

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.

21st Sunday Ordinary Time *25th August 2024*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad. R

The LORD has eyes for the just,
and ears for their cry.
The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. R

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. R

Many are the troubles of the just one,
but out of them all the LORD delivers him;

he watches over all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken. R

Second reading: Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters:

Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Husbands, love your wives,

even as Christ loved the church

and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,

cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,

that he might present to himself the church in splendor,

without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,

that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own

bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and

cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we

are members of his body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his

mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall

become one flesh.

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ
and the church.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;

you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said,

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring

about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you?"

What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending

to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life,

while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have

spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some

of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the

beginning the ones who would not believe and the

one who would betray him.

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no

one can come to me unless it is granted him by my

Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to

their former way of life and no longer accompanied

him.

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to

leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to

whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal

life.

We have come to believe and are convinced that you
are the Holy One of God."

Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke.

St Brendan's Coragulac

St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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St Brendan's 1st, 2nd 3rd & 5th

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: 1st Sept@9:30

Communion Minister : D McCarthy

Commentator: M Gorwell

Reader: M O'Shea

Leaders: B Allatt/C Grist

St Joseph's:- 1st Sept@10:30 Mass

Reader: J Sherman

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: SEPT: A Ruddell

St Joseph's: SEPT: Sherman Family

Counters: 25 Aug-1Sept: L Darcy

RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES: Gerard Gleeson, Margaret
McDonald, Lois Ryan, Leo Embrey, Carmel
Martin, Tony Finlay, Toby Richens, Noel Louby.**

***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, Claire Ryan***

Sacramental Dates:

**22nd September: Mass -Sacraments of Confirmation
and First Eucharist**

PLT Meeting@5 Wed 28thAug

Pope's Prayer for August:

*Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of
their own people, working for integral human
development and the common good, taking care of
those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to
the poor.*

***St Brendan's welcomes Finn and Leo Mc Kenzie,
children of Paul and Cassie, in baptism this Sunday.***

***Happy Birthday to Dianne Ryan,
celebrating a milestone birthday!***

***Grateful thanks to the parishioners of
St Joseph's and St Brendan's, family
and friends, whose donations have
enabled the hospital in Ainaro to
purchase a laptop and printer. The
doctors, nurses and admin staff are
immensely grateful. ANY FURTHER
DONATIONS WILL BE DIRECTED TO
VITAL HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT***

We continue to pray for Brennan, Eden, Ivy, Liam,
Ruby, Rebekah, Archie, Jerry, Caleb, Jordy, Ayla,
Aden & Issy as they prepare for the Sacraments
of Confirmation and First Eucharist



**WORLD DAY OF
SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Prayer for the Social Justice Statement 2024-2025

Adapted from Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti

O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love. Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community. Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each sister or brother who makes a new start. Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.

Diocesan Social Justice Commission Reflection Day – Saturday, September 7, 2024



The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite **all members of the diocese** to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre. Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr. Registrations are essential through trybooking. Scan or click the QR code. A flyer is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ballarat-diocesan-social-justice-commission-reflection-day-with-michael-mcgirr-saturday-september-7-2024/>. The prayer for Social Justice Sunday is also available from the diocesan website.

Laudato Si': Everything is connected

Recycle Batteries. Did you know? 15% of batteries can be turned into new batteries. Make sure you save up all your run-down ones and take them to your nearest battery recycling bin.

UPDATE Ainaro, Timor Leste proposed Project

Receipts will be provided for any Donations made via

ANZ Name: Ann Maree Convery, BSB 013 587, Account: 453 179 285.

Resources for Social Justice Sunday – THIS SUNDAY

The Social Justice Statement for 2024-2025 has been published. Bishop Paul has released a video regarding this Statement. To view the video, access copies of the statement and liturgy notes, go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>. Liturgy notes for the weekend are also available from the website.

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions.

The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected

and with tools to help keep the passion alive.

No group sharing required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values.

Couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: Website: wwme.org.au

