

***THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
1st December 2022***



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

ALL: Loving God,

**You sent John the Baptist as a voice
crying out in the desert,
Open our ears to hear his message and
shape our lives so that they will become
a straight path to you.**

**We light this pink candle in joy,
The joy that we have in Jesus, our
Saviour the one who is anointed by God
to bring good news to the oppressed, to
bind up the broken hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives and
release to the prisoners.**

**Let us prepare, then, the way of the
Lord. We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.
The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.
Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling
Knees and 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 those the Lord has ransomed shall return.
They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R: Come, Lord, and save us.

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,

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Second reading: James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord gives sight to the
blind; the Lord raises up those who were
bowed down. The Lord loves the just;
the Lord protects strangers Alleluia**

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke...

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

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

St Brendan's: 18th Dec: Lay Led @ 9.30am

Communion Minister: M O'Shea

Commentator: M Finn

Reader: M McCarthy

Leaders: L McGuane / A Ruddell

St Joseph's 18th Dec: Lay Led @ 10.30am

Family: Whytcross

Minister: R Whytcross

Lay Leaders: A Convery & L Darcy

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's: DEC: D & M McCarthy

St Joseph's: DEC: D Melville

Counter 4th Dec: A McCarthy

18th Dec: N McKay

RECENTLY DECEASED: Doug Swanson,
Genevieve Foott

ANNIVERSARIES: Nell Matthews, Frank Finnigan,

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



Pope's intention for December:

For volunteer not-for-profit organisations: We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development, find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Dates to Remember:

24th Dec: Christmas Vigil St Brendan's
@ 6.00pm

25th Dec: Christmas St Joseph's @ 10.30am.

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

A thank you.....

'I am very grateful for your prayers and thoughts during my surgery and time in hospital. I am home and gradually getting stronger.

Thank you. Marie McGuane.'

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

Thank you to all who assisted in the working bee on Tuesday.

We are still waiting for insurance assessor to inspect the damage.

Please be cautious if entering church via sacristy.

CONGRATULATIONS...

To Abbey & Davina Campbell, Annabelle Carlon, Cassie Day, Indi Sutherland, Jasmine Bourk, Levi Armstrong, Lindon Baker, Maverick Lenehan and Tilly Scott as they graduate from St Brendan's. We wish them every success in the future and thank them for their leadership and contribution to St Brendan's



Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal

Aussie families are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures this Christmas. Your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who's doing it tough this Christmas and give them hope for a better future. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

BULLETIN NOTICES – OTHER NEWS

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

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) 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.