

2nd Sunday of Lent

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**R. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Project Compassion - this year's theme reminds us that what we do today can have an impact for
'*All Future Generations.*'

Please take home a Project Compassion Card or Envelopes from the table at the back of the church.

Welcome

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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: 20th Mar – Lay Led@9.30

Minister: Denise
Commentator: A McCarthy
Reader: Speirs family
Leaders: P O'Shea & L Darcy

St Joseph's: 20th Mar –Lay- Led @ 10.30am

Family: D Melville
Minister: E Smith
Leaders: C&B Hickman

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's:
13th Mar- – 20th March: H Holland & J O'Dowd
St Joseph's: March: Whytcross

Counters: 13 Mar: P O'Shea

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernie Russell, Isabel Holland,
Dorothy Bourk, Jack Convery, Herb Devine,
Cameron Riches, Dot Jennings, Russell Turner,
Marita Barrow, Terrance Willoughby,
Ross Cuolahan & Sr Florrie Ryan

Those seeking our prayers for healing and well being.

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



Dates to Remember:

17th March: St Patrick's Day
19th March: Feast Day of St Joseph
10th April: 'The Chosen' screening in School
Hall –after Lay Led. 'The Chosen' is the
story of Jesus and so much more – highly
recommended viewing and great
preparation for Holy Week.
11th April: Mass of the Oils. St Patricks's Cathedral,
Ballarat @6.30pm

EARLY NOTICE

Sr Brigid Arthur, a Brigidine Sister who has been a powerful Advocate for Refugees and Asylum Seekers will visit Colac on 16th March. She will speak at 5:30pm St Mary's Gathering Space. The BASP, (Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project), was established in 2001. In 2018 BASP was incorporated into Kildare Ministries as one of its "Community Works". The Brigidine Sister Motto is: Strength and Kindness". (Further Information: Google BASP) With Colac so reliant on migrant workers I many industries- Sr Brigid's presentation will be of great interest to our community.

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
We pray for the people of Ukraine.
We pray for peace and the
laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
That your Spirit of comfort would
draw near to them.
We pray for those with power of war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your
precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace. Amen

Pope's intention for March:

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges - **We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.**

consultation for the international Synod on Synodality is Sunday, March 13. Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Invitation to Blessing of Statue of St Patrick for the Cathedral

A statue of St Patrick will be placed and blessed in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR during Evening Prayer (Vespers) on the Vigil of St Patrick's Day (Wednesday, March 16) at 7.00pm. On St Patrick's Day itself, there will be Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm. Fr Ed Moloney and Fr Abraham Thomas will preside and acknowledge the blessing of the statue during those Masses. People of the Diocese are welcome to the Evening Prayer and the Masses. More information is available from the diocesan website https://mcusercontent.com/904e76c839232ddc552d4311d/files/df651b2-ca50-6e9d-4844-c24a97df8ff0/St_Patrick_Invitation.pdf

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study now open

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next Cycle of 2022 begins April 25. There are 29 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Synod of Bishops

Don't miss out on this opportunity to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? The deadline for online submissions in the local