

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th Aug 2025



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second reading: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? *My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons.* Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So *hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread*; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"'

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.'

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



Luke 13:22-30 teaches that salvation requires striving through a "narrow door" of humility, perseverance, and trust in God, rather than relying on past associations or self-proclaimed righteousness. Jesus emphasizes that the opportunity for salvation is limited and not based on any particular background, as evidenced by the many from east and west who will enter the Kingdom while some familiar with God may be excluded. This passage challenges believers to live a demanding, intentional discipleship, demonstrating a life of alignment with God's will and a consistent, active faith.

Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke.

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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: 31st August MASS @ 9.00 am

Communion Minister: C Grist

Commentator: M McCarthy

Reader: M Finn

Leaders:

St Joseph's:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES – AUG

St Brendan's: A McCarthy

St Joseph's: Ryan Family

Counters: 247 Aug/3 Sept

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Sue O'Sullivan,
Ursula Millar, Gerard Gleeson, Margaret McDonald,
Lois Ryan, Leo Embry, Carmel Martin, Tony Finlay,
Toby Richens



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.*

Welcome!

We warmly welcome Fr John Pothiyittel back to St Brendan's this weekend for Mass at 9am. Also for next weekends, Mass at 9am, after which, there will be a cuppa. Fr Andrew is currently on annual leave.

Congratulations to the Red Violets, Jill and Claire have recently released their debut album "Free to Create".



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, Stella Maris. 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.

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.

Sacred Heart College Class of 1965 – 60-Year Reunion

We warmly invite past students from the Class of 1965 to join us for a special weekend to reconnect, reminisce and celebrate on aturday 18 October 2025 at 11.00am at the Damascus College Events Centre, 1412 Geelong Road, Mt Clear. \$40.00 per person – includes drinks and lunch. The day will begin with drinks on arrival, an archive display, and live piano music, followed by a seated lunch and campus tour. The Sunday Gathering details will be provided upon booking. Bookings via www.trybooking.com/DDJJN

Farewell for Leanne.

St Brendan’s Hall, 2:30om Friday
22ndAug. All welcome