

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 of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and
hear me! R

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom
he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call
him. R.

What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. R.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. R

Second reading: 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,

is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on
the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened
on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at
the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus
himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace
be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they
thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why
are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising
in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is
I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost
has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And
as he said this he showed them his hands and feet.

Their joy was so great that they could not believe it,
and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them,
'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered
him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate
before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I
said, while I was still with you, that everything
written about me in the Law of Moses, in the
Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He
then opened their minds to understand the
scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it
is written that the Christ would suffer and on the
third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name,
repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be
preached to all the nations, beginning from
Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Third Sunday of Easter

14th 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

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School Principal: Leanne Eastman

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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: 21st April Lay-Led@9 am

Communion Minister: M Finn

Commentator: L Darcy

Reader: C Grist

Leaders: M O'Shea/C Finlay

St Joseph's: -21st April- No Service

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

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

St Joseph's: April- Community Clean

Counters: 21-28 April: A McCarthy

RECENTLY DECEASED: Veronica Quirk,
Jeanette Hodge.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mons Lex Johnson, Trish
Sproules, Sr Teresa Hyland sgs, Leo Delahunty,
Ann Williams.

***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, Kerryn Williams

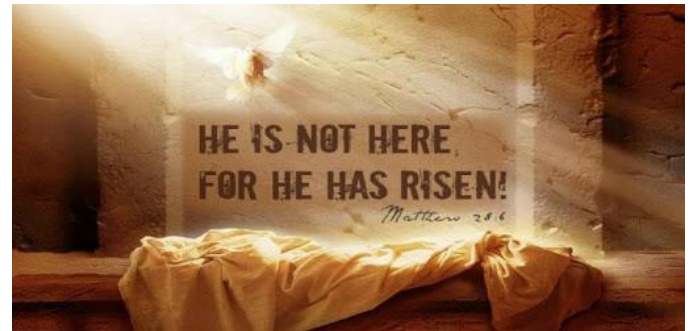
***Pope's intention for April –
for the role of women:***

*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

150th Anniversary of Ballarat Diocese
**The Bishop will be visiting on the 26th
May, more details to follow.**



The Book Club new title to read is
"River of Dreams" By Anita Heiss.
The meeting to be held on 22 April
at 6pm, in the school hall.

Gospel Reflection

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on the road of life. That is one of the elements in today's gospel that forms the conclusion to the Emmaus story.

When I was a student in Dublin researching Luke's depiction of women in the Acts of the Apostles, I would often take a detour on my way home to visit the National Gallery of Ireland. Velázquez' remarkable oil painting, Kitchen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus captured and held my attention. In this work, the viewer is confronted with a painting within a painting. The kitchen maid pauses from her tasks to listen, through the space between kitchen and dining area, to the conversation between Jesus and his table companions. Jesus' hosts have not yet recognised the companion they had encountered on the road from Jerusalem.

Velázquez seems to be suggesting that the young servant woman in the foreground, a woman from another place and another time, has sensed what they have yet to discover. Like Velázquez' servant woman, we might attend to this graced encounter, its prelude and its aftermath.

Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on the road from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his death has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes. He engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he opens to them the meaning of their sacred scriptures. They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus then disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that he is alive.

Cleopas and partner return immediately to Jerusalem to share the good news with the other disciples. All the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of Jesus in their midst. They share a meal with him. He opens their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything falls into place. They not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They now know that they will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery, and to preach forgiveness to all peoples "beginning from Jerusalem".

Luke will open his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, with the story of the risen One sending the disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. If we who re-member these events in every Eucharistic celebration allow our hearts to "burn" within us, we too may recognise the Risen One "on the road" and become his witnesses to the ends of the earth, engaging and even hosting the "strangers" we meet along the way. *Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*



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.

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/bBhmvT>

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE (2024): Europe Pilgrimage and Tour (Medjugorje, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland) from 12/09/2024-27/09/2024; Spiritual Director: Fr. Emmanuel-tv. Contact Us ASAP For Details: Mobile Number: 0438783641; 0417999553; 0473246029; 0420643949;

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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>