# 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th Feb 2023

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses,

"Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart.

Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him.

Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself. I am the LORD."

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

#### R. The Lord is kind and merciful

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. R.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. R.

# Second reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God,

and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple,

God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. Let no one deceive himself.

If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise.

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written:

God catches the wise in their own ruses. and again:

The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

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#### **GOSPEL Mt 5:38-48**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You have heard that it was said,

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.

When someone strikes you on your right cheek,

turn the other one as well.

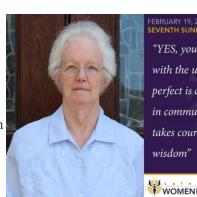
If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well.

Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?

Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."



FEBRUARY 19, 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "YES, you and I are called to be perfect... with the understanding that becoming perfect is a life-long process, that it happens in community with others, and that it often takes courage to challenge the prevailing





# Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke...

St Brendan's Coragulac & St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/

5pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /

Mass 1st Sunday

# St Brendan's:26th Feb MASS @5.00

**Communion Minister:** 

**Commentator: Speirs Family** 

Reader: C Finlay

**Leaders:** 

# St Joseph's NO SERVICE 26<sup>TH</sup> Feb

Family:
Minister:
Lay Leaders:

#### **ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES**

St Brendan's: Feb: O'Dowd/Holland

St Joseph's: Feb: Hickman

**Counters: Feb:** 

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dorothy McEwen, Fr Brian Russell CSsR(Perth), Len Manson, Ian Halliwell.

# **ANNIVERSARIES:** Ambrose McNamara.

We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who seek healing and wellness. May they feel valued and supported especially...

Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Goldie Elsum, Leo Embrey, Kathleen O'Donnell **Pope's intention for February -** For parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

# **Dates to Remember:**

Note change of date - 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: PLT meeting@5pm

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass, St Brendan's @ 12.05

26<sup>th</sup> Feb: Trinity College Colac @3-4.30pm



Fr Michael will offer the Mass at St Brendan's on the 26/02, in memory of Fr Brian Russell, who celebrated the Easter Masses at St Brendan's and St Joseph's for many years.

# **MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE.**

Just a reminder of this service, that is available and currently under used. The bus comes fortnightly on a Wednesday 10-11:30. Where? St Brendan's carpark. Next dates are: 22/3, 8/3, 22/3



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#### **BULLETIN NOTICES – OTHER NEWS**

Praver 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

# Groups invited to prepare for next phase of Synod on Synodality

The National Centre for Pastoral Research is inviting groups of seven to 10 people to express their interest in participating in the next round of consultation for the global Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups – using the working document and assisted by a reflection guide being produced by the national Synod of Bishops committee to support prayer, discernment and response – will be able to gather and share their feedback through an online portal. People wishing to coordinate groups for discernment on the Document for the Continental Stage should email the NCPR's Stephen Reid (<a href="mailto:stephen.reid@catholic.org.au">stephen.reid@catholic.org.au</a>) to express interest in coordinating a group that meets the following criteria:

- Groups should be comprised of a mix of clergy, laity and religious.
- Group members are expected to be aware of Church matters at the diocesan and national level.
- Group members should be able to read and reflect prayerfully on the document and have experience doing so with similar documents.

# Aid to the Church in Need Australia (ACN)

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The Sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society. Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent. To make an offering and learn more visit https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

# <u>Caritas Australia Turkey-Syria Earthquake</u> <u>Disaster Appeal</u>

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance. We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit <a href="www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey">www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey</a> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

# Project Compassion Sunday – February 19, 2023

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*.