

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

**This 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

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

**Saturday: 7.00pm**

Readers: A. McIntyre & K. Loftus  
Epistle reader: D. Bennett  
Procession: Marg & Lorraine  
Minister: Vol. please  
Computer: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: J. Howman  
Prayers: J. Sandeman  
Procession: Howman family  
Ministers: D. Kierce  
Computer: B. Dillon

**Following Weekend: 15 & 16th April**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: D. Baudinette  
Prayers: D. Bennett  
Minister  
Computer: Vol. pls

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: K. Arnott  
Prayers: K. Loftus  
Ministers: D. Arnott  
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 - 01 & 02 April**

 Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal. 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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Total Given TD: \$ 749.90**



**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,085

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 41,944**  
**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 42,922**

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 \$ 532.75

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



**2nd April 2023**

**The Passion of the Lord Year A**



**Weekly Services 04/04 to 09/04**

**Tuesday: 7.00pm Community Penance**

**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**

**Thursday: 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Friday: 3.00pm Passion of the Lord**

**Saturday: 7.00pm Vigil Easter Mass**

**Sunday: 10.30am Easter Mass**

**Recent Deaths:**

David Thomas, Joan Grace, Veronica Ketelaars, David Galvin

**Anniversaries:**

Joyce Whyllie, Margaret James, Dawn Turner, Carmel Dawson, Pat Curran, Rose Troc, Maryanne Gore, Ron Cruse, Fr Phil Crotty SJ, Sr Sheila Gleeson RSM, Jenny Anson, Edna Perry, Lyn Knowles, Brian Gleeson, Georgina Crowe, Peter McCallum, Josh Thomson, Norman Leslie, Pauline Stuart

**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 prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm 21**

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

## Liturgy of the Word

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" children!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

### Gospel continued

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land<sup>1</sup> until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Dates to Remember

- 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
- Thursday 13th April - 10.00am, Easter Anointing Mass, All Saints Church

### Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, April 7, 2023

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7.

The ongoing effects of the pandemic have created enormous challenges for the people of the Holy Land in terms of health and a catastrophic loss of income due to the absence of pilgrims. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows the Friars and local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places (that also gives work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless and more. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection will continue to support the works of the Holy Land through the generosity of the Australian Church.

Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds and in recent years, made all the more difficult by the pandemic.

### Go ahead and invite' people to Easter services



Four in 10 Australians would attend an Easter service if they were invited by a close friend or family member, a recent survey has found. Source: The Catholic Leader.

The survey, conducted by the Australian Community Survey, also found that 19 per cent of respondents were unsure about attending, while 29 per cent said they would not go and 10 per cent reported having no close friends or family who attend church.

Despite the relatively high percentage of those open to attending Easter services, only 17 per cent of Australians attended such services over the past three years.

"People are more receptive to attending church at a significant time like Easter — so go ahead and invite them," National Church Life Survey research director Ruth Powell said.

Women, people with university degrees, and those born in non-English speaking countries were more likely to accept an invitation to an Easter service, according to the survey.

Age did not appear to be a significant factor, as people from all age groups were equally likely to say "yes" to an invitation.

The survey also highlighted a lack of familiarity with Christianity among some respondents. About 41 per cent of Australians said they had limited or no familiarity with the religion, while 53 per cent believed Jesus was a real person who actually lived, and 21 per cent thought he was a myth or fictional character.

Dr Powell said that relationships were essential for authentic engagement, and that Easter was an excellent time for churchgoers to invite family and friends to join Christian celebrations and have respectful conversations about matters of faith.

The survey, conducted in December 2022, asked 1000 Australians about their attitudes toward attending Easter services.



### HOT CROSS BUN - FUNDRAISER

Sunday 2nd April - after 10.30am Mass

\$7/half dozen buns - Henry Nguyen