

SUNDAY MASS

15 DECEMBER 2019

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Alleluia!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Loving God, you sent John the Baptist as a voice crying out in the desert, open our ears to hear his message and shape our lives so that they will become a straight path to you.

We light this pink candle in joy, the joy that we have in Jesus our Saviour, the one who is anointed by God to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to

proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners. Let us prepare, then, 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 22nd Dec @ 9.30am

Commentator: C. Grist

Reader: M. Carmody.

Communion: J. Robb

Procession of Gifts: Donovan

Lay Leaders:

ST. JOSEPH'S: Sun 23rd Dec @ 10.30am.

Family: Convery/Oberne

Communion: R. Whytcross

Lay Leaders:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's:

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

5/12th Jan: A. McCarthy/D. Howard

St. Joseph's:

Dec: D. Melville

Jan: Slater.

Feb: Hickman

Counters:

22nd Dec: J. Finlay.

5th Jan: L. Darcy

19th Jan: J. Miller

RECENT DEATHS:

Jack Mulheron.

ANNIVERSARIES: 15th Dec – 21st Dec.

Mary Cole, Kate Mahoney, Fred Newcombe,

Christopher Roache, Eric Monaghan, Margaret

Hickey, Moll Mahoney, Connor Remmerswaal, Ann

Paatsch, Coad McCarthy.

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:

15th Dec: Carols in the St. Brendan's Church. 7pm

Enjoy a drink after.

20th Dec: Evening meal in Parish Hall with Fr. Paddy King's relatives at 7.00pm

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

25th Dec: Lay-led St Joseph's 10:30am.

Friday, Dec 20th: Visit of Fr Paddy King's relatives from Ireland. *12.30pm lunch with Doogue family at City Bowling Club, Gravesend St, particularly for former parishioners now living in Colac. RSVP Marita 0409328941 by Sun, Dec.15th.*

Light tea provided by current parishioners in Parish Hall at 7.00pm, to share with Fr. Paddy's nephew Niall, wife Rachel, their chn. Luke & Valerie and Jill McCorquodale & Sr. Kathleen Spokes. ALL WELCOME.

Catholic Education Office Ballarat has appointed **Michael Manganelli**, as the new principal of St Brendan's school.. We are grateful to **Penny Knight** for her wonderful contribution to our community.

ST BRENDAN'S COROROOKE 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.

*Mass also provided at St Brendan's 5pm on the 4th Sunday of each month.

*As it has been the case this year: Mass at St Brendan's 12 noon:

Ash Wednesday, Assumption, All Saints enabling the school students to attend.

*As in previous 2 years – If no priest available at St Brendan's, Mass will be provided on Easter Sunday at 10.30am. *When St Thomas Carr Year 9 Students are at Samaritan House a Mass is celebrated on the Last Friday (11am) of their 3 week excursion to which Parishioners are invited.