#### **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.

### 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time \*\* September 2024

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Deut 4: 1-2,4-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

#### Responsorial Psalm:

## Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

#### Second reading: James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life." Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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

St Brendan's Coragulac St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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**Leadership Team:** Pat O'Shea, Jill O'Dowd, Michelle Gorwell, Marg Allan, Bronwyn

Hickman & Delia Melville

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

Sundays: Lay Led @ 9.30am 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays Mass @ 5.00pm with Fr

**Michael** 

St Joseph's: Mass 1st Sunday of Month

@ 10.30 am with Fr Kevin

St Brendan's: 8th Sept Lay Led @9:30

Communion Minister: M O'Shea

Commentator: M Finn Reader: M Finlay

Leaders: a McCarthy & M McCarthy

#### St Joseph's:-

#### **ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES**

St Brendan's: SEPT: A Ruddell St Joseph's: SEPT: Sherman Family

Counters: 1st – 8th Sept: L Darcy

8th-15th Sept: J Miller

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Mahoney, Dan Ryan, Len Hickey, Gus Kervin, Stan Milligan, Ken Turner, Lyla Ryan, Joan Page, Rex Delahunty, Jess McGuane

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

Pope's Prayer for September

For the cry of the earth: Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

#### Season of Creation 2024

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4, with the theme for 2024, "To Hope and Act with Creation".

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

#### Sacramental Dates:

22<sup>nd</sup> September: Mass -Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist

#### **PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY**

God of kindness & compassion,
we are your children and you are Father to us all.
We pray for all men who
reflect your fatherly example:

Those who are dads and grandads; step-dads, foster dads, godfathers, fathers-in-law and uncles; those who embrace their role as father; those who long to be fathers; those who struggle with being fathers; those who are distanced from their children; those who have passed from this world; those who are coaches, leader and mentors; those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

Give them all strength, comfort and peace

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

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite all 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. Registration will be required to attend.

#### 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.

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is available from the diocesan website <a href="https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ballarat-diocesan-social-justice-commission-reflection-day-with-michael-mcgirr-saturday-september-7-2024/">https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ballarat-diocesan-social-justice-commission-reflection-day-with-michael-mcgirr-saturday-september-7-2024/</a>. 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

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### 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 <a href="https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/servic">https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/servic</a> es-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

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