

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

21ST FEBRUARY 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah

was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

LORD, KEEP UP FAITHFUL

PROJECT COMPASSION...2021

'BE MORE'

Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." – Saint Oscar Romero

Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke

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Moderator: Maureen Finn 0428329231
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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4th Sunday
St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led/Mass 1st Sunday

ST BRENDAN'S: 28th February 5.00pm

Commentator: School

Reader: School

Leaders:

Communion Minister: M Finn

ST JOSEPH'S: 28th February 10:30 am

Family: D Melville

Minster: R Whytcross

Leaders: L Darcy & A Convery

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's: 14-28 Feb : A McCarthy/D Howard

St. Joseph's: Feb: Hickman

Counters: 28th Feb N. McKay

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Ambrose McNamara,
Ron McKay, Gerard O'Donnell, Barb Mulraney

SICK: *Nathan De Lorenzo, Helen Hunt,
Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Ross Soares,
Goldie Elsum, Josie Paatsch,*

Dates:

Parish Leadership Team Meeting...
25th Feb at 5.00pm

26th Feb – Thomas Carr has invited us to
attend Mass in the convent chapel at
11.00am. All welcome

28th Feb – Opening school Mass 5.00pm
Followed by BBQ. All welcome.

Year of St Joseph.

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. A number of resources have been developed by the ACBC to encourage and support the celebration of the Year of St Joseph. The resources are available from the ACBC website

<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>.

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. This video, published to Facebook and YouTube, includes a personal message from the Pope as he asks us to pray for each monthly intention. You can find it at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for February:

February Universal intention - Violence against women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Lenten Resources - Week 1:

The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their Lent 2021 leaflets which invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' "Let us Dream", together with insights and suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers. The leaflets are for individual reflection or small group reflection and discussion. The theme for week 1 is, 'How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is humble, healing and merciful?' These leaflets are available for download from the diocesan website Liturgy Resources page <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

