



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

8th December 2024

**Lighting of the Advent Candle:**

O God, who sent John the Baptist to proclaim a baptism of repentance, let these two candles prepare the way for the Lord within us. Forgive our sins and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us ready to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you

forever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

**When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.**

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R**

**The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'**

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!**

**Indeed we were glad. R**

**Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.**

**Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R**

**They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:**

**they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R**

**Second reading: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

# Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke.

St Brendan's Coragulac

St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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**Moderator:** Lucy Darcy

**Leadership Team:** Pat O'Shea, Jill O'Dowd,  
Michelle Gorwell, Marg Allan, Bronwyn  
Hickman & Delia Melville

**Supervising Priest:** Fr Michael O'Toole

**School Principal:** Leanne Eastman

**Parish Sec:** Grace Monaco 52331464

**Child Safety Officer:** Leanne Eastman

St Brendan's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Sundays: Lay Led @ 9.30am 4<sup>th</sup>

Sundays Mass @ 5.00pm with Fr Michael

St Joseph's: Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month  
@ 10.30 am with Fr Kevin

**St Brendan's: 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Lay Led @9:30**

**Communion Minister :** M O'Shea

**Commentator:** M Finn

**Reader:** A McCarthy

**Leaders:** A Ruddell & L McGuane

**St Joseph's:-**

**ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES**

**St Brendan's: Dec: A McCarthy**

**St Joseph's: Dec: D Melville**

**Counters: 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: J Miller**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES: Nell Matthews, Frank Finnigan,**

***We keep in our thoughts and prayers  
all those who seek healing and  
wellness. May they feel valued and  
supported especially... Kathleen  
O'Donnell, Helen McCormick,  
Kerryn Williams, Claire Ryan***

**Pope's Intention for December:**

*That Christians living in areas of war or  
conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be  
seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.*

**Upcoming Dates:**

**12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** St Brendan's Graduation Liturgy & Carols  
@ 5.00pm in the church. **ALL WELCOME**

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Vigil @ 8pm with Fr Kevin

**Congratulations to Leanne Eastman, Mick  
Mahoney and Jack Lenaghan for winning  
the Excellence in Principal Leadership:  
Faith & Mission in a Victorian Catholic  
Primary School for 2025. The Principal  
Awards ceremony is a testament to the  
hard work and dedication of our  
Principals, teachers, community and staff.  
Well done Principals and teachers.**

**High Court Judgement**

*Dear People of the Diocese,*

*You may have seen media coverage following a recent  
judgement of the High Court of Australia that involved  
the Diocese of Ballarat. This judgement has prompted  
renewed discussion about liability. I appreciate people's  
concern for those who have suffered abuse and people's  
questions about organisations accepting responsibility. I  
offer the following notes in response to people's concern  
and questions.*

*In cases where there is evidence that the Diocese of  
Ballarat has been negligent in the duty of safeguarding  
children, the Diocese accepts liability and provides  
compensation to victims.*

*In the case considered by the High Court, Victorian courts  
had found that the Diocese of Ballarat was not negligent  
but still held that the Diocese was liable – vicariously. The  
High Court set aside this decision of the Victorian courts.  
I would like to make it clear that the Diocese of Ballarat  
will continue to accept liability and provide compensation  
in cases where there is evidence that the Diocese has  
been negligent in safeguarding. In addition, the Diocese  
will continue to provide compensation through the  
Federal Government's Redress Scheme and through the  
state-wide Church process called Pathways Victoria. As  
well as providing compensation in these ways, the  
Diocese will continue to provide assistance to those who  
have suffered abuse by funding counselling and other  
pastoral help.*

*God bless you all. Bishop Paul*

### ***Ballarat Committee for the World Day of Prayer AGM***

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement held annually on the first Friday in March. It is held to welcome people everywhere to gather together, joining in prayer, and seeking action for peace and justice. Through placing a spotlight on varying countries and cultures each year, our understanding increases, enriching our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression. This year, the Annual General Meeting of the Ballarat Committee for the World Day of Prayer is to be held Tuesday, December 3 at 2.00pm in the Vestry of the Skipton Street Uniting Church, 525 Skipton Street (Corner of Skipton and Darling Streets) Redan. An invitation is extended to representatives from your congregation and any other members of your church to this meeting. Anyone unable to attend who would like to receive communications regarding the World Day of Prayer Services may submit their apology via email to [lozza63@hotmail.com](mailto:lozza63@hotmail.com). Each church is invited to contribute a \$20 annual subscription for 2025. These funds go towards the work of the World Day of Prayer. This may be paid at the meeting.

***Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal*** Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

### ***Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!***

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice, you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)

### ***Calling for nominations to join a DOBCEL Consultative Committee***



The Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL) is a company limited by guarantee, created to govern 57 schools across the Diocese. DOBCEL, alongside its operational arm, Catholic Education Ballarat (CEB), work together to support the leadership of all Catholic Primary and Secondary schools. The DOBCEL Board of Directors is currently seeking applications from individuals interested in joining one of six Consultative Committees: Catholic Faith Community & Culture; Children & Young People Safeguarding & Wellbeing; Family & Community Engagement; Learning & Teaching; Assurance & Risk; Finance. As a committee member you will have the opportunity to: Provide oversight and advice to the Board; Collaborate with diverse stakeholders; Enhance your professional skills ; Shape educational outcomes. Committees typically meet once per term (in-person or virtually) for 90-120 minutes. Click or scan the QR code for more information, including the Terms of Reference for each Committee and information on how to apply. Applications close January 19, 2025. For more information email [execassistant@dobcel.catholic.edu.au](mailto:execassistant@dobcel.catholic.edu.au)

