

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

This 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

Next Weekend: 1st & 2nd April

Saturday: 6.00pm

Reader: D. Kierce
Passion readers: K & P Howman
Prayers: D. Bennett
Minister
Computer: A. O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M. Picard
Passion readers: K. Loftus & A. McIntyre
Prayers: J. Sandeman
Ministers: B. McGennissen
Computer: B. Dillon

**Following Weekend: Easter time
8th & 9th April**

TBA

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 - 25 & 26 March**

 Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of three inspiring people and one community group who have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Priscilla, Thu and the Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. 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: \$655

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 865

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 41,119
Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 42,067

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 \$ 595.80

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



26th March 2023

5th Sunday Lent Year A



Weekly Services 28/03 to 02/04

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass & Lenten Gospel Reflection

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 10.00am Mass

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

Saturday: 10.00am Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Sr Sheila Belleville RSM, Jean Smurthwaite

Anniversaries:

Fr Leo Baker SCC, Nancy Walsh, John Fothergill, Ted Pound, Clinton Baulch, Judith Lane, Shirley Beavis, John Arundell, Michael Couttie, Gerard Barclay, David Edge, Les Downes, Keith Sawyer

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 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

*God, we come
With hesitant steps
and uncertain motives.
To sweep out the corners
Where sin has accumulated,
And uncover the ways
We have strayed from your truth.
Expose the empty and barren places
Where we don't allow you to enter.
Reveal our half-hearted struggles
Where we have been indifferent
To the suffering of others.
Nurture the faint stirrings of new life,
Where your spirit has begun to grow.
Let your healing light transform us,
into the image of your Son.
For you alone can bring new life
and make us whole.*

**New Parish appointments announced
by Bishop Paul**

Effective as of April 20, 2023

- **Fr Shaiju Mathew MST** as Administrator of **Robinvale and Ouyen**
- **Fr John Corrigan** as Assistant Priest in the Parishes of **Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 129

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus,

"Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Dates to Remember

- Saturday 1st April - 10am, Sacrament of Penance, All Saints Church
- Sunday 2nd April - Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser, after 10.30am Mass, All Saints Church
- Tuesday 4th April - 7pm, Communal Penance, All Saints Church
- Thursday 6th April - 7pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, All Saints Church
- Friday 7th April - 3pm, The Passion of the Lord, All Saints Church
- Saturday 8th April - 7pm, Easter Vigil Mass, All Saints Church
- Sunday 9th April - 10.30am, Easter Sunday Mass, All Saints Church
- Friday 14th April - 10.00am, Easter Anointing Mass, All Saints Church



Hope & Inspiration

Thoughts to inspire

"Do you have what it takes?"

This is a question that requires one to reflect on a variety of virtues that are important in life.

- *Courage is essential to take risks and stand up for what is right.
- *Patience is crucial in navigating the challenges of life with grace and perseverance.
- *Concern and love for others allows one to form meaningful connections and contribute positively to society.
- *Commitment and dedication enable individuals to achieve their goals and make a difference in the world.
- *Compassion and empathy help us to understand and support those in need.
- *Perseverance is crucial in facing setbacks and achieving success.
- *Faith provides us with the strength and hope to endure the trials of life and stay true to our values.

Ultimately, "having what it takes" is not a fixed quality that one either possesses or lacks, but rather a set of virtues and attitudes that can be developed over time. By striving to embody these virtues, individuals can build a meaningful and fulfilling life that makes a positive impact on the world around them.

"Dear God, please grant me the grace to cultivate the virtues of faith, hope, and love in my life. Help me to be courageous in standing up for what is right, patient in facing life's challenges, compassionate towards others and dedicated to serving your will. May I strive to embody the virtues that reflect your love and goodness, and to live a life of integrity and purpose. I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen."

Briny Bunch Family Group - 31st March



The next event for The Briny Bunch is a social evening at McIntyres' on Friday, 31st March from 6pm.

Please bring your own drinks and some finger food to share. Contact Anne (0428 780 536) if you can make it.

HOT CROSS BUN - FUNDRAISER

Sunday 2nd April
- after 10.30am
Mass
\$7/half dozen
buns
- Henry Nguyen

