

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:

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,

our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R.**

Second reading:

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Shake off all your sins – it is the Lord who speaks – and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.

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Gospel

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:

that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Fourth Sunday of Lent
10th March 2024
Welcome to the Parish
of Cororooke...

St Brendan's Coragulac
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Moderator: Maureen Finn 0428329231
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Hickman & Delia Melville
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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: Lay Led @ 9.30 March 17th
Communion Minister: A Ruddell
Commentator: M McCarthy
Reader: M Finn
Lay Leaders: B Allett/C Grist

St Joseph's: -Lay Led @ 10.30 17th March
Family: Hickman
Communion Minister: E Smith
Lay Leaders: M&J Melville

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

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

Counters: 10/17 Mar: L Darcy

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Herb Devine, Cameron Riches,
Dot Jennings, Russell Turner, Marita Barrow,
Terrance Willoughby, Ross Coulahan, Sr Florrie
Ryan, Anne Melville, Julie Finn.

***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 March: –for new martyrs: Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. Lord, hear us.

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*

PROJECT COMPASSION: 2024

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. You can donate through Project_Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Visit [Caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.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 25/03 at 9.15am and will be back at 3.20pm
If you are interested, please contact Liz 0427041072*

Dates to Remember: These are subject to change*

EASTER MASS TIMES:

Palm Sunday: Lay Led @ St Brendan's 9.30am
Lay Led @ St Joseph's 10.30am
Holy Thursday: Mass @ St Brendan's 7.00pm
Good Friday Ceremony: @ St Brendan's 2.30pm
Easter Vigil: Mass St Brendan's
Saturday 30 March @ 7.00pm

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.

CSSV Mission Inspired Leadership Program 2024



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.