

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd Aug 2025



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;

and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all
our hope in you. **R.**

Second reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as

dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke.

St Brendan's Coragulac
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St Brendan's: Lay Led Assembly with
Communion: **1st Sunday @ 10.30am**

2nd & 3rd : Sundays : @ 9.30am

4th & 5th Sundays Mass @ 9.00am

with Fr Andrew

St Joseph's: Mass **1st Sunday of Month**
@ 9.00am with Fr Andrew

St Brendan's: 17th August Lay Led @ 9.30am

Communion Minister: M Finn

Commentator: C Grist

Reader: A McCarthy

Leaders: P O'Shea/ L Darcy

St Joseph's:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES – AUG

St Brendan's: A McCarthy

St Joseph's: Ryan Family

Counters: 10 Aug – 17 Aug: P O'Shea

Counters... key for the safe can be accessed from
school office – see Grace

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Genevieve Thornton, Sean Mackay,
Ed Millar, Margaret Catherine Carmony, Jack Evans

We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who seek healing and wellness. May they feel valued and supported especially... Kathleen O'Donnell, Helen McCormick, Kerry Williams, Claire Ryan, Doreen Brumby

Prayer for August – For mutual coexistence: *Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons. Lord, hear us.*



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We pray for Vivienne Smith, who will receive her first Holy Communion on Saturday, may the Lord guide her and may she feel the peace of Jesus in her heart.



Lk 12:35

**HAVE YOUR
LAMP LIT.
BE READY.**

NAMES FOR OUR NEW MERGED PARISH

We're now calling for suggestions. We need two names for the parish, a geographic area and a holy name. In making suggestions, please consider all of the six communities involved, be thinking of the future, and include reasons for your suggestions.

Names that have come in already are: St Catherine of Sienna, St Brendan the Navigator, The Good Samaritan, Martha and Mary, Living Water. Suggestions can be emailed to Fr Andrew

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) will be held in Melbourne from Sunday, November 30 - Tuesday, December

2, 2025. ACYF is a national gathering of Catholic young people, established by the Australian Bishops more than a decade ago. This three-day event offers young people from across Australia the opportunity to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, and be empowered to live their faith in the world. It also provides a unique chance to experience the diversity of the Church in Australia.



Wanted: Old Bike wheels for art installation at the school. Thank you

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen. Pope Francis

Prayer for the Jubilee of Seminarians Heavenly Father, thank you for calling men to your holy priesthood. Guide with your Holy Spirit those you have chosen and who have responded. Strengthen in them the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity to imitate your Son Jesus Christ. Deepen in them a love for your grace communicated to us through the sacraments and give them a longing for Eternal Life with You. Amen.

National Vocations Awareness Week: August 3-10, 2025

National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through prayer and education and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. This celebration coincides with the feast of the country's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live out your vocation more deeply. We pray for more generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for the Church in Australia.

Vocations Prayer

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the single and married life, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about vowed and associate commitment in apostolic life, cloistered life, evangelical life, lay ecclesial ministers, missionary life, monastic life and societies of apostolic life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for all the baptised to live their vocation in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalised. Amen.

Holidays for Mandy and for Fr Andrew

Mandy Parker will be having a well-earned break from now until August 18.

During Mandy's absence Fr Andrew will do his best to cover Mandy's many jobs.

Fr Andrew will be on his annual leave from August 18 until September 12.

During Fr Andrew's absence the parish phone will be switched to Mandy. Fr John Pothiyittel will fill in for Fr Andrew for Sundays and funerals. For all communication during Fr Andrew's absence please continue to contact the parish office.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Book

Blessed Carlo Acutis is to be canonised on September 7 this year. Cana Press, the publishing house of Notre Dame Monastery, Tasmania, has secured the Australian rights to the book "My Son Carlo" written by his mother, Antonia Salzano Acutis. "My Son Carlo" is the most insightful biography of Bl Carlo currently available in English, especially because it contains many excerpts of his own writing. Our edition of "My Son Carlo" retails for \$30.00 and we are offering it at a 30% (\$21.00) discount for parishes to sell in their piety stalls, bookshops etc, or even as a fundraiser. If you would like to order copies at this special discounted price, please visit our website www.notredamemonastery.org/my-son-carlo/; alternatively, you could send us an email at sales@canapress.com.au or call the monastery on (03) 6259 7197.

Liturgy Formation at Terang



The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting a Liturgy Formation session at Terang on Sunday, August 17, 2025 on Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion. All members of the diocese are welcome to attend. The program for the day and registration information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/liturgy-formation-at-terang-sunday-august-17-2025/>