

*3rd Sunday in Lent*  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading: Ex 17:3-7**

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD,  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R.

Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works."

R.

**Second reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8**

Brothers and sisters:  
Since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith  
to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope  
of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been poured out into our

hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

**Verse Before the Gospel:**

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

**GOSPEL: Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42**

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. — Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, ' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word ;for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the saviour of the world."

# Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke...

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

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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: 19th Mar@9:30

**Communion Minister:** L Darcy  
**Commentator:** J Miller  
**Reader:** M McCarthy  
**Leaders:** M Finn/M Gorwell

## St Joseph's: 19th Mar@10:30

**Family:** D Melville  
**Minister:** E Smith  
**Lay Leaders:** M&J Melville

## ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

**St Brendan's: March: Newcombe/Robb**  
**St Joseph's: March: Whytcross**  
**Counters: Mar: 6/13: N McKay**

## RECENTLY DECEASED: Rita Winter, Len Green.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dorothy Bourk, Jack Convery,  
Herb Devine, Cameron Riches, Dot Jennings, Russell  
Turner, Marita Barrow, Terrance Willoughby, Ross  
Cuolahan, Sr Florrie Ryan

*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*



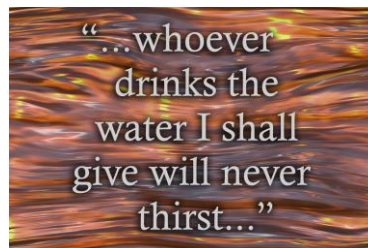
**Pope's intention for March** - - For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church. May they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## Dates to Remember:

**Project Compassion:** Priscilla lives with her husband and 2 grandchildren in Zimbabwe. Caritas Hwange has taught her community conservation farming, and to grow drought resistant crops. Enabling Priscilla to grow excess crop to sell and thus educate her grandchildren. 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

*We congratulate Meg Allan and Jayden Wright on their marriage this weekend, and wish them a blessed and happy future.*

**There will be NO church service this weekend at St Joseph's, due to the Mass offered at St Brendan's at 11.**



## St Brendan's Community Book Club

The book club is up and running. The first book is "I'll Leave You With This" by Kylie Ladd. The Colac Library has copies on order and Target have them for \$16. The first meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> April @7:30, in the school hall. 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. All we need is YOU! All welcome. Please contact Gracesyn 52331464, if you still wish to join us.

**St Joseph's will have Fr Kevin for Palm Sunday Mass. All other Easter celebrations are yet to be confirmed.**

***A special prayer initiative for the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate***

Pope Francis will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> year of his pontificate on March 13, 2023. To highlight this milestone anniversary in a “viral” manner, the Digital Synod has launched a special online map featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him. Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Mary’s <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>. The map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Mary’s that are prayed for him will be sent to Pope Francis.

*Let us all pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis!  
O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favourably on your servant Francis,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;  
Grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those over whom he presides  
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,  
he may come to everlasting life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

**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: 5/4 19/4



**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

***Vinnies (Victoria) Back to School Appeal***

More than 1 million Victorian students headed back to – or started – school this year. For a rising number of their families, it’s getting harder to find the funds to ensure that their children have everything they need in order to learn and grow. The Vinnies Education (Back-to-School) Appeal – which launched on February 1 – is needed now more than ever. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/back-to-school-appeal-vic-2023>

***ACRATH: Take the bitterness out of chocolate***

Easter chocolate is already on the supermarket shelves, so let’s recommit to using our chocolate dollars to buy slavery-free chocolate this year. It’s also the right time to tell our families, friends and communities about the exploitation of children in chocolate production. Encourage them to start buying slavery-free chocolate now – and to keep going after Easter. You can find the Be Slavery Free Chocolate Scorecard at <https://www.beslaveryfree.com/chocolate>. The scorecard published in 2022 and updated before Easter, features most of your favourite brands and explains how they rate in several key areas child labour, payment of a living income.

