

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Micah 5:1- 4 (JB)*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives
birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will
extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Second Reading: *Hebrews 10:5-10 (JB)*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the
world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices
for sin;
then I said,

just as I was commanded in the scroll of the
book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'
Notice that he says first: You did not want what
the Law lays down as the things to be offered,
that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the
holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you
took no pleasure in them; and then he says:
Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is
abolishing the first sort to replace it with the
second. And this will was for us to be made holy
by the offering of his body made once and for
all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

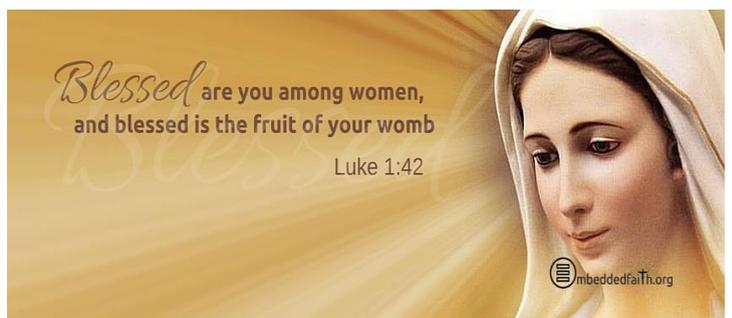
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Luke 1:39-44 (JB)*

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as
she could to a town in the hill country of Judah.
She went into Zechariah's house and greeted
Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard
Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She
gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are
the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of
your womb. Why should I be honoured with a
visit from the mother of my Lord? For the
moment your greeting reached my ears, the
child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is
she who believed that the promise made her by
the Lord would be fulfilled.'

Response to Prayers of the Faithful:

God of joy, hear our prayer



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

All: Loving God, You call us all to be your people united in joy, to prepare the way of the Lord. These candles have been lit in peace, the peace that Jesus, our Saviour, gives to the world. Though we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him.

St Brendan's: Christmas Vigil@6pm

Commentator: M O'Shea

Reader: M McCarthy

Lay Led 9.30am 26th Dec

Minister: B Newcombe

Commentator: K McKay

Reader: J Miller

Leaders: L McGuane/A McCarthy

St Joseph's: 25th Dec Christmas Day@ 10.30am

Family: Manson/Everett

Minister: D Ryan

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's:

19th – 26th Dec: A McCarthy & D Howard

St Joseph's: Dec: D Melville

Counters: 19th Dec: P O'Shea

RECENT DEATHS: Daryl Scott

ANNIVERSARIES: Ann Patsch, Coad McCarthy, Lee Monaghan, Edith Monaghan, Patti Sushames, Lorraine Mahoney, Stuart Jackson

Those seeking our prayers for healing and well being.

Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,
Goldie Elsum, Doug Swanson, Ross Soares

Let us prepare, then, the way of the Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

CHRISTMAS 2021

St Brendan's Christmas Vigil...

Friday 24th @ 6.00pm with Fr Val

St Joseph's Christmas Day @10.30am

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec 19th: Mass @St Josephs

Dec 24th: Christmas Vigil St Brendan's @ 6.00pm

Dec 25th: St Joseph's @ 10.30am

Dec 26th: Lay led @St Brendan's

We welcome Arthur McBain and his parents, Jessica and Nathan, through the blessed sacrament of Baptism, this Sunday at St Joseph's. Cuppa to follow.



Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal

This Christmas donate to Vinnies. Your gift can change a life. There are families who are experiencing poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your help can provide them with much needed essentials like food, clothing and a place to call home. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre & Museum – Christmas Gifts and Accommodation

With Christmas coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a [2022 Josephite Calendar](#) (\$8.00) and/or a present from the [Museum Gift Shop](#) (communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items) <https://www.mmhc.org.au/facilities/gift-shop/>. Accommodation is available at the Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre for events like the Boxing Day Test, Australian Open or the theatre in the heart of Melbourne. For those staying in the apartments, there is free onsite parking located across from Fitzroy Gardens and the Cathedral. Contact Kate for accommodation enquiries, ph. 9926 9300.



Parish Nativity Scenes

The coordinators of the “Making a scene at Christmas” nativity displays are asking parishes to send in photos of their nativity scenes so they can be added to an online display, which will featured on the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat website. Please email these images to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Looking forward to receiving the beautiful images of the many nativity scenes around the diocese.

Making a Scene at Christmas

A display of over 500 Christmas nativities from more than 60 countries will be held in the Bridge Mall Ballarat on December 11-20, 2021. Entry by gold coin donation. All welcome. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/making-a-scene-at-christmas/>

Synod of Bishops

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

All Things New Ignatian Gathering 2022

The Society of Jesus (Australian Jesuits)

invites you to its Ignatian Gathering for Young Adults (18-30 years) to take place in Melbourne from January 17 – 21 2022 at Newman College

[\(https://newman.unimelb.edu.au/about/architecture/\)](https://newman.unimelb.edu.au/about/architecture/). This gathering is a chance for young people to ‘reset, reconnect and re-engage’ through building friendships, sharing values, celebrating gratitude, offering service. As implied by the theme, ‘All Things New - 2022: spirituality + service + wellbeing’, the gathering will focus on these three areas. Cost is \$320.00 plus \$8.50 trybooking fee. Price includes all meals, program activities and individual rooms. All participants will need to comply with the venue’s COVID-safe and vaccination requirements at the time of the event, to be able to take part in the gathering. For more information please contact magisaustralia@sjasl.org. To register go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BUNRC>.