

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish

Weekend: of 1st & 2nd of March
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: D Bennett
Prayers: K Howman
Minister: P Howman
Computer: Volunteer Please

Sunday Mass: 10.30am

Reader: M Picard
Prayers: I Eichler
Minister: K Loftus
Computer: Volunteer Please

Weekend of 8th & 9th of March:
1st Sunday in Lent Year C
Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K Arnott
Prayers: J Sandeman
Minister: D Arnott
Computer: Volunteer Please

Weekend of 15th & 16 of March:
2nd Sunday in Lent Year C
Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: G Priestley
Prayers: Volunteer Please
Minister: A O'Brien
Computer: P O'Brien

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: J Sandeman
Prayers: M Schultz
Minister: M McGenniken
Computer: Volunteer Please

All Saints Outreach Op-Shop:

(In Woolworth's Car park)
Phone: 5521 1587

The Parish Outreach Op-Shop is always in need of good quality clothing, bric a brac or furniture.

Donations during shop hours only.

Please ring Outreach for pick up if necessary. Thank you all for your ongoing support of Outreach.

Outreach is normally 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 2-3 hours in the mornings or afternoons.

We currently have a pressing need for Volunteers on each of the days of operating during our advertised Hours, and for on-call volunteers who can fill in at other times.

Please contact Kate Howman 0428235218 or Diane Kierce 0427946053 for further information.

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

All Saints Parish has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your First Communion, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness. By leaving a gift to your Parish in your Will, you will leave a legacy of faith a legacy to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue both for today's needs and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.

If you would like to receive a weekly copy of "The Spire" by email, please send us an email and we can add you to a list of subscribers



2nd of March 2025
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



Parish Services

4th to 9th of March 2025

Tuesday 5.00pm Mass
Ash Wednesday 10.00am Mass
6.00pm Mass
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
Friday: 10.30am World Day of Prayer
All Saints Church

Weekend Masses

8th & 9th of March
1st Sunday in Lent
Saturday: 6.00pm Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Death: Makerita Aupaau, Bill Collett.
Anniversaries: 17th to 23rd of February.

Leila Mizzi, Fay Rizzo, Lorna Barclay, Frank Webb, Dora Bourke, Anna Ackerley, Gerard Sculley, Kizzie O'Dea, John Muldoon, Barry Payne, Allan Radford, Thomas Carlon, Angelo Bagnato, Mario Real, Roger Graham, Tom Finnegan, Michael McLoughlin, Margaret Humphries, Kevin Cass, Ada Wilson, Kiah Finlayson, Eric Baudinette.

Prayer Requests:

Les Hildebrand, Lea-anne Bourke, Michelle Mutch, Deanne Atkinson.

If you have any prayer requests please contact 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 at 10.00am or any other time by appointment with Fr. Gregory

Please Mute your phone in the Church during Mass

Dates to Remember:

Ash Wednesday: March 5th, Mass at 10.00am & 6.00pm.

Mass of the Holy Oils: April 14th @ 1.00pm. St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

Lenten Penance, April 12th at 11.00am & 15th @ 7.00pm

Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday 7.00pm April 17th, Good Friday 3.00pm April 18th Holy Saturday 6.00pm April 19th.



"The Spire"

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Parish Office Hours: **Wednesdays to Fridays 9.00am till 3.00pm** or by appointment with Fr Gregory

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 emerging. We commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation and constitutional acknowledgement of first nation peoples.



World Day of Prayer 2025

All Saints Church, Friday, 7th March at 10:30 am (Morning tea to follow the Service)

The country of focus this year is the Cook Islands with the theme of the Service being "I made you wonderful".

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.

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is an international movement that is more than 170 years old.

Prayer for March - for families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Gaza Crisis Appeal 2025



We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online @ www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.



We now have CDF Pay; You can use this QR Code portal for all you giving if you wish.

****Before using please cancel any prior electronic payments**.**

When you access this code, follow the prompts for frequency of payment, then amount, then; "My giving is for ..." Stewardship, (Parish Account) or Priest Support (Presbytery Account), then record your personal and Card details as the prompts ask you. Thank you. Fr Gregory Tait PP

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given this week inc eft \$510.00

Target \$55,000

Total YTD 2024-2025, \$34,370.40

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: \$746.45

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

Liturgy of the Word

8th Week in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

27:4 When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears;
so do a person's faults when he speaks.

5 The kiln tests the potter's vessels;
so the test of a person is in his conversation.

6 Its fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree;
so a person's speech discloses the cultivation
of his mind.

7 Do not praise anyone before he speaks,
for this is the way people are tested.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

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

15:54 When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:39-45

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

39 Jesus told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?"

40 A disciple is not above the teacher, but every one who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.

41 Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?"

42 Or how can you say to your neighbour, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.

43 "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit;

44 for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

45 The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Prayer for Pope Francis

Please pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our Lord.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Francis, whom you have given to your Church as her shepherd.

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

8th Week in Ordinary Time Year C 2025, Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

Gospel Focus – Good from Good

'The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.' What makes a person good? Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life but they remain cynical and spiteful people. Similarly there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances yet goodness constantly flows from them. It's not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing 'good treasure' or harbouring 'evil treasure'. This is not just sugary sweetness but a deliberate decision to be a person of hope.

Scriptural Context – Three texts; one lesson

Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

Living the Gospel – You hypocrite

It is often argued that it is hypocrisy to attend Mass on Sundays and be 'holy' in that circumstance but to then be less than perfect during the rest of the week. This is often rolled out as a convenient excuse for not attending Mass at all: everyone who goes to Mass is a hypocrite. Of course, attending Mass does not imply perfection. It is in fact a recognition of imperfection and the need to come together as a community and to seek God's help to have another go at trying to get it a bit more right in the coming week.

Questions for your personal reflection:

1. What does it mean to 'take the log out of your own eye'?
2. What strategies do you use to 'filter' or evaluate critical comments before you make them?
3. How do you recognise a person who produces good 'out of the good treasure of the heart'?
4. How do you seek to nurture the good treasure of your heart?

Learning moments:

- Compile a list of people you know whose opinion you value and trust. Identify specific examples of times that their advice has been helpful to you. Over the coming week, create the opportunity to tell these people that you value and trust their advice.

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