

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

This Weekend: 11th & 12th March

Saturday: 6.00pm
Reader: D. Bennett
Prayers: D. Baudinette
Minister
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am
Reader: TBA
Prayers: J. Sandeman
Ministers: K. Loftus
Computer: B. Dillon

Next Weekend: 18th & 19th March

Saturday: 6.00pm
Reader: K. Howman
Prayers: P. Howman
Minister
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am
Reader: P. Couttie
Prayers: K. Arnott
Ministers: D. Arnott
Computer: B. Dillon

Following Weekend: 25th & 26th March

Saturday: 6.00pm
Reader: P. O'Brien
Prayers: D. Bennett
Minister
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am
Reader: K. Loftus
Prayers: M. Schultz
Ministers: M. McGennissen
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
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 - 11 & 12 March**

 Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. 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, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Total Given TD: \$315



Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 876

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 39,765
Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 39,972

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 \$ 607.00

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 March 2023
3rd Sunday Lent
Year A



Weekly Services 14/03 to 19/03

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass & Lenten Gospel Reflection

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

Friday: 11.00am St Patrick's Day Mass
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Von Carmody

Anniversaries:

Timothy O'Meara, Bonne Edgcumbe, Bill Caveny, Margaret McCarthy, Drew Rogers, Jane Mizzi, Roy McCluskey, Ena Clark, Caitlin Neeson, Ray Mizzi, Fr Paul Gardiner, Sue Quinlivan, Marie Kearney, Jeff Page

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

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 94

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Liturgy of the Word

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Hope in God does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John.

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband.

What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming". "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

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Dates to Remember

Friday 17th March - 11am St Patrick's Day Mass, and afterwards lunch Presbytery



Hope & Inspiration

Thoughts to inspire

Living wisely means being mindful of our choices, actions and words. It means taking responsibility for our own happiness and well-being while also considering the impact we have on others and the world around us. It's about finding a balance between our own needs and the needs of others and making decisions that align with our values and goals.

Living wisely requires courage, patience and a willingness to learn and grow. It means embracing challenges and setbacks as opportunities to evolve and transform. It means living with purpose and gratitude, and being open to the endless possibilities that life has to offer.

Remember, every day is a new opportunity to "live wisely" and make a positive impact on the world. So, embrace each moment with an open heart and a clear mind, and trust that the path you choose will lead you towards a life of fulfillment and happiness.

Dear God,

Grant me the wisdom to make the right choices in life. Help me to be mindful of the consequences of my actions and to always strive for what is good and just. May I live my life with purpose and meaning, and may my decisions be guided by your grace and wisdom.

Amen.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.

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Come join us for a St Patrick Day's lunch after mass on Friday 17th March.

Location: Presbytery

Time: 12pm (after Mass)

Please bring a plate to share.