

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER
Divine Mercy Sunday
16th April 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say

‘His love has no end.’

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Second reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your

faith, God’s power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Verse Before the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Pope’s intention for April - For a culture of peace and non violence: **We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.**

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: 23rd April. Mass
@ 5.00pm**

Communion Minister:
Commentator: P O'Shea
Reader: M Gorwell

St Joseph's: 23rd 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 17-24th: J Miller

**RECENTLY DECEASED: Trish Leahy,
Frank Demasi**

**ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Theresa Hyland sgs,
Leo Delahunty, Ann Williams, Duane Roache,
Brendan Baggott**

*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, Lynda Newcombe**



Engaging Your Faith online series

"Engaging Your Faith" is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics including Philosophy, Lumen Gentium, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations, Future Technology, and Science and Religion. These sessions are eligible for maintaining accreditation for teaching in Catholic schools in all Victorian dioceses. Cost is \$25.00 per session or \$40.00 per session for teachers seeking accreditation. More information available at <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

*Congratulations to Heather and Don
Holland on celebrating their 60th Wedding
Anniversary. Wishing you both continuing
health and happiness.*

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.

Prayer for Trust in The Divine Mercy of God

Most merciful Jesus,
I turn to You in my need.
You are worthy of my complete trust.
You are faithful in all things.
When my life is filled with confusion, give me clarity and
faith.
When I am tempted to despair, fill my soul with hope.
Most merciful Jesus,
I trust You in all things.
I trust in Your perfect plan for my life.
I trust You when I cannot comprehend Your divine will.
I trust You when all feels lost.
Jesus, I trust You more than I trust myself.
Most merciful Jesus,
You are all-knowing.
Nothing is beyond Your sight.
You are all-loving.
Nothing in my life is beyond Your concern.
You are all-powerful.
Nothing is beyond Your grace.
Most merciful Jesus,
I trust in You,
I trust in You,
I trust in You.
May I trust You always and in all things.
May I daily surrender to Your Divine Mercy.
Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,
Pray for us as we turn to you in our need. Amen.
Amen.

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