

4th Sunday in Lent
19th March 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel.

but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anooint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage. R.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. R.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come. R

Second reading: Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

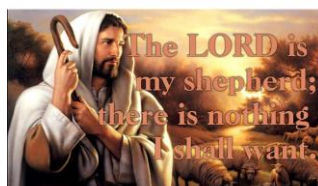
You were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Verse Before the Gospel:

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

GOSPEL: JN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbours and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.



Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke...

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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: 26th Mar@5pm MASS

Communion Minister: L McGuane

Commentator: M Allan

Reader: C Grist

Leaders:

St Joseph's: 26th Mar NO SERVICE

Family:

Minister:

Lay Leaders:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: March: Newcombe/Robb

St Joseph's: March: Whytcross

Counters: April: 3/10: L Darcy

RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Melville, Julie Finn, Jack
Malone, Sr Kathleen Martin, Gordon Weller, Bill
Mahoney(snr), Ruby & Kevin Murnane.**

*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: Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia, supports young women in the community with practical support like housing and helps mentor the next generation of young people. The work of Baabayn involves initiatives such as a Homework Club, a Young Mums and Bubs program and a youth group. They also provide advocacy, counselling services and links to government departments. With your support, the work of Baabayn can continue to work with young mothers at Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation and help them keep their culture strong for future generations. Donate through the P.C boxes and envelopes or by visiting www.caritas.org/project-compassion Or ph 1800 024 413

INVITATION: The Scott family warmly invite the communities of St Joseph's and St Brendan's to the BLESSING OF PLAQUE-MEMORIAL TO DYSON and DARRYL SCOTT, as a tribute to the new pathway at St Mary's Church on Sunday 26th at 11am Mass, followed by a light luncheon. All Welcome.

Feast of St Joseph: 20th March.

There will be a cuppa after Lay led, this Sunday to celebrate, at St Joseph's. All Welcome.

Prayer to St Joseph, by Pope Francis

Blessed Joseph,
to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.



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 3rd 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 Joesph'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 10th 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

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.

