

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

**This Weekend: 4th & 5th March**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: M. Picard  
Prayers: K. Loftus  
Ministers: M. McGennicken  
Computer: B. Dillon

**Next Weekend: 11th & 12th March**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

Reader: D. Bennett  
Prayers: D. Baudinette  
Minister  
Computer: A. O'Brien

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: M. Schultz  
Prayers: J. Sandeman  
Ministers: K. Loftus  
Computer: B. Dillon

**Following Weekend: 18th & 19th March**

**Saturday: 6.00pm**

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

**Sunday: 10.30am**

Reader: P. Couttie  
Prayers: K. Arnott  
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 - 4 & 5 March**

 Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. 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: \$155**



**5th March 2023**

**2nd Sunday Lent Year A**



**Weekly Services 07/03 to 12/03**

**Tuesday: \*\*No Mass\*\* (Fr Greg out of town)**

**Wednesday: 10.00am Mass**

**Thursday: 10.00am Mass**

**Friday: 9.30am Morning Prayer & Adoration**

**10.00am Anointing Mass**

**2.00pm Graveside Prayers (Heywood Cemetery) E. Bucciarelli**

**5.30pm Evening Prayer**

**Saturday: 6.00pm Mass**

**Sunday: 10.30am Mass**

**Recent Deaths:**

Erminia Bucciarelli, Shirley Cordell, Claude Kelson

**Anniversaries:**

Kizzie O'Dea, John Muldoon, Barry Payne, Allan Radford, Thomas Carlon, Angelo Bagnato, Roger Graham, Tom Finnegan, Michael McLoughlin, Margaret Humphries, Kevin Cass, Ada Wilson, Kiah Finlayson, Eric Baudinette, Steve Wilson, Pauline Quinlivan, Dennis O'Keefe, Owen Henman, John Carroll, Tilly O'Dwyer, Joyce Arundell, Joan O'Connor, Peter Vu, Joseph Nguyen, Peter Hare

**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"**

**All Saints' Parish**

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Rev. Gregory A. D. Tait, P.P.

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Parish Secretary: Antonella Webstock  
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*

**The Fast Life**

Fast from judging others;  
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness;  
Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute;  
Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent;  
Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger;  
Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism;  
Feast on hope.

Fast from negatives;  
Feast on encouragement.

Fast from bitterness;  
Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;  
Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion;  
Feast on truth.

Fast from gossip;  
Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm;  
Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from anxiety;  
Feast on faith.

**Our Finances**

**Planned Giving for Parish Account**

Given last week, inc. EFT: \$ 715.00

**Target \$62,400**

**Total YTD 2022/23 \$ 38,597**

**Total YTD 2021/22 \$ 39,013**

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 \$ 629.20

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

A reading from the book of Genesis

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 32

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

### Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

Brothers & Sisters; do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

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!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

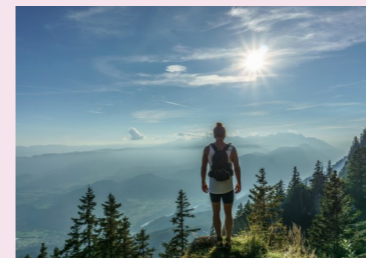
The Gospel of the Lord.

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## Dates to Remember

Friday 17th March - 11am St Patrick's Day Mass, and afterwards lunch Presbytery

### Mountain top experience



In just a few weeks' time we will hear the shocking accounts of Jesus' arrest, his torture, his passion and his death on a cross. But today, early in our Lenten journey, we recall one of the moments in his life when his divine identity is revealed to his closest disciples.

There, up a high mountain, before Peter, James and John, Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Moses and Elijah also appeared, conversing with Jesus.

What an amazing sight for those three disciples: Jesus in his dazzling glory. It is a moment of sheer ecstasy. No wonder they wanted to stay in that moment forever. Peter exclaims: "Lord, it is good that we are here." Wanting to stay there, he suggests building three tents, one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah.

But a voice from heaven speaks, as at Jesus' baptism at the start of his public ministry: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

It is a gentle but firm correction for Peter! There was to be no staying there; rather there is a mission to accomplish. Listen to him! Jesus, his identity as Son of God now so clearly revealed to them, is destined to suffer and die. How Peter struggled to listen and to hear that the Messiah would suffer.

The Church always recounts this story of the transfiguration on the second Sunday of Lent. This year we hear Matthew's account. As for the disciples, the transfiguration reminds us of who Jesus really is. He is the Son of God, truly and fully divine. He is God with us. We are to remember this when he is tortured and crucified, all for our sake and for our salvation.

We too will have the occasional mountain-top experiences in our lives, those precious moments when we are our very best selves and life is blissful. However, just as surely, suffering and hardship will also come our way, as it did for Jesus. But the message that resounds through the gospels, and especially in the Easter liturgies, is that God works in and through suffering. Suffering is no aberration or obstacle on our journey to the fullness of life and to the glory that is promised to us. So it was for Jesus. His resurrection is not just as a moment of triumph "after" his suffering and quite separate from it, but a mystery born in and of his suffering. So too for us.

So let us live each day in faith, hope and love, with courage and trust that God does not desert us, but is truly and steadfastly with us, through hard times and good. As The Letter to Timothy reminds us today: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."

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Calling for any budding singers to be part of the Easter Choir.

Easter practices at 9.30am from the first Sunday in Lent. All welcome!!!

Enquiries: Michelle Kearney

### A special prayer initiative for the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate



Pope Francis will celebrate the 10th year of his pontificate on March 13, 2023.

To highlight this milestone anniversary in a "viral" manner, the Digital Synod has launched a special online map featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him. Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Mary's <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>.

The map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Mary's that are prayed for him will be sent to Pope Francis.