

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: Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm:

***Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.***

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ R

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. R

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. R

Second reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only, but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you
have seen me, says the Lord;
blessed are those who have not seen me,
but still believe!

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week,
the doors were closed in the room where the disciples
were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among
them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed
them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with
joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,
‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending
you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:
Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven; those whose sins you retain
they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was
not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said,
‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the
holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my
finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my
hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the
disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with
them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood
among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke
to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands.
Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer
but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’
Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the
disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These
are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the
Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may
have life through his name.

The Book Club new title to read is “River
of Dreams” By Anita Heiss. The meeting to
be held on 22 April at 6pm.

MERCY SUNDAY

7th April 2024

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 1st, 2nd 3rd & 5th

Sundays: Lay Led @ 9.00am

4th Sundays Mass @ 5.00pm

with Fr Michael

St Joseph's: Mass 1st Sunday of Month
@ 10.30 am with Fr Kevin

St Brendan's: 14th April Lay Led @ 9.00am

Communion Minister: J Miller

Commentator: K McKay

Reader: L Darcy

St Joseph's: -14th April- No Service

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: April- M Allan, D Allan

St Joseph's: April- Community Clean

Counters: 7/14th April: P O'Shea

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rodney Moore,

**ANNIVERSARIES: Br Kevin Tuck cfc,
Sr Patricia Vagg, Daniel Roache, Frank Page,
Pat Harney, Frank Demasi, Daniel Moore, Mary
Garner**

***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, Kerry Williams***

***Pope's intention for April –
for the role of women:***

*Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be
recognised in every culture and for an end to the
discrimination they face in various parts of the
world. Lord, hear us.*

Dates to Remember...

17th April: PLT meeting @5pm

EASTER THANKS....

**Thank you to all parishioners for the planning,
preparation and participation in our Easter
Ceremonies.**

**Special thanks to Fr. Kevin Arundell for his
leadership, guidance and generous service to us
all. Your presence is greatly valued.**

St Brendan's Family.....

**Thank you to everyone who generously donated
to our first St Brendan's Family Fund. The
money will be given to families in need to assist
with school costs.**

Congratulations...

**to Cassie & Paul Menzies on the birth of Leo
Remy. Another grandchild for Maureen to spoil!**

St Joseph's, Pirron Yallock

*We would like to acknowledge the
community of St Joseph's. For over 20
years they have celebrated Lay Led
liturgies 3 out of the 4 Sundays of the
month. The 1st Sunday of the month is
Mass with Fr Kevin. Weddings,
Baptisms, Sacraments, rosters, church
cleaning, Christmas and Easter
ceremonies all part of the ongoing life
of a parish. Their dedication and faith
has kept their parish community
welcoming and vibrant. From April
2024, St Joseph's will no longer hold
Lay Led's but are blessed to continue to
welcome Fr Kevin for Mass on 1st
Sundays - followed by a cuppa and
catch up.*

*Thanks go to whole community for
their commitment and especially to
Ros & Bernard, Bronwyn, Christopher,
Ann-Maree & Allan.*

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.

Evangelise+ Women's Leadership Series

The new Evangelise+, 'Women's Leadership' series is available

at <https://www.evangeliseplus.com.au/>. The series includes videos on the following five topics:

- Defining Leadership
- Women's Gifts
- Catholic Faith as Guide
- Attributes for Leadership
- Dealing with Challenges

There are still some places available for the 2024 Mission Inspired Leadership Program. 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. There will be one session per month from March to June 2024. Find out more at <https://css.org.au/mission-inspired-leadership-program-2023/>

St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria – Autumn 2024 Newsletter



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA

good works

The latest newsletter from the Victorian St Vincent de Paul Society highlights the importance of the support of Vinnies and how donations impact the work they are doing <https://www.vinnies.org.au/vic/publications/newsletters>

USA Bible Society's Free Trauma Healing Resources

The Trauma Healing institute in the USA, an arm of the Bible Society of America, offers free materials to help people who have lived through a traumatic situation. Items can be ordered online, with free shipping. There is also scripture and other resources available, also free of charge. To order go to <https://biblesocietyaus.typeform.com/to/bBhvnT>

Convocation Webinar Invitation: What we can hope for and expect from the Synod?

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform and Garratt Publishing present a webinar, "Synod on Synodality: What we can hope for and expect from the Synod?" on Thursday April 18, 2024 at 7.00pm AEST. Bishop Vincent Long, who held a Diocesan Synod in the Parramatta Diocese in 2023 and Dr Sandie Cornish, who attended the first Synod Assembly in October 2023 as an Expert Adviser and Facilitator and will return to Rome for the second Assembly in October this year, will share and explore their lived experience of a Diocesan Synod and a Universal Synod. For more information and to register go to [https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/w9tl9ey0a57xai/?ct=t\(allcatholics-ACCCR-18april-Convoc-3april2024\)&mc_cid=f57a6ca61e&mc_eid=986abfa3fb](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/w9tl9ey0a57xai/?ct=t(allcatholics-ACCCR-18april-Convoc-3april2024)&mc_cid=f57a6ca61e&mc_eid=986abfa3fb). The convocation will be recorded and made available the week following the event. You must be registered to receive the link to the video.

OTHER NOTICES

Made for Mission: Raising Leaders

How do you raise up an army of leaders that can unleash change in your parish? It might be one of the most daunting questions to ask in parish renewal. Divine Renovation, Alpha Australia and Holy Trinity Catholic Parish invite you to a transformative experience designed to inspire, connect and equip parish leaders with the insights and tools needed to ignite parish renewal, by diving into the crucial area of raising up leaders in your parish. This session will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 6.00pm – 9.00pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 62A Everingham Road, Altona Meadows. Register to attend at <https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-au/drausmadeformissionraisingleaders/572284/details>

Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to 'Go Make Disciples'

Get ready to ignite your passion and unlock your potential! Join us for the Divine Renovation Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to 'Go Make Disciples' event, where we will empower you to make a real difference in your parish. Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9.15am – 4.30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 496 Nepean Highway, Narre Warren. Register to attend at <https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-au/EquippingForMission/572688>