

## *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

#### **R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. R.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. R.

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. R.

#### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

#### **GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he

asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

**Dates to Remember:**

31<sup>st</sup> March: PLT Meeting @5.00pm

10<sup>th</sup> April: 'The Chosen' screening in School Hall –after Lay Led. 'The Chosen' is the story of Jesus and so much more – highly recommended viewing and great preparation for Holy Week.

11<sup>th</sup> April: Mass of the Oils. St Patricks's Cathedral, Ballarat @6.30pm

**Prayer for Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,

We pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
That your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power of war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus,  
the Prince of Peace. Amen

**Pope Francis' proposes to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to Mary in a ceremony in Rome this Friday, March 25.**

**The Pope has invited us to join him in this prayer throughout that day.**

*Copies of the prayer are available at the back of the Church – it's never too late to pray!!*

## Welcome Parish of Cororooke

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**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: 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Lay Led @ 9.30am**

**Minister: M O'Shea**

**Commentator: Speirs Family**

**Reader: L Darcy**

**Leaders: M Finn & M Carmody**

**St Joseph's: Mass @ 10.30 am**

**Family: McGuane**

**ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:**

***St Brendan's: 27 Mar-3 Apr: M Carmody/J Dimasi  
10-17<sup>th</sup> April: H Holland & J O'Dowd***

***St Joseph's: March: Whytcross***

***April: J&M Melville***

**Counters: 27 Mar: A McCarthy**

**10<sup>th</sup> April: N McKay**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES: Helen Cashman, Bernie McGrath, Sr Geraldine Mugavin SGS, Jack O'Shea, Leo Ryan, Terry McCarthy & Aileen McCarthy**

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

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



### **Pope's intention for March:**

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges - We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



### **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study now open**

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next Cycle of 2022 begins April 25. There are 29 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

## ***Caritas Australia Ukraine Crisis Appeal***

In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news)

Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 (as per below details) and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.



