

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: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven.

'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Second reading: Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

PROJECT COMPASSION: 2024

You can help people like Ronita to find work and create a better future for herself and her loved ones by making a donation through Project Compassion. Boxes and envelopes, Visiting Caritas.org.au/project-compassion or Ph 1800024413

MASS OF THE OILS – BALLARAT- BUS

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat St Brendan's are running a bus to Ballarat for the Mass of the Oils. It will leave St Brendan's car park at 9.15am and will be back at 3.20pm

If you are interested, please contact Liz 0427041072

Second Sunday of Lent
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 4th Sunday**
**St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /
Mass 1st Sunday**

St Brendan's: Lay Led @ 9.30 March 3rd

Communion Minister: J Robb

Commentator: M Finn

Reader: P O'Shea

Lay Leaders: M O'Shea & C Finlay

St Joseph's: - Mass @ 10.30 Mass

Family: Manson/Everett

Communion Minister:

Lay Leaders:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: March - B Newcombe & J Robb

St Joseph's: March - Bronwyn

Counters: 25th Feb - 3rd March: J Finlay

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jack Hester

**ANNIVERSARIES: Ron (Pearly) McKay,
Gerard O'Donnell, Nelson Reynolds, Barbara
Mulraney, Jim Delorenzo**

***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, Helen McCormick,
Kerry Kervin**

*Pope's intention for February: - For the
terminally ill: Let us pray that the sick who are in
the final stages of life, and their families, receive the
necessary medical and human care and
accompaniment.*

Dates to Remember...

19th March: Reconciliation @ 6.00pm

25th March: Mass of the Oils Ballarat 11.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

We pray for Archie & Jerry Robb, Liam Wilson, Brennan,
Eden & Ivy Robb, Caleb & Jordy Price & Rebekah Chant
as they begin preparation for the Sacrament of
Reconciliation

'**The St Brendan's Family**' an opportunity to donate to a
fund to support any local families in need of financial support
in the education of their children.

There will be a box in the back of the church for donations.

***Book Club- Tuesday 12th March 7.30pm
In the hall. Lola in the Mirror***

**PRAYER FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DIOCESE OF BALLARAT**

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your
goodness we have received all the gifts we enjoy. As we
mark the 150th anniversary of our Diocese of Ballarat,
we give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us. We
recognise the communities who have lived on this land
from ancient times. We honour the Aboriginal peoples,
here for tens of thousands of years. We honour those
who came from overseas and settled here before our
diocese began. Yet our anniversary shines a special light
on our years as the Diocese of Ballarat, a community of
communities from the Murray to the sea. We
remember those who have gone before us, those who
laid the foundations of our parish and school
communities and our social services and health care.
We acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of our
history. We celebrate the achievements and we ask
pardon for the failures to live our Christian faith to the
full. All: May this anniversary year be a season of
renewal for our diocese. Inspired by the Gospel and
nourished in the Eucharist, may we follow the example
of Jesus and the guidance of your Holy Spirit. May we
reach out in humble service, welcoming all and caring
for all creation. May we grow in love day by day.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of
Perpetual Help. Pray for us. Saint Patrick. Pray for us.
Saint Mary MacKillop. Pray for us.

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. **Registrations are open now for the next Cycle for 2024 which begins March 4. This is a short Cycle run over 3 weeks.** There are 20 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Scan the QR code for more information or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.



There are still some places available for the Mission Inspired Leadership Program 2024. This four-part online program is open to organisational leaders, board members and expert practitioners and is designed to equip participants with the conceptual tools and approaches they need to deliver social impact and thrive sustainably for the common good. The program will be held over four sessions: March 21, April 18, May 23, June 20, 2024 from 4.00pm – 6.00pm. Cost of the program – CSSV Members: \$320, Non-members: \$400. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

OTHER NOTICES

CSSV Conference 2024 – February 21-23, 2024

Catholic Social Services Australia and Catholic Social Services Victoria are pleased to present the 2024 Catholic Social Services National Conference. This Conference aims to strengthen



and advance the shared work in Catholic social services as part of the social mission of the Church – connecting with colleagues across social services, health, parishes and education. It provides a moment to share expertise, and take pause to think and imagine our place within a broader mission. You might be a youth worker. An executive director. A volunteer. A pastoral associate. A graduate social worker. A retired Religious. A governance professional. A seasoned veteran of social justice. Whoever you are and what role you play – if you want to be inspired, challenged, and be part of values-driven sector committed to nothing less than positive social transformation – this conference is for you. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

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