



**Week 4: Sharing in Service**

*To go the way of Jesus Christ is to go the way of radical service. There is no meaningful account of Christian faith that excludes love of God and neighbour revealed in practical acts of sacrifice and self-giving.*

**Bible reading: I Corinthians 12.1-11**

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;  
and there are varieties of activities,  
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.  
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

*The Holy Spirit has gifted every Christian purposefully ... Any gifts I might see in myself are not for me alone – they're for the good of the whole community. I have a responsibility to use my gifts to serve the Church, to bless others.' (p. 62)*

**Questions for discussion**

- ü This week's reflections encouraged us to develop a habit of serving others, especially those who have little to offer in return. What might be getting in the way of us doing this, as individuals and as a community?
- ü Who in your life or group serves in a way that is 'unseen'?
- ü Do you ever find yourself wishing you had someone else's 'gift'?
- ü How does today's reading encourage you to commit to your own way of serving?

**Closing prayer**

Holy God, you do not call us to be the same,  
but to be one.

We thank you for the unique gifts you have given us  
and pray that we may use them to serve you in one another,  
and love as you love us.

Amen.



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's

Notices for 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> NO Noon Mass** at St Mary's  
*Lent (Week 4)*

**Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Mass** at St Faith's  
*S Patrick* followed by refreshments and **Lent reflection**  
**6pm Social Justice Group** at St Faith's

**Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> Noon Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
*Lent (Week 4)* Followed by **Fellowship Lunch and Lent reflection**

**Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Mass** at St Faith's  
*S Joseph* followed by refreshments

**Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> 10am Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
*Lent (Week 4)* **10.30am** by Coffee and Chat  
*S Cuthbert* **4pm Find my Voice Celebration** at St Mary's

**Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> 9am Draw Near Breakfast** at St Mary's  
*Lent (Week 4)* **10am Just Ask** at St Mary's *come and*

'just

*enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply*

*ask' something of the clergy.*

**Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 8am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's  
*Lent 5* **10am Mass and hymns** at St Faith's  
*Passion Sunday* **10am Sung Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
**4pm Music & Readings for Passiontide**  
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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**Maundy Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – It is our tradition to 'wash' 12 people's feet at the evening service – as Jesus washed his disciples feet at the Last Supper. Then after the service we will respond to his call to watch and pray – at St Faith's till 8pm and at St Mary's till Midnight. **Please can you sign list in church to either have a foot 'washed' or to cover a time of prayer.**

**Easter Flowers** to help us celebrate the light and joy of the risen Christ we will decorate the church with Lillies and flowers. **If you would like to donate in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for something then please fill in form available at Church** – or pay by BACS – reference 'flowers'

**Easter Eggs** as in previous years we are inviting you to donate **Easter Eggs to share with families supported by the Roberts Centre.** Please can you bring them in by Palm Sunday

**Saturday 9am A light breakfast** and reflection on 'Draw Near' please let Fr Bob know in advance if you intend to come along.

**Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm PCC Meets** at St Mary's

**Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 10am – Messy Holy Week** at St Mary's – craft and activities for young families ending with a lunch. Can you come and help us welcome those who are coming? If so please let Fr Bob know

**Palm Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>** We will start our keeping of Holy week with a **procession from St Faith's to St Mary's at 9.30am**  
**Full details of Holy week services will follow,**

**Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> At end of 10am service a blessing of the wedding of Brian and Thabi** at St Mary's. You are all invited to join them for a drink and cake in the Church after the service.

**Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> The May Fayre** – **raffle tickets** are now available for you to take and sell. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize donated by Barrells - £100!

**Help please ...**

Can you help on the **Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> in the morning** to help us prepare and set up the site etc  
**Can you help on the Sunday** with any final prep  
**from 2pm**

**Can you help on the day** – we need an Army of 100 people to manage the event and maximise the collection of donations etc **What time between 8 am and 5pm can you offer?**

**Please fill in the form asap and hand in**

**Items** – do you have things we can sell on the day ...  
Bric a Brac, books, plants toys etc –  
and can you make some **cakes** for the day?

**Thank you for all your support** if we all do a little it will help! – **please put the date in your diary!**

### **Volunteers Needed for Our HAF Family Fun Days!** 🌻

**HAF – Holiday Activity and Food** \_ supported by **Council**

We're delighted to be hosting **HAF Family Fun Days** on **30th and 31st March** at St Mary's and we would love some extra helping hands!

The event runs from **10am to 2pm**, and we're looking for volunteers to arrive from **9am** to help us get everything set up.

We'd be grateful for support with:

- **Setting up**, including putting up gazebos
- **Cooking and preparing a hot meal** for families
- **Running activities** and helping children and parents enjoy the day
- **Tidying up** at the end of the event

If you're able to help on either day—or both!—please let us know.

Your time and kindness will make a big difference and help create two wonderful days of fun and fellowship for our families. Thank you so much!