

## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **First Reading:** *Isaiah 50:5-9 (JB)*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;

for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me! **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **R.**

#### **Second Reading:** *James 2:14-18 (JB)*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL:** *Mark 8:27-35 (JB)*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



# Welcome

Moderator: Maureen Finn 0428329231  
Supervising Priest: Fr Michael O'Toole  
School Principal: Leanne Eastman  
Parish Sec: Gracesyn Perrett 52331464  
Child Safety Officer: Leanne Eastman  
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 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPT @9:30 am

Communion Min: J O'Dowd  
Commentator: Speirs/McGuane  
Reader : M Carmody  
Leaders: M McCarthy/A McCarthy

## ST JOSEPH'S 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPT@10:30

Family : Hickman  
Minister: E Smith  
Leaders: AM Convery/LDarcy

### ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

#### St Brendan's:

12-19th Sept: J Dimasi/ D McCarthy  
26Sept-3<sup>rd</sup> Oct: K Speirs/L McGuane

St Joseph's: Sept: Ryan

Counters: 12 Sept: J Miller  
26<sup>th</sup> Sept: P O'Shea

### RECENT DEATHS:

Peter Lenehan(Warrnambool)

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Page, Vera Milligan,  
Johanna Page, Sr Eileen Ryan.

## Those seeking our prayers for healing and wellbeing:

Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,  
Goldie Elsum, Doug Swanson



First Communion and Confirmation  
will be celebrated on the 24<sup>th</sup> Oct,  
Sunday@5pm Mass at St Brendan's.  
Please keep the D'Altera, Bourk and  
Chant families in your prayers as they  
continue their sacramental journey.



## BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and  
Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support  
Fund provides for retired priests

who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others,  
and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement.  
The Fund is currently supporting and caring for  
seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years a  
number of priests currently in parish ministry will be  
moving into retirement, and will also need to be  
supported by the fund. Due to restrictions the Parish  
have made a donation on our behalf.

### Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday 2021

*Gracious God, you love and care for all of your  
children, especially the smallest and most  
vulnerable.*

*We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at  
risk who have been sexually abused, and whose  
trust and innocence have been destroyed.*

*Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take  
responsibility for those whose lives have been  
broken.*

*Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded  
by abuse, and the failure to be heard.*

*We pray that with the help of your grace  
communities and families will find understanding  
and support,*

*so that now and in the future their wounds may be  
healed and they may find lasting peace.*

*Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our  
children and adults at risk,  
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience  
to seek out assistance when required.*

*We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and  
ever. Amen*