

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th September 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and
Retired Priests

**The Ballarat Clergy Support
Fund provides for retired priests**

**who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others,
and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement.
The Fund is currently supporting and caring for
seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years a
number of priests currently in parish ministry will be
moving into retirement, and will also need to be
supported by the fund.**

**This annual collection has allowed the Fund to
continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please
give as generously as you can, and help us continue
'caring for those who cared for us'. (Envelopes
available when Masses resume.)**

*CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE
CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY*

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/
5pm 4th Sunday
St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /
Mass 1st Sunday

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's:

August 29th - 5th Sept: B Newcombe & J Robb

St Joseph's: Sept: Ryan

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Lyla Ryan, Joan Page,
Rex Delahunty, Jessica McGuane, Ellen Doolan, Ian
Weller, Bob Russell, Ursula Carmody

Those seeking our prayers for healing and wellbeing:

*Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,
Goldie Ellum, Doug Swanson*



**St Brendan's Melbourne Cup visit hopefully
be rescheduled. Details in the following
weeks.**

First Communion and Confirmation
will be celebrated on the 24th Oct,
Sunday @ 5pm Mass at St Brendan's.
Please keep the D'Altera, Bourk and
Chant families in your prayers as they
continue their sacramental journey.

*Wishing all the amazing men in
our community a wonderful
Father's Day*

A St Joseph's Father's Day Reflection St.

Joseph seems to have been a man of few words but plenty of action. The brief stories that mention him in the Gospels leave us with a vivid impression of a strong, supportive man who revealed his feelings and beliefs more in what he did than what he said. Over the years, I have come to appreciate this humble carpenter who always seems to stand a short distance from center stage. As a foster father he fostered many great traits in his son, Jesus. Through my prayer and reflection I have witnessed four wisdom principles in St. Joseph, the patron saint of fathers, workers and of the universal church.

Every difficult family situation is best met with compassion. "Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly" (Mt 1:19).

Expect God to speak to you. And be willing to listen. "Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her'" (Mt 1:20).

Practice your religion; it will help you discover who you are and why you are here. "According to the law of Moses they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (Lk 1:22), and "Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover" (Lk 2:41)

We are all here to do some work. "I must be in my Father's house" (Mt 2:49).



