

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.' R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. R.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. R

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8**

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be.

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has

become our

paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the

Lord

Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 24:1-12**

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he is risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothings else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer

**The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer  
for Peace and Justice in Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Thank you to Fr Michael O'Toole and Fr Kevin Arundell for their Sacramental Ministry and friendship to our parishioners at St Brendan's and St Joseph's.**

**Special thanks to Fr Kevin for planning with us and officiating at our Easter ceremonies in 2022**



Thank you to Michael and Pauline Bergin for representing our parish at the Mass of the Oils collection in Ballarat Monday evening.

**Thank you to all who assist in the preparation and participated in our Easter ceremonies**

**Each year Francis Lenehan grew flowers to beautify St. Brendan's church: his special times were Christmas and Easter. Since the death of Francis, his family generously donate flowers in his memory.**

**We remember other members of the parish who contributed in many ways to the life of our parish communities. We give thanks to God for their generosity and pray that they will be blessed with the peace of Christ's love.**

**WELCOME TO EASTER 2022**  
**Communities of St. Brendan's and St. Joseph's,**  
**Cororooke Parish.**

Through Baptism, we share responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus.  
We are called to be a community who foster and support the gifts given to each by the Spirit.  
We are sent to make Christ visible in our world through the Eucharist,  
proclamation of the Word and service to all God's people.

**Supervising Priest:** Fr Michael O'Toole Parish  
**Moderator:** Maureen Finn.  
**Parish Leadership Team:** Pat O'Shea, Delia Melville, Bronwyn Hickman, Leanne Eastman,  
Jill O'Dowd, Michelle Carmody, Marg Allan

**School Principal:** Leanne Eastman  
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**Child Safety Officer:** Leanne Eastman

**ROSTER:**

*24th April Mass St Brendan's @ 5.00pm*

*Commentator: J O'Dowd*

*Readers: C Grist*

**24<sup>th</sup> April: No Service at St Joseph's**

**Counters: 24<sup>th</sup> April: J Finlay**

**Altar & Sacristy Duties:**



*St Brendan's*

*24<sup>th</sup> April – 1 May: L McGuane*

*St Joseph's: J & M Melville*

**Recent deaths: Catherine Miller**

**Anniversaries: Mons Lex Johnson, Sr Teresa Hyland SGS, Leo Delahunty, Ann Williams, Duane Roache, Brendan Baggott**

*Those seeking our prayers for health and wellbeing:  Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Ross Soares, Goldy Elsum, Doug Swanson, Addie Paatsch *

Fr Tom Brophy, who celebrates 50 years of Ordination this year, wishes to be remembered to all at Cororooke Parish and sends his regards to all.

## The Bishop's Easter Message 2022

### On the road again

Over the past couple of months, I have been on the road again, travelling around the diocese. This is in contrast to the last couple of years when travel has been limited because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the virus is still having an impact, sometimes causing severe illness, we have been able to resume many of our usual activities. This includes moving around more freely. For this I am most grateful, because it has allowed me to resume visits to our parishes and schools.

It has been wonderful to celebrate Sunday Masses in churches in the Swan Hill parish and join the students and staff of St Joseph's College Mildura for Mass in their college gym. I have been able to join in a meeting in the parish office in Warrnambool and prayer times with primary school students in Wendouree. These visits have brought home to me how much people all around our diocese have done to bring their communities through the pandemic and how much they are doing to help one another as we resume more normal activities in our parishes and schools and our lives as a whole.

I offer my thanks to you all for your patience during the pandemic and the kindness you have shown in supporting one another during this time. May that patience and kindness stay with us even as the pandemic subsides. As we come to celebrate Easter this year, we are conscious of various trials that people are suffering around Australia and around the world – the ongoing effects of bushfires that have charred the lives of communities in the past couple of years, the recent devastation of floods, the terrible destruction of war in Ukraine. In the face of such sorrows, the joy of Easter might seem far away. Yet, our Christian faith can be a source of joy even in the midst of distress. The gospel assures us that God is close to us in times of struggle as well as in times of peace, that Christ has shared our pain, and that, just as God's love raised Jesus from the grave, so God's love can raise us to new life.

The Ukrainian word for "Easter" is "Velykden", meaning "Great Day". Easter does indeed celebrate a great day, the day of Christ's resurrection. The traditional Ukrainian greeting at Easter is "Christ is risen!" The response is "Christ is risen indeed!" Even as they endure much suffering, may this Easter be a great day for the people of Ukraine as they rejoice in the resurrection of Christ. May this Easter be a great day for us as well as we too rejoice in Christ's resurrection. May you have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR T



MAY BLESSINGS OF THIS EASTER TIME –  
PEACE, JOY, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS BE  
SHOWERED UPON EACH OF US AND ALL  
FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH. MAY WE THEN  
SHARE GOD'S GIFTS AND BE GOOD NEWS TO  
THOSE WE MEET.



