

***SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
4<sup>th</sup> December 2022***



***Lighting of the Advent Wreath***

**ALL: Loving God,  
O God, who sent John the Baptist to  
proclaim a baptism of repentance, let  
these two candles prepare the way of  
the Lord within us. Forgive our sins  
and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make  
us ready to celebrate the birth of our  
Saviour. We ask this through Christ  
our Lord. Amen**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading: Is 11:1-10**

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: R**

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R.**  
Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
**R.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.  
**R.**

**Second reading: Rom 15:4-9**

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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**GOSPEL: Mt 3:1-12**

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'

For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe lies at the root of the trees.

Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.

I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in his hand.

He will clear his threshing floor

and gather his wheat into his barn,

but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Welcome to the  
Parish of Cororooke...

St Brendan's Coragulac & St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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**Moderator:** Maureen Finn 0428329231  
**Leadership Team:** Pat O'Shea, Jill O'Dowd,  
Michelle Gorwell, Marg Allan, Bronwyn  
Hickman & Delia Melville  
**Supervising Priest:** Fr Michael O'Toole  
**School Principal:** Leanne Eastman  
**Parish Sec:** Gracesyn Perrett 52331464  
**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: 11 Dec: Lay Led @ 9.30am**

**Communion Minister:** D McCarthy

**Commentator:** J Miller

**Reader:** C Finlay

**Leaders:** M Finn/M Gorwell

**St Joseph's: 11th Dec: Lay Led @ 10.30am**

**Family:** Convery /Oborne

**Minister:** A Convery

**Lay Leaders:** T&D Ryan

**ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:**

**St Brendan's: NOV: L McGuane**

**DEC: D & M McCarthy**

**St Joseph's: NOV: McGuane**

**DEC: D Melville**

**Counter 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: A McCarthy**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

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

**Those seeking our prayers for healing and  
well being.** Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,  
Goldie Elsum, Doug Swanson, Leo Embrey,

Marie McGuane



**Pope's intention for November:**

We pray for children who are suffering,  
especially those who are homeless, orphans  
and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to  
education and the opportunity to experience  
family affection.

**Dates to Remember:**

6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Working Bee in the Sacristy@9:30am

9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Graduation Mass@5:15 & Carols to follow.

24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Vigil St Brendan's  
@ 6.00pm

25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas St Joseph's @ 10.30am.

**Happy birthday to John Miller! 80 yrs  
young!**

**Water Damage at St Brendan's... Update!**

**WORKING BEE 6<sup>th</sup> DEC@9:30**

All furniture needs to be removed prior to the  
insurance company coming to dry out the  
flooring.

Please be cautious if entering church via sacristy.

**Prayer for Second Advent**

*Comforting God, You have touched  
my heart and told me not to fear.  
Thank you for offering me your gentle love.  
You speak tender words to the darkness  
in my heart and offer gentle care in warm arms  
outstretched to welcome me home.  
You know me so well, and I feel my  
heart rise in your familiar presence.  
There is a flicker of hope.  
Finally I will let my life be touched by the  
strength of your courage and I will rejoice  
in the news that my Saviour is near.  
Amen.*

**International Volunteers Day 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**For everyone who gives of their time  
within our parish and school  
community, in whatever capacity, we  
are truly thankful. God Bless you.**

### **Free Advent resources**

2022 Advent Calendar with lots of practical ideas to help families journey through Advent, the Names of Jesus Advent chain to help families explore who Jesus is and the Little Nativity Pack so that children can play out the wonderful story of Jesus coming! Resources are available at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/>

### **St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal**

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12;
- Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also:

- make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

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

**Advent: A Holy Waiting** is an additional subject being offered as an extra cycle beginning November 27 over 4 weeks by our partner, Dayton University, at a low-cost of (\$50usd). This is the only subject available in this cycle. 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.

## **BULLETIN NOTICES – OTHER NEWS**

### ***Groups invited to prepare for next phase of Synod on Synodality***

The National Centre for Pastoral Research is inviting groups of seven to 10 people to express their interest in participating in the next round of consultation for the global Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups – using the working document and assisted by a reflection guide being produced by the national Synod of Bishops committee to support prayer, discernment and response – will be able to gather and share their feedback through an online portal. People wishing to coordinate groups for discernment on the Document for the Continental Stage should email the NCPR's Stephen Reid ([stephen.reid@catholic.org.au](mailto:stephen.reid@catholic.org.au)) to express interest in coordinating a group that meets the following criteria:

- Groups should be comprised of a mix of clergy, laity and religious.

- Group members are expected to be aware of Church matters at the diocesan and national level.
- Group members should be able to read and reflect prayerfully on the document and have experience doing so with similar documents.

### ***International Volunteers Day – December 5, 2022***

Volunteering Australia proudly supports International Volunteer Day (IVD) to raise awareness on the important role volunteers play in responding to challenges facing the world. The 2022 theme is “Solidarity through Volunteering”. IVD is a day to celebrate and promote volunteering. There are millions of volunteers in Australia and the contribution that they make to communities around the country is enormous. IVD is an opportunity to acknowledge, thank and shine a light on the important work of volunteers. This year’s International Volunteer Day asks people to Volunteer now for our common future, it inspires people to take action now for people and the planet <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/events/international-volunteer-day/#/>

### ***Blessing Prayer for Volunteers (taken from the Order of Blessings):***

*God of glory,  
your beloved Son has shown us that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts.  
Bless our volunteers  
who have responded to the needs of our parish  
and wish to commit themselves to your service.  
Grant that their ministry may be fruitful  
and our worship pleasing to you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

