

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading:** *Baruch 5:1-9 (JB)*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said:  
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

### **Second Reading:** *Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 (JB)*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:** *Luke 3:1- 6 (JB)*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,

winding ways will be straightened

and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



# Welcome

## Parish of Cororooke

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**Moderator:** Maureen Finn 0428329231  
**Supervising Priest:** Fr Michael O'Toole  
**School Principal:** Leanne Eastman  
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**Child Safety Officer:** Leanne Eastman  
**St Brendan's:** 9.30am Sunday/  
5pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
**St Joseph's:** 10:30am Lay-led /  
Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

### St Brendan's: Lay Led 9.30am 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Minister:** J O'Dowd  
**Commentator:** Grist Family  
**Reader:** C Grist  
**Leaders:** J Miller/L Darcy

### St Joseph's: 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Lay Led @ 10.30am

**Family:** Smith /Hickman  
**Minister:** E Smith  
**Leaders:** M&J Melville

### ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

**St Brendan's:**  
5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: M O'Shea & K McKay

**St Joseph's: Dec:** D Melville

**Counters:** 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: J Miller

### RECENT DEATHS:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mannis Russell, Jake Inglis,  
Agnes Olney, Sr Mary Ellen Ryan, Vera Brown,  
Lorraine Russell, Ross Soares.

### Those seeking our prayers for healing and well being.

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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE



**All:** Loving God, You call us all to be your people united in faith. We thank you for this wreath, the evergreen sign of your faithful love. We light this candle in hope, the hope of our coming Saviour, Jesus. Dispel the darkness of sin, that the light and joy of Jesus may shine in this waiting world. Let us prepare, then, the way of the Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### CHRISTMAS 2021

*St Brendan's Christmas Vigil...*  
*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00pm with Fr Val*  
*St Joseph's Christmas Day @10.30am*

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>:** PLT Meeting@4:30 please note time change  
**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>:** Carols @ 7.00pm  
**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>:** Mass @St Josephs  
**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Vigil St Brendan's @ 6.00pm  
**Dec 25<sup>th</sup>:** St Joseph's @ 10.30am  
**Dec 26<sup>th</sup>:** Lay led @St Brendan's

We wish Fr Kevin a speedy recovery from his eye surgery this week. We look forward to your welcome return to say Mass for St Joseph's on the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Some words of thanks shared by Fr Brian Gleeson on the recent death of his sister, Sr Stella Gleeson SGS-

"I share Stella's interest in everything to do with St Brendan's, where our vocations were nourished and the people of the parish were so wonderful. Kind regards to you all and God Bless

***International Volunteers Day – Sunday, December 5, 2021***

Within our parish communities are many volunteers who provide their talents and time to contribute to the mission of our churches. We thank God for these people who continue to strive to make our parishes a place of welcome and prayer.

***CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal***

This pandemic has been hard on us all. But as with every disaster, COVID-19 is making the already vulnerable more vulnerable still. Your generous donation to this year's Giving Tree Appeal will provide practical and financial support for struggling Victorian families - from three square meals a day to help with utility bills... every gift you choose helps. To donate go to <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/14/giving-tree-appeal>

***Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal***

This Christmas donate to Vinnies. Your gift can change a life. There are families who are experiencing poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your help can provide them with much needed essentials like food, clothing and a place to call home. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

***Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre & Museum – Christmas Gifts and Accommodation***

With Christmas coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a [2022 Josephite Calendar](#) (\$8.00) and/or a present from the [Museum Gift Shop](#) (communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items) <https://www.mmhc.org.au/facilities/gift-shop/>. Accommodation is available at the Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre for events like the Boxing Day Test, Australian Open or the theatre in the heart of Melbourne. For those staying in the apartments, there is free onsite parking located across from Fitzroy Gardens and the Cathedral. Contact Kate for accommodation enquiries, ph. 9926 9300.

