

PALM SUNDAY

2nd April 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard, my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him." R.

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. R.

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me. R

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" R.

Second reading: Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Verse Before the Gospel:

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GOSPEL: Reflection: Mt 26:14—27:66

Written by Michael McGirr

It is only once in every three years that we publicly share together Matthew's full account of the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. Today is that day. Matthew's passion is rich in every sense of the word. It is the longest account of what Jesus endured and it also has the most diverse cast of characters. Only Matthew devotes time not only to the tragic fate of Judas, who was filled with remorse, but even to the thirty pieces of silver that were used to buy a cemetery for foreigners called the Field of Blood. Only Matthew tells us about the dream of Pilate's wife which leads her to send a message to her husband that he should have nothing to do with Jesus. Matthew's Gospel features a number of dreams. Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife, to flee with his family to Egypt and later to return from Egypt. This is by no means to say that Matthew's Gospel is merely an interesting piece of literature. It is only to suggest that, in Holy Week, Matthew's Passion is a wonderful encounter to enter slowly as we spend time with the Lord, allowing the mystery of the cross to deepen within us.

The trial and death of Jesus reminds us of the tragedy of injustice that continues to this day in so many places around the world. Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, has attempted to draw our attention to many important issues in our world. We have been invited to take up the cross and follow Jesus in our own time. We can pray, with Jesus, 'Let it be as you, not I, would have it.'



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**Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Luke 19:38

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 Holy Thursday@7pm

Commentator: K McKay

Reader: L Darcy

Gospel: M McCarthy

St Brendan's Good Friday@2:30

St Brendan's:8th April: EASTER VIGIL @ 7pm

Communion Minister:

Commentator: L Darcy

Reader: P O'Shea, M McCarthy, B Allatt

STORY TELLER: A McCarthy

St Joseph's: 9th April: NO SERVICE

Family:

Minister:

Lay Leaders:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: April: Marg Allan & Dani Allan

St Joseph's: April: J & M Melville

Counters: April: 2/9: L Darcy

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lance Ryan

**ANNIVERSARIES: John Paatsch, Mick Holland,
Joan Mugavin, Ray Everett, Catherin Fleming,
Dorothy Sexton, John Mahoney, Toby Hickey,
Br Kevin Tuck, Sr Patricia Vagg**

*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*



Dates to Remember:

EASTER MASS TIMES:

**Palm Sunday: Lay Led @ St Brendan's 9.30am
Mass @ St Joseph's 10.30am**

Mass of the Oils :3rd April ,6:30, Ballarat

Holy Thursday: Mass @ St Brendan's 7.00pm

**Please remember to bring Project Compassion
boxes.**

Good Friday Ceremony: @ St Brendan's 2.30pm

Easter Vigil: Mass St Brendan's

Saturday 8th April@ 7.00pm

**Project Compassion: Every day, more than 200
million children miss out on school, around 690 million
people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access
clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas
Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable
people around the world, through the Project
Compassion appeal You can donate through Project
Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from
your parish, by
visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion>
or by calling 1800 024 413.**

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.
Gracesyn 52331464, if you wish to join us.



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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

