



Cororooke celebrates and commissions

On Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024, the communities of St Brendan's Coragulac and St Joseph's Pirron Yallock gathered to celebrate the Eucharist with Bishop Paul Bird as celebrant. It was a fitting occasion to respect and acknowledge the heritage of the Cororooke Parish and the traditions of the faith communities of St Brendan's and St Joseph's, especially in the context of the 150th anniversary of the Ballarat Diocese.

As the banner in the church expressed, "The Cororooke Parish – Together we come", we welcomed all, from the youngest, 9-month-old Dorothy Allan to the senior member and pillar of our community, Keith Lenehan. Conscious of standing on the shoulders of those who came before us, we also acknowledged the contribution of those who continue to nurture the faith life of our parish.



Gratitude was expressed to Maureen Finn for her dedicated pastoral care and leadership as she concluded her term as Moderator within the Parish Leadership Team. The Parish Leadership Team members commissioned by Bishop Paul were Delia Melville, Margaret Allan, Michelle Gorwell, Bronwyn Hickman, Jill O'Dowd, Pat O'Shea and Lucy Darcy. Lucy Darcy was appointed as Moderator for the Parish of Cororooke. Fr Michael O'Toole was appointed as Supervising Priest for the parish in 2020 and continues to generously serve in collaboration with the Parish Leadership Team.

Following Mass, the community enjoyed lunch in the parish hall, where a display depicted the history of our parish. We were conscious of the spirit of gratitude present – gratitude for the faith and vision of those who came before us and for all who, in this year of renewal for our Diocese, continue to communicate joy and hope, encourage the heart, inspire a shared vision and live out their Baptismal call.

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Top Photo: Bishop Paul, Parish Moderator: Lucy Darcy, Leadership Team: Pat O'Shea, Delia Melville, Michelle Gorwell, Margaret Allan, Jill O'Dowd (Absent Bronwyn Hickman)

Bottom Photo: Bishop Paul sharing a lovely moment with Keith Lenehan and his sister, Angela Janes