

## 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: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

##### **R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life!

## Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023*

*Welcome to the Parish  
of Cororooke...*

St Brendan's Coragulac

St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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**Moderator:** Maureen Finn 0428329231

**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:** Gracesyn Perrett 52331464 **Child**

**Safety Officer:** Leanne Eastman

**St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /  
Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

**St Brendan's: 26<sup>th</sup> Nov Mass @ 5.00**

**Communion Minister:**

**Commentator: M Finn**

**Reader: M Gorwell**

**St Joseph's: 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – No service**

**ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES**

***St Brendan's: NOV: Ann & Liz***

***St Joseph's: NOV: McGuane***

**Counters: 19-26th Nov: N McKay**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**Kathleen Serrurier (Grist)**

**ANNIVERSARIES: Loretto Russell, Leo Boylan,  
Annette McGuane, Tom Russell, Teresa Parker,  
Bridget Page, Vera Brown, Sr Bernadette Nichols,  
Margaret Finlay, Marie Goonan, Mannix Russell**

***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,  
Kathleen O'Donnell, Lynda Newcomb.***

**Dates to Remember...**

**21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Visitation to Colac Cemetery**

**approx. 5.45pm**

**29<sup>th</sup> Nov: PLT Meeting 5.15pm in hall followed by  
dinner @6pm at the Ti Tree**

**Pope's intention for November – For the Pope:** We pray for the Holy Father. As he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat -  
Significant Catholic Person/People from your Parish**

In preparation for the Ballarat Diocese's 150 year Anniversary in 2024, the anniversary committee for the Mass of the Oils are searching for 1 or 2 significant Catholics from your parish for a display to be presented in the Hall after the Mass of the Oils on Monday, March 25, 2024. This could be a well-known person who has achieved success in their chosen field or it could be someone who has left a legacy in your parish, as a benefactor, contributor or historian. Please contact PLT member with ideas.

**Visitation: To Colac Cemetery: Tuesday 21st November  
(After 5pm Mass-Approx. 5.45pm common Prayers &  
Visitation to Family Graves).**

**Vicar General: Bishop Paul announced in October that due to health concerns Fr Kevin Maloney will be concluding his responsibilities as Vicar General. Fr Marcello Colasante will take up the position on November 20th. Fr Marcello will continue as Parish Priest of Ballarat North and Wendouree.**

**Christmas Cribs: Now to be hosted by Rev. Susan in the Uniting Church, Hesse St Colac. Monday 27th November to Sunday 3rd December. 200 Christmas Nativity Scenes for 60 Countries: Contact Rev. Susan: 0438452445**

**Thank-you. Les Lenehan**

Our family wish to thank-you for your love and support, which has been a great comfort to us, at this time of Les' death. The tributes paid to Les have been valued by our family. Your continued care of Keith is appreciated by us. He loves your visits. Thank you all so much.

**St Brendan's Mission Day:**

Thank you so much for your generous support of the school's Mission Day. Just over \$2000 was raised and will go towards the community in Timor Leste for Medical resources.



*Laudato Si'*



"The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change." LS #13

*reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose*

### **2023 Season of Creation Prayer**

*Creator of All, from your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being. On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation. You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life. We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth. Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation.*

*Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation. Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us and all creation. Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### **Making a Scene at Christmas**

Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat and at the Catholic Diocesan Archives from Tuesday, December 5 – Friday, December 22, 2023. You can see and smell real frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America and Europe (and one that went to Antarctica); nativities that prize social justice and the environment. Schools can book for an educational experience. For more information on the Ballarat Bridge Mall display, please contact Fiona Tonkin [Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au). Every one welcome. Entry is a gold coin donation.

### **Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal**



An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health and psychosocial needs. "This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict." Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, there will be aid to help partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal -



scan or click the QR code.

### **An Urgent Prayer for Peace**

*God of compassion, we turn to you with heavy hearts as we consider the needs of your family.*

*Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, each of us loved by You and called to live in peace and justice.*

*We lament the dreadful loss of life, destruction of property and loss of human dignity. We are pained, by so much suffering. We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place. Help your people find a way forward.*

*Enable everyone to look each other in the eye, and embrace each other as sisters and brothers, as they find your image in every face.*

*We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser and more gentle future, where everyone has a home.*

*God of wisdom, come to our aid. Amen.*



***Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne “Proclaim23” - November 16-18, 2023***

Across three days, the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne will become a vibrant sojourn for all Catholics. Be inspired and formed for the task to share the Good News in your own local communities, whether it is your parish, school or organisation. There will be inspiring keynote speakers, moments to encounter Christ in prayer, worship and fellowship, practical workshops to be equipped for mission and time to connect with like-minded disciples who want something more for their communities. Proclaim is an initiative of Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and inspired by Take the Way of the Gospel. Scan or click the QR code for details regarding the program, workshops and keynote speakers.

***“Shining a Light” Evaluation Report Launch***



The “Shining A Light” program included a series of workshops held across the Diocese of Sale designed to assist the Catholic community to respond to and prevent domestic violence. CSSV, along with the Diocese of Sale, will launch the ‘Shining A Light – Workshops about domestic violence’ Evaluation Report on Friday, November 17, 2023 at the Teaching Centre, Sion House, 6 Witton Street, Warragul from 2.00pm - 3.00pm. Diocese of Sale Bishop Greg Bennet will be launching this report alongside the Victorian Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence, Ms Vicki Ward. To assist with planning, please register your attendance via the QR code by 12.00noon on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.