

*1st Sunday in Lent*  
26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me. **R**

For I acknowledge my offense,  
and my sin is before me always:  
"Against you only have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight." **R**

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **R**

Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **R**

**Second reading: Romans 5:12-19**

Brothers and sisters: Through one man, sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned [ – for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law.

But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.  
One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11**

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.



# Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke...

St Brendan's Coragulac &  
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**Moderator:** Maureen Finn 0428329231  
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**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: 5<sup>th</sup> Mar @ 9:30

**Communion Minister:** M O'Shea  
**Commentator:** K McKay  
**Reader:** L Darcy  
**Leaders:** B Allat/C Grist

## St Joseph's: MASS 5<sup>th</sup> Mar

**Family:** Manson/Everett  
**Minister:**  
**Lay Leaders:**

## ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

**St Brendan's: March: Newcombe/Robb**  
**St Joseph's: March: Whytcross**

**Counters: Mar: 6/13: N McKay**

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**Fr Brian Russell CSsR(Perth)**

**ANNIVERSARIES: Ron McKay, Gerard O'Connell,  
Nelson Reynolds, Barbara mulraney**

*We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those  
who seek healing and wellness. May they feel  
valued and supported especially...*

*Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Goldie Elsum,  
Leo Embrey, Kathleen O'Donnell*



**Pope's intention for February** - For parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## **Dates to Remember:**

26<sup>th</sup> Feb: Trinity College Colac @3-4.30pm

*We warmly welcome visitors to our parish community today. During our Eucharistic celebration, we honour and give thanks for the life of Fr Brian Russell CSsR - one of our own. We will never forget his life of love and service and extend our deepest sympathy to St Patricia SGS, his nieces and nephews, extended family and the Redemptorist family.*  
*"The God of love and peace shall be with you."*

## **THANK YOU:**

- To parishioners, for the many tasks undertaken to support the McEwen family on the recent death of Dorothy.
- To St Brendan's school community for sharing the calendar- 40 Deeds in 40 Days- at our Ash Wednesday Mass

## **Project Compassion:**

You can help improve the lives of children like 16yr old Laxmi, in a remote community in Nepal, which experiences a high level of poverty. Donate through the P.C boxes and envelopes or by visiting [www.caritas.org/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org/project-compassion)  
Or ph 1800 024 413

## **St Brendan's Community Book Club**

We hope the Book Club will be a great chance for school and community members to socialise and have interesting book discussions twice a term. The aim is to hold a book club night, in weeks 4 and 9 of each term. This term would only be 1 book, to be discussed in week 9 at 7:30, the exact night is still to be confirmed. All we need is YOU! All welcome. Please contact Gracesyn 52331464



## MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE.

Just a reminder of this service, that is available and currently under used. The bus comes fortnightly on a Wednesday 10-11:30. Where? St Brendan's carpark. Next dates are: 22/3, 8/3, 22/3

### Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions on our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.  
WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

## BULLETIN NOTICES

### 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

### *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.

### *Aid to the Church in Need Australia (ACN)*

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The Sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society. Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent. To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject>

### *Caritas Australia Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster Appeal*

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit [www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey](http://www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.assistance. We must act NOW and help those affected

### *Project Compassion Sunday – February 19, 2023*

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations.*

