**2ndSunday of Advent,**

**Year C 6 December, 2015.**

**ADVENT RESPONSE FOR CANDLE LIGHTING: (R) May your word be a lamp to our feet and a light on our path.**

**First Reading Bar 5:1-9 A reading from the prophet Baruch Jerusalem – God will show you splendour. Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, ‘Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness’. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.**

**The word of the Lord!**

**Responsorial Psalm. Ps 125. R. v.3 (R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

 **1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)**

 **2. The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels the Lord worked for them!’ What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)**

 **3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)**

 **4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)**

**Second Reading Phil 1:3-6! 8-11 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ! Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God. The word of the Lord!**

 **Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6 Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

**Gospel Lk 3:1-6 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke All people shall see the salvation of God. In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar’s reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. The Gospel of the Lord!**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES: Nell Matthews.**

**SICK: Lorraine Russell. Loretta Kervin, Nathan DeLorenzo, Peter Stewart, Helen Hunt, Margaret Sinclair, Lisa Clark.**

**25th Dec. Christmas Day: Fr. Dan.**

**9.00am Mass at St. Brendan’s.**

**10.30am at St. Joseph’s.**

***(No Mass Christmas Eve.)***

***Welcome.***

**Parish of Cororooke.**

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**ST BRENDAN’S: December 12th, 2015**

**Communion Minister: A. Ruddell**

**Commentator: M. Finn**

**Reader: L. Darcy.**

**Organist: L. McGuane**

**Procession Gifts: Paddy Carmody**

**Lay Leaders:**

 **ST. JOSEPH’S: December 13th, 2015.**

**Communion Minister: J. Sherman**

**Family: Maree Mahoney.**

**Lay Leaders.**

**ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:**

**St Joseph’s:**

**December: D. Melville.**

**January: Slater.**

**St Brendan’s:**

**6-13 Dec B Newcombe /J Robb**

**20-27 Dec C Ryan/K O’Donnell**

**3-10 Jan K Spiers/D McCarthy**

**COUNTERS**

 **This week: J. Miller**

 **Next week: P. O’Shea.**

**Cororooke Parish Newsletter is now available on the Diocesean Website.**

**Look up Catholic Diocese of Ballarat, select Cororooke Parish and read our Bulletin.**

***Jubilee Year of Mercy* to commence Dec 8th 2015 and concludes November 20TH 2016.**

**All are invited to attend. ”The Opening of the Door of Mercy” at St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat, by Bishop Paul Bird on Sun Dec 13th, 2015@10:30am!**

***Congratulations to Trinity Graduates:***

***Molly Raffienello, Meg Allan, Anna McGuane, Vanessa Chant.***

**Dates to Remember:**

**12/13th Dec. St Brendan’s End of School Year Mass.**

**Supper in Hall after Mass. Please bring a plate!**

**15th Dec. Carols in the church for School and Parish!**

**St Brendan’s Coragulac, Alumni.**

**Keep this date free.**

**Sunday, 10th April, 2016. Visit St Brendan’s precinct for the first time, catch up with friends, former classmates and relive good times! Log intoSt Brendan’s, Coragulac, Alumni, submit your photos and view photos already logged.**

***END OF SCHOOL MASS 12/13th Dec.(Supper in Hall afterwards. Please bring a plate to share!***

**There will be a time after Communion for an examination of conscience, personal reflection and a shared prayer of sorrow. If anyone would like to receive absolution, Fr Dan will be available for individual confession after mass. Fr Dan is always available before Mass or by appt Ph 53387804.**

* ***Cloth for the Cradle will be available next week.***
* ***Advent Giving Tree: At the back of St Brendan’s Church.***
* ***Invitation from St Andrews, Alvie to an Ecumenical and Carol Service @ 5pm. 20/12. Followed by BBQ. Please bring salad or dessert.***
* ***Congratulations to Jess Whytcross & Nathan McBain on their engagement!***

**Parish Feedback: Thanks to all who gave feedback to Amanda Smith, when she visited. A positive report was given to the Bishop, who now advises that the current Leadership Team will have their appointments extended for a further 12mths in order to consolidate the new arrangement. After this time there will be a discernment of new members.**

**COLAC PALLIATIVE CARE;**

**Quinn Funerals, Hall Funerals are hosting a “Time to Remember” at St Mary’s Church, Monday 14th December @ 7.30pm. This is an annual, non-denominational, non religious**

**gathering provided for the Colac**

**community; especially provided to assist those**

**grieving the death of loved ones**

**during 2015.**