

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th Sept 2025



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross & Safeguarding Sunday

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. R

When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. R

But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. R

Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave them their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. R

Second reading: Phillipians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, We adore you, O Christ, and we
praise you, because by your cross you have
redeemed the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

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

Praying with The Holy Father

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.

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 Douglas
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Child Safety Officer: Gerard Douglas

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: 21st Sept Lay Led @ 9.30 am

Communion Minister: L Darcy

Commentator: C Finlay

Reader: B Allatt

Leaders: A Ruddell & L McGuane

St Joseph's:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES – September

St Brendan's: A Ruddell

St Joseph's: Sherman Family

Counters: 14th- 21st Sept: MN McKay

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Moyo Rochford (nee Kervin), Eric Hay

ANNIVERSARIES: Archie Lang, Graeme Carmody,
Bill Page, Vera Milligan, Johanna Page, Sr. Eileen Ryan,



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, Kevin (Curly) McGuane



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.

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 Ainara Hospital, Timor Leste)



Each year from September 1 - October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of

prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. This year's theme, "Peace With Creation", reminds us that many human activities amount to a "war against Creation." Unsustainable lifestyles, exploitive business models, excessive consumption and throw-away cultures, thoughtless destruction of habitats, disregard for biodiversity loss and the devastation of literal wars are just a few of the human dynamics threatening the web of life around planet Earth. The full text of Pope Leo's Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation can be accessed

at <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2025/07/02/250702e.html>.

This Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by:

Signing the "Turn Debt into Hope" petition – caritas.org.au/debt
Committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a Catholic Earthcare Household - caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/

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.



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.

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.