## **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.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Ez 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain: on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it. every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree. and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night. R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong. R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous,

although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

## Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia,

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will live forever.
Alleluia Alleluia

## Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds:

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said.

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



## <u>Welcome to the Parísh</u> <u>of Cororooke.</u>

St Brendan's Coragulac St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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**Moderator:** Lucy Darcy

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: Grace Monarco 52331464 Child Safety Officer: Leanne Eastman

St Brendan's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays: Lay Led @ 9.30am

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: 23rd June MASS @ 5PM

Communion Minister: Commentator: M Allan

Reader: M Finn

**Leaders:** 

### St Joseph's:-

### **ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES**

St Brendan's: JUNE: M O'Shea /K McKay

St Joseph's: JUNE: Mulheron

Counters: 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June: J Miller

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Michael McGannon

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Foster, Clarice Walters, Tom, Jack and Peter Foster, Sr Helen Lombard, Mary Keely, Denise Moore, Theresa Napthine, Geraldine Finn, Kay Embry, Jack Ilett, Dawn Riches.

We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who seek healing and wellness. May they feel valued and supported especially... Kathleen O'Donnell, Helen McCormick, Kerryn Williams, Kerry Kervin

Pope's intention for June - for those fleeing their own countries: Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

## Fr Michael's 50th Anniversary of Ordination...

Fr Michael will celebrate our usual 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass on 23<sup>rd</sup> June @ 5.00pm. After Mass we will have dinner in the Hall to celebrate and thank Fr Michael for his generous ministry especially his ongoing support of our community. Please bring a plate to share.

## Sacraments:

We pray for Ayla, Aden and Issy Coates as they prepare for Baptism and Brennan, Eden, Ivy, Liam, Ruby, Rebekah, Archie & Jerry as they prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Sunday – Mass @ 5.00pm and dinner after for Fr Michael.

15th August – The Feast of Assumption – Mass @

12.05- Baptisms of Ayla, Aden & Issy

22<sup>nd</sup> September – Sunday Mass @ 5.00pm. – Confirmation & First Eucharist.



Book Club: The new title is "Bridge Of Clay", by Markus Zusak. The meeting is Mon, 22<sup>nd</sup> July@6PM. If you want get ahead, the next book is "The Revenge Club" by Kathy Lette. **Anniversary Formation** In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together clergy, representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for: Clergy in parishes Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils/Parish Teams School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils Catholic Organisations Leaders An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Leadership teams are invited to nominate others who might benefit from this experience. Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate the formation sessions. Details of sessions are: Colac – July 30 – 10.00am - 3.00pm - St Mary's Parish, Colac

## Prayer to end domestic violence

Loving God, we pray for an to end domestic, family and violence against women in our community. We ask for your wisdom and guidance. We pray for constancy in seeking a society where all people are safe in their home, families and close relationships, and where all relationships respect the equality and dignity of each person. We pray for all those affected by violence, that they may find safety and healing. We pray that all women and children will find a place and life free from violence and children will be cared for in nurturing, protective and supportive ways. We pray for young men that they may find models of respectful relationships and reject the violent and demeaning images of manhood current in our society. We ask for the courage to confront the causes of family violence, including the prevalence of violence in society, abuse of power and the unequal position of women in the community. We pray for right and just relations between all people, so that together we may transform and overcome violence in all its forms. We long for the time you have promised, when violence

is banished, women and men are open to love and be loved, children are protected and the work and wealth of our world is justly shared. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# 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.

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE (2024): Europe Pilgrimage and Tour(Medjugorje, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland) from 12/09/202427/09/2024; Spiritual Director: Fr.Emmanueltv. Contact Us ASAP For Details: Mobile Number: 0438783641; 0417999553; 0473246029; 0420643949;

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### Petition to Retain the Lord's Prayer in Parliament

You are invited to sign a petition to retain the saying of the Lord's Prayer at the start of sittings of the Victorian Parliament. You can find the petition

at <a href="https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/retain-the-lords-prayer-in-legislative-council-proceedings/">https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/retain-the-lords-prayer-in-legislative-council-proceedings/</a>



## National Refugee Week: June 17-23, 2024

In a world marked by displacement and the search for refuge, this year's Refugee Week theme "Finding Freedom" – with a focus on family – encapsulates the profound journey of resilience, strength, and unity that defines the refugee experience. This Refugee Week, we aim to shed light on the transformative power of familial bonds as well as chosen bonds in the face of adversity and emphasise the crucial role families play in providing solace, support, and a sense of belonging to those forced to flee their homelands. More information is available from the diocesan website https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/national-refugee-week-june-17-23-2024/

## Prayer for Refugee Week

Lord, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, and those who have been exiled from their homes.
Bring them safely to the place where they long to be, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

### Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster

Remote communities in Papua New Guinea have been devastated by a catastrophic landslide that struck at 3.00am on May 24. The timing of the landslide meant most people were sleeping at the time of the disaster, with little time to escape. Thousands are feared dead. Although the initial estimate from the United Nations was that at least 670 people may have lost their lives, this number could climb dramatically from recent reports. The total population of the entire affected ward is near 4,000 people, but this number could be higher due to an increased number of displaced people who have been living in the area in recent times. The ongoing search and rescue operations are facing challenges due to the hazardous terrain and the continuous threat of landslides. As rescue efforts continue, those who have lost their homes urgently need our support now, and in the weeks and months ahead. Click or scan the QR code to donate.