

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

This Weekend: 12th & 13th March

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: K. Loftus
Prayers: K. Arnott
Ministers: D. Arnott
Computer: A. Francis

Next Weekend: 19th & 20th March

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

Sunday: 10.30am

Reader: A. McIntyre
Prayers: M. Picard
Ministers: K. Loftus
Computer: A. Francis

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

All Saints Outreach Op-Shop: (In Target 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 to Thursday 10 am - 3pm
Friday 10am - 4pm
Saturdays 10am - 12 mid-day.

Outreach is a significant fundraiser within the Parish and we regularly need Volunteers to give 3 hours in the mornings or afternoons.

Please contact Marg Herbertson at Op-Shop for further information.

Project Compassion
5 & 6 March



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.

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, or by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413



13th March
2022

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Weekly Services 15/03 to 20/03

Tuesday: 5.00pm Mass
5.30pm Gospel Reflection & Evening Prayer Lent

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass

Thursday: 11.00am St Patrick's Day Mass

Friday: 9.30am Morning prayer & Adoration Lent

10.00am Mass
6.00pm Evening prayer lent

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Tess Haynes

Anniversaries:

Simeon Dela Torre, Margaret McCarthy, Drew Rogers, Jane Mizzi, Roy McCluskey, Ena Clark, Caitlin Neeson, Fr Paul Gardiner, Sue Quinlivan, Marie Kearney, Hilary Lodge, Joy Jennings, Jean Hocking

Prayer Requests:

Margaret Coultie, Noela Clifford, Les Hildebrand, Nicky Schultz, Claire Jessor, Lea-anne Bourke, Michelle Mutch, Deanne Atkinson, Vincent Bailey

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

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

PRAYER

O God,
you reveal the signs of your presence among us in the church, in the liturgy and in our brothers and sisters.

Let no word of yours ever fall by the wayside or be rendered ineffective through our indifference or neglect.

Rather, call us quick to recognise your saving plan whenever we encounter it, and keep as ready always to serve as prophets and apostles of your kingdom Amen.

Prayer for Ukraine

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.

Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Our Finances

Planned Giving for Parish Account

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 1,514

Target \$62,400

Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 40,382

Total YTD 2020/21 \$ 42,402

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 \$ 616.30

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

First Reading

Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram; "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him,

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying,

"To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this
is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Second Reading

Phil 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel

Lk 9:28-36

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Dates to Remember

March 17 - St Patrick's Day Mass, 11.00am, All Saints Church
St Patrick's Shared Lunch 12.00pm, Presbytery

April 12 - Sacrament of Penance for Parish - 7.00pm, All Saints Church

April 16 - Easter Vigil Supper - Presbytery

April 22 - Anointing Mass 10.00am, All Saints Church
Shared morning tea 11.00am, Presbytery

Summary of Parish Pastoral Team Meeting - 3rd March 2022

- New parish sign for front of church - Signworks in the process of completing and to be installed shortly.
- Refugee Advocacy - Correspondence received from Rural Advocacy for Refugees . PPT to review and consider at next meeting whether the Parish could contribute to the group to help refugees. **Contact Di Kierce for details if you are interested.**
- Positive feedback received on the Monastic Bootcamp run in January. A great spiritual experience from the people that attended. Thanks to Jamin Howman for organising. Look at organising another session later in the year.
- Look at having Easter Vigil supper in the Presbytery.
- Aged Care home visits - BUPA now allowing visits to residents as long as appropriate paperwork completed. No restrictions on number of people we are able to see.
- Children's Sacraments commenced preparation for Sacrament of Penance during Lent and Sacrament of Eucharist in Term 2.
- Request made to provide Liturgy of the Word (readings, psalm, Gospel) on The Spire each week.

New Church Organ

The Parish has recently acquired a new Johannus One Classical Keyboard organ with a Hammond Amplifier and pedals for our Church. It is a pipe organ/keyboard instrument, which will meet the varying requirements of church music for our times of traditional and contemporary hymns. Purchased from parish resources \$7,100.

At our last Parish Pastoral Team meeting it was suggested that Parishioners might wish to make a contribution toward this purchase. If you would like to make an offering it would be gratefully accepted.

Total donated to date: \$100

Lent Week 2 - On the mountain with Jesus

Jesus climbs a mountaintop with his friends Peter and James and John. At those heights, they are away from the distractions of ordinary life.

I imagine being with Jesus on the mountain. What does the mountain look like? What are the sounds at its summit? Now I consider Jesus being transfigured. I imagine his clothes dazzling white. I hear a voice from heaven saying 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' I take time to experience this spectacular moment on the mountaintop.

In life, it can be a challenge to notice God's presence. I may want a similarly spectacular experience of God's presence. And yet God's holy presence is in the ordinary moments of my day. Jesus seeks to assure me that he is present at all times, on mountaintops and in valleys, in exaltation and despair.

I spend a few minutes in the presence of God:

Lord, give me eyes to see your presence in all people.

Lord, open my ears to listen to you.

Lord, enliven me with hope so that I don't fall into despair.

Lord, send me peace so that I may be your instrument.

Lord, help me become aware of your love so that I may carry your compassion.

Lord, kindle my faith so that I may experience the fullness of joy in your presence.

Ultimately, Lord, make me come alive!