



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's  
Weekly notes Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Last Sunday after Trinity

<b>Today</b>	<b>4pm Baptism Service</b> at St Mary's
<b>Mon Oct 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Ss Simon and Jude</i>	<b>Noon Mass</b> (live streamed) at St Mary's
<b>Tues Oct 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feria (Week 30)</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> at St Faith's followed by refreshments
<b>Weds Oct 30<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feria (Week 30)</i>	<b>Noon Mass</b> at St Mary's (live streamed) followed by <b>Fellowship Lunch</b> and a talk on the forthcoming Light Installation. Bring own food
<b>Thurs Oct 31<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Feria (Week 30)</i>	<b>10.30am Mass</b> at St Faith's followed by refreshments
<b>Friday Nov 1<sup>st</sup></b> <i>All Saints Day</i>	<b>11am Coffee and Chat</b> at St Mary's <b>Noon Mass</b> (live streamed) at St Mary's
<b>Sat Nov 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>All Souls Day</i>	<b>NO Just Ask</b> at St Mary's <b>6pm Choral Requiem Mass</b> at St Mary's
<b>Sunday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>4th Sunday</i> <i>Before Advent</i>	<b>8am BCP Eucharist</b> at St Mary's <b>9.30am Mass and Hymns</b> at St Faith's <b>10am Sung Mass</b> at St Mary's <b>4.30pm Service for those bereaved</b> <b>in past year</b> at St Mary's

*Please note we often take photographs at our services and events that may.*

*appear on social media – please let us know if this causes you any problems.*

*If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see included on these notices, please let us know.*

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**Chalice** **Today** communion will be administered at St Mary's using the Chalice at the Dais (centre). Those who wish to receive by intinction will be able to do so by the Lady Chapel Altar (near the Pulpit). St Faith's will be intinction Please see note for St Mary's on reverse of this sheet. For process from next week.

**Panto Time** Yes, it is that time of year again – we had a good gathering last Sunday and over 25 people hoping to be involved. If you have not yet **put your name forward and would like to be involved, then please contact Fr Bob asap!**

**St Mary's Shop** If you would like to help with **managing and opening the shop**, following the conversation last week we will be making plans and establishing a rota. please contact Fr Bob.

**Autumn Fair** Thanks you to all those who helped and supported the Fair yesterday – the total raised will be announced at Church

**Fellowship** On **Wednesday after the Noon Mass** come and meet the artists who are producing a new light installation based on St Mary's Church – Henrich and Palmer – this will be premiered on Nov 21<sup>st</sup> and be on display for a week.

**All Souls** Saturday is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) when each year we remember and pray by name for those we have loved who have died. There will be 3

opportunities to come and pray for those you love – and  
**there is a list for each service in the Church to sign :**  
**9.30am Tues Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at St Faith's; Noon Weds Nov**  
**6<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's and**  
**Sat Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm at St Mary's** at which the choir will sing  
**Faure's Requiem.**

**Service for the Bereaved – Next Sunday 4.30pm** at St Mary's –  
if you would like to help us in welcoming and providing  
Tea/Coffee for those who attend please let us know

**PCC Standing Committee** to remind members we meet on Monday  
4<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm at St Mary's

**New Electric Doors** – delighted to announce that we now have electric  
opening doors from the NW Porch. This enables full access for those in  
wheelchairs etc. Please follow instructions and treat gently!

### **St Mary's Church additional notes**

#### **PCC discussion on Communion**

As you may know the PCC has regularly been reviewing the situation about  
how we receive and administer Communion in the Parish.

We moved to administering by Intinction (the bread dipped in the wine by  
the Priest) for everyone as we emerged from COVID restrictions. As time  
moved on, we relaxed the situation on the Sunday 10am service by offering  
members of the congregation a choice to receive by Intinction or by  
receiving in both kinds (the bread and drinking from the Chalice).

For some time the PCC has been unable to decide when we should return  
to our 'normal' practices. At the meeting last week the PCC discussed  
again and have decided to now cease Intinction at St Mary's – St Faith's will  
have a further discussion about their practice.

The reasons for doing this were based on long held understanding (prior to  
COVID) that the risk of transmission of any illness via a shared cup was  
very small as it was gilt metal and alcohol. This is helped by the Chalice not  
being constantly wiped by those administering as this was wiping off and  
then wiping on again ....

This had been the situation for at least 100 years or more. The even older  
tradition was for the congregation to receive in 'one kind' – the bread –  
and for the Priest to be the only person to drink from the cup.  
Interestingly to symbolise and remind people that to receive 'one kind' was  
to receive the whole a small fragment of the Priest's wafer would be placed  
in the chalice before communion.

The 'co-mingling' (as it was termed) was to show that it was the presence  
of Christ in the sacrament that was central, rather than whether we  
received, bread, wine or both.

This understanding is important as we move forward for what we should  
focus on is receiving and being blessed by the presence of Christ, not the  
detail of how and what we receive.

This is something we have also stressed as we stream services, inviting all –  
whether in Church physically – or online spiritually to be aware of that  
presence of Christ within us and strengthening us.

So **from Sunday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>** – the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent- as we begin  
what is known as the 'Kingdom Season' **we will revert to our**  
**pre-COVID process.**

**Everyone is invited to come forward to receive the presence of**  
**Christ.**

**You can choose to simply receive the host (the bread) and move**  
**on back to your seat or you can receive the host and then move**  
**to drink from the Chalice.**

The one thing that is discouraged is individuals dipping the host into the Chalice. Intinction will cease to be part of our administering of communion.

We hope this will mean that everyone will simply come to the Dais – and for visitors there will cease to be a confusion about where they should be going.

As now if you wish to receive just a blessing simply come with your head bowed, if you wish to receive communion at your seats then please stand towards the end of communion and the Priest will come to you.

**Midweek services and the Sunday 8am we will invite people to stand around the Dais and after having received the host wither stay there to receive the chalice – or return to your seats if you wish to only receive in one kind.**

If you have any questions or concerns about any of this then please do talk to a member of the Ministry team.

As you have all done over the journey of the last 4 years, we hope you will support one another and help us as we get used to the this 'new' (or 'old') system.