

SUNDAY MASS

8 DECEMBER 2019

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. R.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails:

He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. R.

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The

reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

O God, who sent John the Baptist to proclaim a baptism of repentance, let these two candles prepare the way for the Lord within us. Forgive our sins and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us ready to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.



WELCOME

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday.

St Joseph's: 10.30am Sunday.

ST. BRENDAN'S: Sun 15th Dec @ 9.30am

Commentator: L Speirs

Reader: J Miller

Communion: L Darcy

Procession of Gifts: M Finn

Lay Leaders: A.McCarthy/M.McCarthy

ST. JOSEPH'S: Sun 15th Dec @ 10.30am.

Family: Manson/Everett

Communion: R Manson

Lay Leaders: P & K Roache.

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's:

8-15 Dec: M O'Shea/K McKay

22-29th Dec: L. McGuane & A. Ruddell.

St. Joseph's:

Dec: D. Melville.

Jan: Slater.

Counters:

8 Dec: N. McKay.

22nd Dec: J. Finlay.

RECENT DEATHS:

Ian Martin, Barry Poirier.

ANNIVERSARIES: 8th Dec – 17th Dec.

Nell Matthews, Frank Finnigan, Jan Finlay,

Agnes Quirk, Christopher Fay.

SICK: *Loretta Kervin, Nathan De Lorenzo, Peter Stewart, Helen Hunt, Leah Spokes, Kathleen O'Donnell, Tarlea Roache, Geraldine Finn, Mick Melville, Sue Sherman, Patricia Hickman.*

DATES TO REMEMBER:

15th Dec: Carols in the St. Brendan's Church.

24th Dec: Christmas Eve Mass @ St Brendan's @7pm. With Fr Tom Brophy.

25th Dec: Lay-led St Joseph's 10:30am.

Masses as of Jan 1st 2020 –

Parish of Cororooke

St Joseph's, 2nd Sunday of the month @ 10.30am.

St Brendan's, 4th Sunday of the month @ 5pm.

1ST, 3RD, 5TH

Sundays will be Lay- led Assemblies - St Brendan's 9:30am, St Joseph's 10:30am.

Friday, Dec 20th: Visit of Fr Paddy King's relatives from Ireland. *12.30pm lunch with Doogue family at City Bowling Club, Gravesend St, particularly for former parishioners now living in Colac. RSVP Marita 0409328941 by Sun, Dec.15th. Light tea provided by current parishioners in Parish Hall at 7.00pm, to share with Fr. Paddy's nephew Niall, wife Rachel, their chn. Luke & Valerie and Jill McCorquodale & Sr. Kathleen Spokes. ALL WELCOME.*

Changes to Parish:

Bishop Paul has appointed Fr Michael O'Toole as Supervising Priest for our Parish to serve in collaboration with the Parish Leadership Team. This will take effect from 1st January, 2020. . We thank Fr Michael for taking on this further role in providing us with Masses.

Catholic Education Office Ballarat has appointed Michael Manganelli, as the new principal of St Brendan's school. He is looking to meeting the School/parish community.

Thank you from the St Brendan's Grade 6 students, for the ongoing support from the school and community.