

## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel,  
or who can conceive what the LORD intends?  
For the deliberations of mortals are timid,  
and unsure are our plans.  
For the corruptible body burdens the soul  
and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that  
has many concerns.  
And scarce do we guess the things on earth,  
and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty;  
but when things are in heaven, who can search them  
out?  
Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had  
given wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from on high?  
And thus were the paths of those on earth made  
straight.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**R: In every age, O Lord, you have  
been our refuge**

You turn man back to dust,  
saying, "Return, O children of men."  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are as yesterday, now that it is past,  
or as a watch of the night.

You make an end of them in their sleep;  
the next morning they are like the changing grass,  
Which at dawn springs up anew,  
but by evening wilts and fades.

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Return, O LORD! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.  
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be  
ours; prosper the work of our hands for us!  
Prosper the work of our hands!

#### Second reading:

I, Paul, an old man,  
and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus,  
urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus,  
whose father I have become in my imprisonment;  
I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.  
I should have liked to retain him for myself,

so that he might serve me on your behalf  
in my imprisonment for the gospel,  
but I did not want to do anything without your consent,  
so that the good you do might not be forced but  
voluntary.

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,  
that you might have him back forever,  
no longer as a slave  
but more than a slave, a brother,  
beloved especially to me, but even more so to you,  
as a man and in the Lord.  
So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you  
would me.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Let your face shine upon your  
servant; and teach me your laws.  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### GOSPEL: Luke 14: 25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus,  
and he turned and addressed them,  
"If anyone comes to me without hating his father and  
mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters,  
and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.  
Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me  
cannot be my disciple.  
Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first  
sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough  
for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation  
and finding himself unable to finish the work  
the onlookers should laugh at him and say,  
'This one began to build but did not have the resources to  
finish.'  
Or what king marching into battle would not first sit  
down and decide whether with ten thousand troops  
he can successfully oppose another king  
advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?  
But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a  
delegation to ask for peace terms.  
In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce  
all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

#### 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. This annual collection has allowed the  
Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please  
give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for  
those who cared for us'.

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## Parish of Cororooke

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**Moderator:** Maureen Finn 0428329231  
**Leadership Team:** Pat O'Shea, Jill O'Dowd,  
Michelle Gorwell, Marg Allan, Bronwyn  
Hickman & Delia Melville  
**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: 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mass @ 11.00am**

**A celebration and open day for Thomas Carr at  
the Good Samaritan Campus. All Welcome.**

**St Joseph's: Lay Led @ 10.30am**

**Family: Sherman**

**Minister: J Sherman**

**Lay Leaders: A Convery & L Darcy**

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

***St Brendan's: Sept: A Ruddell***

***St Joseph's: Sept: Ryan***

**Counters: 11<sup>th</sup> Sept A McCarthy**

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jack Mahoney, Dan Ryan,  
Len Hickey, Gus Kervin, Stan Milligan,  
Ken Turner, Lyla Ryan, Joan Page,  
Rex Delahunty, Jessica McGuane

**Those seeking our prayers for healing and  
well being.** *Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,  
Goldie Elsum, Doug Swanson, Leo Embrey*

**Pope's intention for September: For the  
abolition of the death penalty:** We pray that  
the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of  
the human person, may be legally abolished  
in every country.

### **Dates to Remember....**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Thomas Carr Mass @ 11.00am  
Light lunch to follow. Open day from 12.  
St Brendan's School will be holding a cake stall.  
All invited to attend.

### **Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4**

Welcome to the Season of Creation. "Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on October 4 with the feast of Saint Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a sweet song in praise of our Creator God; along with an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this, our common home. Our Earth weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Our children plead with us to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet's ecosystems and to preserve the ancestral lands of our first nations peoples. During this 2022 Season of Creation, let us pray that the human family can work effectively in confronting the double crises of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity. May we respond in prayer and action so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in God's creation.



**Listen to the  
Voice of creation  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022**

### ***Prayer for Father's Day***

**God our Father, we give you thanks and  
praise for fathers young and old.**

**We pray for young fathers,  
newly embracing their vocation;  
may they find courage and perseverance to balance  
work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.  
We pray for our own fathers around the world whose  
children are lost or suffering; may they know that the  
god of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.  
We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor  
and guide us with fatherly love and advice.**

**We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great  
grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live  
forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.**

**Amen,**

### ***Luminous: John Orval, Stained Glass Artist***

An exhibition of the work of John Orval, whose beautiful stained glass work can be seen in some of our region's churches, will be held in Hamilton from August 20 – October 30, 2022. Alongside this free exhibition, there will be an immersive bus tour to see Orval's work in Hamilton, Coleraine, Nareen and Tahara on September 30. The latest edition of "Our Diocesan Community" features an article on Orval's stained glass windows in our diocesan churches <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/odc/>. For more information on the exhibition go to <https://www.hamiltongallery.org/events/john-orval/>

### ***Africa Food Crisis***

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. We must act now and "Make Hunger History." Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit [www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis](http://www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

### ***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

### ***Campion College releases Western Civilisation short course online***

Campion has launched a short introductory course on Western Civilisation that is open to everyone, regardless of age or location. "Introduction to Western Civilisation" offers a broad overview of some of the most important texts and ideas from the past 3000 years, including Plato's Republic, Dante's Divine and Nietzsche's The Gay Science. The pre-recorded lecture series covers topics in the history, philosophy, theology and literature of Western Civilisation, derived from Campion's Liberal Arts degree, and is designed to be taken at the student's pace. Lectures also look at crucial movements in Western European history, such as the rise of monasticism, the Reformation. The course content costs \$299 and is available for 12 months from the date of payment. All students will receive a certificate of completion after submitting a short assessment within the 12-month access period. Find out more at <https://www.campion.edu.au/course/short-courses/>.

### ***National Catholic Men's Gathering 2022***

menALIVE to the MAX is a national catholic gathering of men to be held from October 7–9, 2022 in Sydney. The theme this year is RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. After several years of almost no live events, we are looking forward to gathering together to; listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. More information available at <https://www.menalive.org.au/menalive-to-the-max/>

