must lead to appropriate action, not just by governments and global institutions, but by everyone according to their circumstances. He urges us to take responsibility where we can, whether young or old: listening and making our voices heard, organising in local groups, taking action to challenge unjust practices, adopting a modest lifestyle and conserving resources.

“Let us together say from the heart: no family without lodging..., no individual without dignity, no child without childhood, no young person without a future, no elderly person without a venerable old age.”