

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-24

Responsorial Psalm

Response: (Sung) We remember how
you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you when you
come in your glory, Lord.

We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Second Reading: Exodus 14:15-31

Third Reading: Romans 6: 1-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia

This is the Good news the grave is empty,
Christ is risen... **Alleluia, Alleluia**



Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And suddenly there was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken by fear of him that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going ahead of you to Galilee; that is where you will see him." Look! I have told you.'

Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. And suddenly, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, clasping his feet, they did him homage.

Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; there they will see me.'

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat

Community
Remember Rejoice
Hope



Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer
Romans 12:12

Thank you to Fr Michael O'Toole and Fr Kevin Arundell for their Sacramental Ministry and friendship to our parishioners at St Brendan's and St Joseph's.

Special thanks to Fr Kevin for planning with us and officiating at our Easter ceremonies in 2024

Thank you to all who assist in the preparation and participated in our Easter ceremonies

Each year Francis Lenehan grew flowers to beautify St. Brendan's church: his special times were Christmas and Easter. Since the death of Francis, his family generously donate flowers in his memory. Thank you Keith.

We remember other members of the parish who contributed in many ways to the life of our parish communities. We give thanks to God for their generosity and pray that they will be blessed with the peace of Christ's love.

Important Notice..... St Joseph's Pirron Yallock...

After consultation with the parishioners of St Joseph's it has been decided that Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's on the first Sunday of the Month @ 10.30am (subject to Fr Kevin's availability). There will be no other services on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays and Mass is celebrated at St Brendan's on the 4th Sunday with Fr Michael. This will commence in April.

Fr Tim McCarthy's Rosary Beads....

Fr Tim McCarthy was the first Parish Priest of St Brendan's. His rosary beads are now on display on Our Lady's altar at the front of the church. These were a gift to the Lenehan family who have kindly donated them to the church for display.

Thank you to Dani Allan for the plaque to explain the history of the rosary beads.

Reconciliation:

Congratulations to Liam & Ruby Wilson,
Archie & Jerry Robb, Rebekah Chant,
Brennan, Eden & Ivy Robb & Caleb & Jordy Price
on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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

*Welcome to the
Communities of St. Brendan's and St. Joseph's,
Cororooke Parish.*

Easter

30th March 2024

Through Baptism, we share responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus. We are called to be a community who foster and support the gifts given to each by the Spirit. We are sent to make Christ visible in our world through the Eucharist, proclamation of the Word and service to all God's people.

Supervising Priest:

Maureen Finn.

Parish Leadership Team:

Fr Michael O'Toole Parish Moderator:

**Pat O'Shea, Delia Melville, Bronwyn Hickman, Leanne Eastman,
Jill O'Dowd, Michelle Carmody, Marg Allan**

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Parish Sec:

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Leanne Eastman

<u>ROSTER:</u> St Brendan's	St Joseph's
<i>Lay Led - St Brendan's @ 5.00pm</i>	<i>Mass – St Joseph's 10.30am</i>
<i>Commentator: M O'Shea</i>	<i>Family: P & P Mulheron</i>
<i>Communion Minister: J O'Dowd</i>	
<i>Readers: C Finlay</i>	
<u>Counters:</u> 7th-14 April A McCarthy	
<u>Altar & Sacristy Duties:</u> M Allan & D Allan	Community Clean

Recent deaths: Kerin Glennen

Anniversaries: John Paatsch, Mick Holland, Joan Mugavin, Ray Everett, Catherine Fleming, Dorothy Sexton, John Mahoney, Toby Hickey

Those seeking our prayers for health and wellbeing:  *Leah Spokes,
Goldy Elsum, Kathleen O'Donnell, Kerry Kervin, Helen McCormick,
Kerryn Williams* 

The Bishop's Easter Message 2024

An Easter with a Special Anniversary This Easter, our diocese will be marking a special anniversary. It was on March 30, 1874, that Pope Pius the Ninth issued a decree establishing the Diocese of Ballarat. So, when we gather for the Easter Vigil on March 30 this year, it will be 150 years to the day since our diocese began. The official description of a diocese focuses on the people who make up the diocesan community. The Code of Canon Law describes a diocese as “a portion of the people of God, which is entrusted to the care of a bishop” (Canon 369). So, when the number of people increases, there comes a time when a new bishop is appointed to care for that community. This is what happened in 1874 with the start of the Diocese of Ballarat. The population in the Colony of Victoria had grown so much that there were too many people for the Bishop of Melbourne to care for, so the Pope appointed two new bishops, one in Ballarat and one in Sandhurst (Bendigo), with responsibility to care for the communities of those regions. Pope Pius the Ninth wrote as “the successor of Saint Peter to whom the Eternal Pastor gave the care of his flock”. This is how he explained the setting up of the new dioceses. “Lest spiritual helps become lacking to the flock of believers, we are accustomed to increase the number of bishops for their assistance and convenience when we learn that the number of the flock has increased.

Since by now the size of the territory of the Church of Melbourne in the Australian Colony of Victoria and the number of the faithful living there are such that, in the opinion of the bishops of Australia and especially of the Bishop of Melbourne himself, it is too difficult for one bishop to exercise care for that part of the Lord's flock, it seems to us that for the spiritual good and convenience of the faithful we should erect two new dioceses in the aforesaid territory. Wherefore, after we have considered maturely all the circumstances of this matter, and after we have heard the advice of our beloved brothers in the Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith, we, by our apostolic authority and by the force of these letters, erect and constitute in the territory of the Church of Melbourne in the Australian Colony of Victoria two new dioceses, one in the city of Sandhurst and one in the city of Ballarat.” The Pope's decree described the boundaries of the new dioceses. The Diocese of Ballarat would include the western region of Victoria. “For the Diocese of Ballarat, we define as the boundaries the 144th degree of longitude as far as the sea and the Murray River, and that boundary which separates Victoria from the Diocese of Adelaide, or from the Colony of South Australia, in such a way that the same Murray River will be the northern boundary and the sea will be the southern boundary.” One hundred and fifty years later, we continue to echo the Pope's words in describing our diocese today. Our diocesan vision statement begins with the words, “We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea.”

The 150th anniversary will occur on March 30, which in 2024 happens to be Holy Saturday. This means that we will be able to mark the anniversary as we celebrate the Easter Vigil. Each time we light our tapers from the Easter candle, we give thanks that Jesus is risen and is with us as we gather in his name. When we celebrate the Easter Vigil this year, we might well remember that the risen Jesus has been with us as a diocesan community for the past 150 years. He has been with us through the joys and struggles of these years and he promises to remain with us always. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

MAY BLESSINGS OF THIS EASTER TIME
- PEACE, JOY, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS BE
SHOWED UPON EACH OF US AND ALL
FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH. MAY WE THEN SHARE GOD'S GIFTS
AND BE GOOD NEWS TO THOSE WE MEET.



