

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

"I hear the whisperings of many:

'Terror on every side

Denounce! let us denounce him!"

All those who were my friends

are on the watch for any misstep of mine.

'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail,
and take our vengeance on him.'

But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion:
my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.

In their failure they will be put to utter shame,
to lasting, unforgettable confusion.

O LORD of hosts, you who test the just,
who probe mind and heart,

let me witness the vengeance you take on them,
for to you I have entrusted my cause.

Sing to the LORD,

praise the LORD,

for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!"

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

For your sake I bear insult,
and shame covers my face.

I have become an outcast to my brothers,
a stranger to my mother's children,

Because zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall
upon me.

R.

I pray to you, O LORD,

for the time of your favour, O God!

In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.

Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your
kindness;

in your great mercy turn toward me.

R.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad;

you who seek God, may your hearts revive!

For the LORD hears the poor,

and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.

Let the heavens and the earth praise him,

the seas and whatever moves in them!"

R.

Second reading: Rom 5:12-15

Brothers and sisters: Through one man, sin entered the world, and through sin, death and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned— for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern

of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord;
and you also will testify.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,
nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but
cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can
destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?

Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your
Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are
counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than
many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before
others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.
But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before
my heavenly Father."

Rumour and tradition tells us that the phrase *do not be afraid* appears in the bible 365 times! That's one for every day of the year. Whether or not it actually does appear this many times in the bible, it still offers us hope, strength and courage when we are in doubt or struggling in any way. When Mary was called and chosen to be the mother of Jesus, we are told that she was *deeply disturbed and wondered the words and message meant*. Immediately she was encouraged with the words, '*Mary, do not be afraid*'. When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant he was going to divorce her informally. But in a dream he had, he too heard these words, '*Joseph, do not be afraid*'. In each experience God called Mary and Joseph by their names and asked them to take on what seemed like and God who called them would also strengthen, support and encourage them. They would never be alone. Fear is part of life and part of each of our own daily lives. We are afraid of many things; failure, death, violence, the rise of terrorism and religious intolerance in our world and in our country. Donald Trump talks of building a wall. This is the language of separation, segregation and exclusion. It is neither the message nor the values of the gospel. Like Mary and Joseph each of us is called by name by God. We are called to be examples and witnesses of Jesus in our world today. In the gospel, Jesus asks us to declare ourselves for him in the presence of others. At times this can be difficult and challenging. The values of the gospel are often and generally not the values of the world. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we behave, we are to be the real and credible witnesses to Jesus and his gospel. We won't be left on our own, Jesus will be with us. As Mary and Joseph were called and encouraged, so too will we with the words, '*do not be afraid*'. Let us not be afraid of what is being asked of us. Let us not be paralysed by our fear. Instead, let the words of Pope Francis encourage us, '*go out again and again, without fear and proclaim the good news which is for all people*'.

12th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

25th June 2023

*Welcome to the
Parish of Cororooke...*

St Brendan's Coragulac
St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/
5pm 4th Sunday
St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /
Mass 1st Sunday

St Brendan's: 2nd July- Lay led@9:30

Communion Minister: M Gorwell

Commentator: B Allatt

Reader: L Darcy

Lay Leaders: A McCarthy/M McCarthy

St Joseph's:- 2nd July -MASS

Family: Sherman

Communion Minister:

Lay Leader:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: JULY: L McGuane

St Joseph's: JULY: Mulheron

Counters: June/July 25-2: L Darcy

RECENTLY DECEASED: Geraldine Finn,
Dawn Ritchie

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Theresa Flynn,
Rosie McCarthy, Frances Monarco, Kevin Gleeson,
Frank Barrow, Maggie McMahan, Sue Hickey.

*We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who
seek healing and wellness. May they
feel valued and supported especially...*

*Leah Spokes, Goldie Elsum, Leo Embrey, Kathleen
O'Donnell, Lynda Newcombe*

Pope's intention for June – The abolition of torture-
the international community may commit in a
concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture
and guarantee support to victims and their
families. Lord, hear us.

Knights of the Southern Cross

The Knights will be celebrating their centenary
this year at 11am Mass, St Mary's Colac on
Sunday 2nd July. There will be a display or
memorabilia in the gathering space. Lunch at
the East Hotel will follow at 1pm. Anyone
wanting to join us for lunch will be most
welcome. Please contact Bill van Engelen
0437062981 for catering purposes.

ADVANCE NOTICE: There will be a
celebration for the Good Samaritan Centre,
celebrating 100 years. 11am Mass on the
8th OCT. A light lunch to be provide
afterwards and self- guided tours through
the centre will be allowed. Further details to
come.

St Brendan's Book Club: The new book is
"The Bookbinder of Jericho' by Pip
Williams.

Colac Library will have copies.

***Annual Collection for the Pope: June 24-25 or
July 1-2, 2023***

The annual collection for the Holy Father is taken up
throughout the world on the weekend near the Feast
of Ss Peter & Paul (June 29).



Common Prayer for the 8th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Loving God,

*Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your own image and made us stewards
of all your creation.*

*You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so
that all might be nourished.*

*Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may
attend to your gift of creation.*

*Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs
not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to all
future generations, and that it is our responsibility to
preserve it.*

*May we help each person secure the food and resources
that they need.*

*Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left
behind.*

*Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope
and fraternity so that we may experience a true
conversion of heart.*

*Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the
consequences of this global pandemic.*

*Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are
needed in search of the common good.*

*Now more than ever may we feel that we are all
interconnected and interdependent.*

*Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth and
the cry of the poor.*

*May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more
fraternal and sustainable world.*

*Under the loving gaze of Mary, Help of Christians, we
make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)

- **Mary of the Cross Exhibition:** The Mary of the Cross Exhibition will be held April - June 2023, Monday – Friday from 10.00am – 4.00pm. The Heritage Centre is proud to present a new exhibition in the Temporary Gallery that explores the significance of the Cross in Mary's life. Visitors will be able to view objects from the museum's collection of Josephite emblems and crosses, while activity sheets will be available for young people to enjoy.
- **Accommodation @MMHC:** When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre - accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies

are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: October 17-28, 2023

This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. Register

at <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>