

**SUNDAY MASS**  
**22 DECEMBER 2019**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'  
Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:  
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. R.  
Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. R.  
He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.  
This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son  
and they will call him Emmanuel,  
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.



**Lighting of the Advent Candle:  
Loving God,**

**You call us all to be your people united in joy,  
to prepare the way of the Lord. These candles  
have been lit in peace, the peace that Jesus,  
our Saviour, gives to the world. Though we  
have not seen Jesus, we love him; and even  
though we do not see him now, we believe in  
him. Let us prepare the way of the Lord. We  
ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WELCOME

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday.

St Joseph's: 10.30am Sunday.

### ST. BRENDAN'S: Sun 29th Dec@ 5pm

Commentator: R O'Dowd

Reader: A McCarthy.

Communion: L McGuane

Procession of Gifts: D McCarthy

Lay Leaders: L Darcy/K McDonnell

### ST.JOSEPH'S: Sun 29th Dec @ 10.30am.

Family: Roache

Communion: P Roache

Lay Leaders: B&C Hickman

### ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

*St Brendan's:*

22-29<sup>th</sup> Dec: L. McGuane / A. Ruddell.

5/12<sup>th</sup> Jan: A. McCarthy/D. Howard

*St. Joseph's:*

Dec: D. Melville

Jan: Slater.

Feb: Hickman

### Counters:

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: J. Finlay.

5<sup>th</sup> Jan: L. Darcy

19<sup>th</sup> Jan: J. Miller

### RECENT DEATHS: David Widdicombe

### ANNIVERSARIES: 21st Dec – 28th Dec.

*Edith Monaghan, Patti Sushames, Stuart Jackson, Jim Martin.*

**SICK:** *Loretta Kervin, Nathan De Lorenzo, Peter Stewart, Helen Hunt, Leah Spokes, Kathleen O'Donnell, Tarlea Roache, Geraldine Finn, Mick Melville, Sue Sherman, Patricia Hickman.*

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Eve Mass @ St Brendan's @ 7pm. with Fr Tom Brophy.

25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Lay-led St Joseph's 10:30am.

29<sup>th</sup> Dec :Mass at St BRENDAN'S AT 5PM.

**BAPTISM of Isla Margaret Keay, daughter of Monica (Allen) and Luke, on the 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please note this mass will be at 5 PM.**

CHRISTMAS Day :ST JOSEPHS:

Readers, Hickman

Leaders: A Convery/S Convery-Oberne

CHRISTMAS EVE : ST BRENDAN'S

Mass@7. Readers to be confirmed.

  
*Be Still  
and know that  
I am God*  
Psalm 46:10

**ST BRENDAN'S COROROKE PARISH:** "I am pleased to share with you some news of parish appointments to take effect in January. Cororooke: **I have appointed Fr Michael O'Toole as Supervising Priest** for the Parish of Cororooke, to serve in collaboration with the Parish Leadership Team. This appointment will take effect on January 1. I thank the Cororooke Parish Leadership Team for their ongoing service. I thank Fr Michael for his readiness to take up this further role in addition to his responsibilities as Parish Priest of Colac".

– **Bishop Paul \***

In consultation with Bishop Paul, St Brendan's Leadership Team and Fr Kevin: On the 2nd Sunday of each month Mass will be celebrated 10.30am at St Joseph's Pirron Yallock. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month Mass will be at 5pm an St Brendan's.