

Acknowledgement of Country



At St. Brendan's we pay our respects to the traditional owners of the land, the Gulidjan people and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We will respect the land, animals and waterways, from the roots of the earth to the tops of the trees. Through the example of our first Australians, we understand that if we look after the country, then the country will look after us.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:
Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it;
greatly have you enriched it.
God's watercourses are filled;
you have prepared the grain. **R.**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,
breaking up its clods,
Softening it with showers,
blessing its yield. **R.**

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;
The untilled meadows overflow with it,
and rejoicing clothes the hills. **R.**

The fields are garmented with flocks
and the valleys blanketed with grain.
They shout and sing for joy. **R.**

Second reading: Rom 8:18-23 Brothers and sisters:
I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labour pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will have life forever.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.

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.

Fr Kevin will be taking his annual holiday in August, and has offered to say Mass at St Joseph's on the 30th July, instead of the 5/08. We are very grateful to Father for making time for us in this way!

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th July 2023

Welcome to the
Parish of Cororooke...

St Brendan's Coragulac
St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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Moderator: Maureen Finn 0428329231
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Hickman & Delia Melville
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School Principal: Leanne Eastman
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Child Safety Officer: Leanne Eastman
**St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/
5pm 4th Sunday**
**St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /
Mass 1st Sunday**

St Brendan's: 23rd July- MASS@5PM

Communion Minister:
Commentator: M Finn
Reader: M Gorwell
Lay Leaders:

St Joseph's:--23rd July: NO SERVICE

Family:
Communion Minister:
Lay Leaders:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: JULY: L McGuane
St Joseph's: JULY: Mulheron

Counters: July 9th- 16th: J Miller

RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES: Doreen Johnston, Myles
Turner, Betty McNamara, Alma Barrow, Joan
Parker, Kathleen McKay, Daniel, Mary & Margaret
McGuane, Tom Delaney**

***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 Newcomb, Peter Higgs, Les Lenehan***

**Pope's intention for July – For a Eucharistic
Life: We pray that Catholics may place the
celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their
lives, transforming human relationships in a very
deep way and be opening to the encounter with
God and all their brothers and sisters**

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

Reflection: As parish communities, what
are we doing to cultivate the seeds that have
been entrusted to us? Do we provide ample,
rich soil for seeds to grow, or do we choke the
seedlings by creating a culture that is not
conducive— even detrimental—to healthy
flourishing? Do we create rocky ground by
quantifying grace and weaponising
sacraments? Do we perpetuate thorns by
crafting divisions and distinctions that are not
of God? Do we leave people vulnerable to
isolation and fear, insisting that we know best
instead of listening and accompanying? We
cannot lament that people are not coming to
our parishes if we refuse to be places of
nourishment and support. But if we want safe
spaces, we must be willing to create those
spaces ourselves. Following the example of
Christ, we must lower ourselves, choosing
vulnerability over power, humility over
prestige, and weakness over strength. We
must be willing to make room in our hearts
and minds for other voices, even when they
challenge what we find comfortable. We must
be willing to work for peace and justice, even
when it is not convenient. We must be willing
not only to advocate for, but to stand in
solidarity with the immigrant and refugee, the
person who lives without a home, and the
person who lives with anxiety and depression.
We must combat the evils of abuse, in all
forms. In doing so, we cultivate an
environment where seeds can grow, where
people can thrive.

But we do not do this on our own. While we must work to
cultivate the ground, the psalmist reminds us that it is God who
waters the lands and breaks up the clods. It is God who crowns
the year with bounty and harvest. Everything we do is a
response to God's invitation. May we respond to this invitation
with renewed zeal, remembering that we cannot expect our
parishes to grow (or even survive) if we are unwilling to accept
God's invitation to collaborate in the vineyard.

The Good Oil 2023 Writers' Award

Entries are invited for The Good Oil 2023 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. The theme for this year's award is "Finding My Voice". Entry is free and open to both emerging and published writers. For more information go to <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/the-good-oil-2023-writers-award-finding-my-voice>

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.*

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC) Open Day
MMHC are holding an open day on Saturday July 29,
2023 from 10am-4pm. Hourly tours from 10am. More

information and bookings
at: <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-house-melbourne-at-mmhc/>

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/nswwinterwarmthappe> 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/>