5th Sunday of Lent

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 (NRSV)

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things. or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R.

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

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: Philippians 3:8-14 (JB)

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection

that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not vet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11 (Year C) (JB)

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Welcome Parish of Cororooke

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Moderator: Maureen Finn 0428329231 Supervising Priest: Fr Michael O'Toole School Principal: Leanne Eastman Parish Sec: Gracesyn Perrett 52331464 Child Safety Officer: Leanne Eastman St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4th Sunday St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led / Mass 1st Sunday

<u>St Brendan's:10th April, Lay Led @ 9.30am</u> Minister: J Robb Commentator: C Grist Reader: J Miler Leaders: L McGuane/A Ruddell

<u>St Joseph's: 10th April Lay Led @ 10.30 am</u> Family: Mulheron Minister: P Mulheron

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's:10-17th April: H Holland & J O'Dowd St Joseph's: April: J&M Melville

Counters 10th April: N McKay

<u>RECENT DEATHS:</u> Frank Grist

<u>ANNIVERSARIES:</u> John Paatsch, Mick Holland, Joan Mugavin, Ray Everett, Catherine Flemming, Dorothy Sexton, John Mahoney, Toby Hickey, Br Kevin Tuck.

<u>Those seeking our prayers for</u> healing and well being.

Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Goldie Elsum, Doug Swanson, Ross Suares, Catherin Miller, Sr Trish Vagg



Dates to Remember: 7th April: Stations of the Cross at St BRENDAN'S @2:30.All welcome , gather at the Hall. 10th April: 'The Chosen' screening in School Hall –after Lay Led. 'The Chosen' is the story of Jesus and so much more – highly recommended viewing and great preparation for Holy Week. 11TH April: Mass of the Oils. St Patricks's Cathedral, Ballarat @6.30pm 14th April: Holy Thursday Mass@7pm 15th April: Good Friday@2;30pm 16th April: Easter Vigil@7pm

Prayer for Ukraine God of peace and justice, We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, That your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power of war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to quide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

CELEBRATING:

The marriage of Hannah Williams to Joel Wilson.

Christopher Hickman, a milestone birthday.

Another Allan grandchild, Nathanial Arthur, son of Monica and Luke.

"God never tíres of forgívíng us; we are the ones who tíre of seekíng hís mercy." Pope Francís

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program - Online Study now open

Our partner, Davton University, offers lowcost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next Cycle of 2022 begins April 25. There are 29 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website

https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/servicesagencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/laypastoral-ministry-program/ or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Crisis Appeal

In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our longstanding partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news

Project Compassion – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself and For All Future

Generations.

Prayers for Ukraine and Russia

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. **Protect them in this time of peril;** let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all: we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this Day. Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome.

We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed [1932-1933].

They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace. May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests.

Please, no more war