



Week 1: Sharing in Prayer

There was something so compelling about the prayer-life of Jesus that his first disciples asked: 'Lord, teach us to pray'.

This week we will explore different aspects of the prayer-life of Jesus as described in Luke's gospel.

Bible reading: Luke 11.9-13

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

In the same way that Jesus told us to ask God for the daily provision we need, he would have done the same for himself. God's life-giving Spirit it is not in short supply, and will help. So ask. We can confidently do this, for God not only welcomes our supplications, he gladly and joyfully welcomes us.' **Matthew Porter**

Questions for the week

Do you pray using your own words? Or do you prefer to follow a prayer book, or the Psalms? Or do you pray without using words at all?

How 'real' are you in prayer? Do you feel you have to be polite with God, or do you feel free to express anger, disappointment, or frustration?

How much of your prayer time is spent listening?

What is the biggest obstacle to your prayer life right now?

Is there a 'door' you have stopped knocking on because you feel it has been closed for too long? What would it look like to start knocking again?

Closing prayer

Father, thank you for the promise that when we knock, the door will be opened for us. Grant us courage to keep asking and knocking. Amen.



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's
Notices for 22nd February 2026
1st Sunday in Lent

Today

2.30pm Panto Players meet at St Faith's

Monday Feb 23rd
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Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
7.30pm Deanery Synod at All Saints

Tuesday Feb 24th
Lent (Week 1)

9.30am Mass at St Faith's
followed by refreshments and **Lent reflection**

Wednesday Feb 25th
Lent (Week 1)

Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
Followed by **Fellowship Lunch and Lent reflection**

Thursday Feb 26th
Lent (Week 1)

10.30am Mass at St Faith's
followed by refreshments

Friday Feb 27th
Lent (Week 1)

10am Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
10.30am by Coffee and Chat
6pm Panto Dress Rehearsal at St Faith's

Saturday Feb 28th **10am Just Ask** at St Mary's *come and Lent (Week 1) enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply 'just ask' something of the clergy.*
2.30pm & 7pm Parish Panto at St Faith's

Palm Sunday March 29th 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 12th **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 4th **The May Fayre –**
raffle tickets are now available for you to take and
sell. 1st Prize donated by Barrells - £100!
We will soon be asking for your help on the day –
please put the date in your diary!

**Parish Retreat Friday May 29th – Sunday 31st May – Hilfield
Friary Dorset**

Join us for our parish retreat in the stunning setting of Hilfield Friary in
Dorset, at the most beautiful time of the year.

We will be taking over Bernard House and Juniper House, sharing food,
periods of reflection, the opportunity to join with the Brothers in their
daily prayers, and free time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and rest,
read, walk, pray.

There are 16 spaces available. Further details to follow.

Costing not finalised yet, but we don't want lack of funds to be a barrier to
anyone.

Please contact Rev Wendy May if you would like to reserve a place:

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