

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021.

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Reading**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**  
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

#### **Second Reading**

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life. God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it

is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him. Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
'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 believed 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. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:  
LORD, KEEP US FAITHFUL.**

## Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke

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**St Brendan's:** 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
**St Joseph's:** 10:30am Lay-led/Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

### **ST BRENDAN'S: 21st March 9.30pm**

**Commentator:** L. Darcy

**Reader:** A. McCarthy

**Leaders:** Finn/Carmody

**Communion Minister:** M. O'Shea

### **ST JOSEPH'S: 21st March 10:30 am**

**Family:** Sherman

**Minster:** J. Sherman

**Leaders:** B & R Whycross

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

*St Brendan's: 14/21<sup>st</sup>: M. O'Shea/K. McKay.*

*28<sup>th</sup> March/ 4<sup>th</sup> April: L. McGuane/A. Ruddell*

*of the Oils: Monday March 29, 2021*

*St. Joseph's: March: Whytcross.*

**Counters:** 14<sup>th</sup> March J. Finlay

28<sup>th</sup> March: L. Darcy

**RECENT DEATHS:** Russell Turner, Mary-Anne Ryan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jack Malone, Sr Kathleen Martin, Gordon Weller, Bill Mahoney snr, Ruby & Kevin Murnane. Helen Cashman.

**SICK:** Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Ross Soares, Goldie Elsum, Josie Paatsch,

### **Dates:**

**28<sup>th</sup> March:** Fr Michael anointing at St Brendan's

**19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.** St Joseph's Community will pay homage in this year of St Joseph with a Social Gathering and Sausage Sizzle after Lay-Les on Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>. Sausages provided. Please RSVP for Catering purposes Ann-Maree 0419540900.

**Lenten Resources - Week 4: March universal intention for evangelisation – Sacrament of reconciliation:** Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

### ***Project Compassion:***

This week, I want to share Arsad's story with you. Arsad is a rice farmer in Indonesia, living with his wife and three children. Arsad's family had no toilet in their home. It meant, when they needed to go, they would have to walk into the forest, even at night or in the rain. Arsad's family was often sick as a result.

**The Mass of the Oils** will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 29. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2021, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. We will also acknowledge the 2020 and 2021 clergy jubilarians and commission Plenary Council delegates from our Diocese, Marie Shaddock and Felicity Knobel. COVID-19 restrictions allow a maximum of 300 people in the Cathedral (this number includes clergy). Parishes are asked to nominate up to five representatives to attend from each parish - please submit these names to Julie Boyd. Attendees will need to check in on arrival at Mass. Parishes may be invited to nominate more people to attend. There will be no hospitality following the Mass this year. For more information please contact Julie Boyd, email [Julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

*Two of your Bulletin Ladies are retiring. Please speak to Liz McGuane/Carmel Finlay to register your interest in taking on this important role for the Parish.*