

## 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd August 2021

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

#### **Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives submit to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!**

#### **GOSPEL: John 6:60-69**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

# Welcome

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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: 22nd August Mass @5pm

Commentator: M Carmody

Reader: C Finlay

Communion: L Darcy

### ST JOSEPH'S: 22nd August @10:30

Family: D Melville

Communion: R Whytcross

Lay-leaders: T & D Ryan

### ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

*St Brendan's:*

*August 29<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sept: B Newcombe & J Robb*

*St Joseph's: August: Roache*

Counters: 29<sup>th</sup> August: L Darcy

### RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Sue Sherman, Gerard Gleeson,  
Margaret McDonald, Lois Ryan, Tony Finlay,  
Toby Richens

### Those seeking our prayers for healing and wellbeing:

*Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,  
Goldie Elsum, Doug Swanson*



## Melbourne Cup Tour News

*Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions,  
this event will take place  
on August 25<sup>th</sup> however  
we are unable to  
welcome anyone into  
the school for this event.*



*There is a raffle and tickets are  
available after church, with thanks, St  
Brendan's School Community*

## National Day of Prayer – The Church

Together: Sunday, August 22, 2021

The team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting, in consultation with many church leaders and prayer networks, including Bishop Philip Huggins and the National Council of Churches, is calling Australia to unite in prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis. The theme is found in this beautiful liturgical prayer: “Lord have mercy — Jesus have mercy”. We encourage you to pray in your own church and in your own way at this time. On Sunday, August 22 from 9.00am – 9.00pm the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team will host a Zoom Prayer call featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or come for a long while. Let us join in prayer for our nation. Register at <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

A thank you was received from Emeritus  
Bishop Peter Connors expressing his gratitude to the St Brendan's and St Joseph's communities for the message received on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1961. Bishop Peter said “You will always be in my thoughts and prayers in the years to come.”



