

Liturgy Rosters:

Many thanks for your ministry in the Parish

Weekend: of 8th & 9th of February
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Vigil: 6.00pm

Reader: D Bennet
Prayers: D Baudinette
Minister: K Howman
Computer: A O'Brien

Sunday Mass: 10.30am

Reader: D Kierce
Prayers: I Eichler
Minister: K Arnott
Computer: B Dillon

Weekend of 15th & 16th of February:
6th week in Ordinary Time Year C

Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K Loftus
Prayers: K Arnott
Minister: B McGenniken
Computer: Volunteer Please

Weekend of 22nd & 23rd of February:
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Vigil: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: M Schultz
Prayers: D Kierce
Minister: D Arnott
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



9th of February 2025
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



Parish Services

13th to 16th February 2025

Tuesday NO MASS
Wednesday 10.00am Mass
4.30pm Rosary
Thursday: 10.00am Mass
Friday: Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Weekend Masses

15th & 16th of February
6th week in Ordinary Time
Saturday: 6.00pm Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Death: Betty Schroeder, Roy Jennings.
Anniversaries: 10th to 16th of February.

Dorothy McEwan, Joyce Thomas, Hazel Harris, Angelo Costa, Evelyn Ennis, Leonie Lucas, Kevin Smith, Joan Carr, Bride Baldwin PBVM, Paul Bennett, Don Mulraney, Bernadette Ziesing IBVM, Rose Moylan, Riley Hutchinson, Margaret Lardner, Jennifer Ward, Janette McKenzie, Eric Spencer, Helen & Trevor Troeth, Barbara Couttie, Mollie Walsh, Anne Sharrock.

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

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. **Prayer for February** - for vocations. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



"The Spire"

All Saints Parish

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Parish Office Hours: Most Tuesdays 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 Gunditjmarra 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.

The Importance of Faith

The saints are an important part of our Catholic faith and our Christian journey. One such saint is Bernadette Soubirous, who at the age of fourteen saw the Blessed Virgin at a grotto in Lourdes, France.

On February 11, 1858, the teenager was collecting firewood near a grotto when she said the Virgin Mary first appeared to her.

As was the situation with the three children at Fatima in Portugal almost sixty years later, authorities at first refused to accept that she was telling the truth. However, after intense questioning and with Bernadette refusing to change her story, the local clergy finally agreed that she had seen the Virgin Mary.

Bernadette, who was canonised in 1933, said the apparition appeared to her eighteen times. Throughout the centuries those who have witnessed the Virgin Mary have had a few things in common. They have come from humble beginnings and struggled with poor health. Despite their meagre circumstances, they have also shared a strong faith in God.

Today, Lourdes is the church's most famous Marian shrine and pilgrimage site with thousands of people travelling there each year to pray and seek divine help with their ailments. Lourdes, like other Marian sites, offers the faithful hope of a better future and eternal life.

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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 \$2191.00

Target \$55,000

Total YTD 2024-2025, \$32,758.40

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: \$681.90

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

5th Week in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading Is 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." 4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

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

15:3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on

the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

5:1 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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5th Week in Ordinary Time Year C 2025, Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:

The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of 'being called'. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be 'a man of unclean lips'. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, 'Whom shall I send?' Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, 'Here I am, send me!'

This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets.

Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man'. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, 'Do not be afraid,' and calls Peter to follow.

Scriptural context – The Call of the disciples

In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

Have you thought? – Do not be afraid

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

Questions for your personal reflection:

1. In what ways did Peter trust and place his faith in Jesus?
2. Have you ever, like Peter, acted against your instinct and experience and been proven wrong?
3. What does it mean to be 'called'?
4. How do you try to listen to the voice of God in your life?
5. Do you feel called to take your life in a particular direction?
- 6.

Learning moments:

- Interview someone you know who appears to be living their life with a sense of vocation and calling. Ask them about how they identified the pathway they would follow and how they manage to remain true to their calling.

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