

21^{3rd} Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th Sept 2025



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses
down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you
not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you, and
saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Response:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. R**

**You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. R**

**Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. R**

**In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. R**

Second reading: Philomon 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your
servant, and teach me your laws Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 14: 25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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

Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke.

St Brendan's Coragulac

St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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Moderator: Lucy Darcy

Leadership Team: Pat O'Shea, Jill O'Dowd,
Michelle Gorwell, Marg Allan,
Bronwyn Hickman & Delia Melville

Supervising Priest: Fr Andrew Hayes

School Principal: Gerard McCarthy
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Child Safety Officer: Gerard McCarthy

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: 14th Sept Lay Led @ 9.30 am

Communion Minister: D McCarthy

Commentator: M O'Shea

Reader: M McCarthy

Leaders: J Miller & V Roache

St Joseph's:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES – September

St Brendan's: A Ruddell

St Joseph's: Sherman Family

Counters: 3rd – 10th Sept – P O'Shea

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gerard Harrington,
David Dawson, Bill Dalziel

ANNIVERSARIES: Lyla Ryan, Joan Page,
Rex Delahunty, Jessica McGuane, Ellen Dolan,
Fr Brian Gleeson, Bob Russell, Ian Weller,
Ursula Carmody, Pat Roache



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, Kerryn Williams, Claire Ryan,
Doreen Brumby, Kevin (Curly) McGuane

Prayer for September– For our relationship with all of creation: Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund - Collection for Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful

retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our retired priests. Your generous support has enabled us to continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Donation options:



Scan or click the QR code for CDF Pay, select your parish and select "My giving is for Retired Priests Collection".

Caring for those who cared for us – The Church Community's responsibility

English/Spanish Playgroup – Tues Sept 30th
10-11.30am Swan Marsh Hall - \$5.00 per family.
(all proceeds towards infant CPR manikin for Ainaro Hospital, Timor Leste)

R U OK? Community Gathering –

Swan Marsh Hall Friday Sept 12th @7.00pm
Meal: lamb shanks on mashed spuds & homemade dessert. BYO drinks. RSVP 8/9 to Anne-Maree



Congratulations... **Matt Finlay** on timekeeping his 200th (& 201st!) game for the Colac Football Club last week. As we know dedicated volunteers are the ones who keep any club or church running. Well done Matt

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 Saturday 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