

WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS 2022.

Communities of St. Brendan's and St. Joseph's, Cororoque Parish.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE:



ALL: Joy to the world, the Lord is come! We light these candles because Jesus, the light of the world, was born on this day, and he brightens all things. Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns! Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A son is given to us. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him:

Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord
all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R.

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among
the nations his glory and his wonders
among all the peoples. R.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the
trees of the wood shout for joy at the
presence of the Lord for he comes, he
comes to rule the earth. R.

With justice he will rule the world, he will
judge the peoples with his truth. R.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world: today
is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census - the first - took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

**Loved and chosen by God, we are the communities of
St. Brendan's and St. Joseph's in the Parish of Cororooke.**

Through Baptism, we share responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus.

We are called to be a community who foster and support the gifts given to each by the Spirit.

**We are sent to make Christ visible in our world through the Eucharist, proclamation of the Word
and service to all God's people.**

Supervising Priest:

Fr Michael O'Toole Parish

Moderator:

Maureen Finn.

Parish Leadership Team:

Pat O'Shea

Delia Melville

Bronwyn Hickman

Leanne Eastman

Jill O'Dowd.

Michelle Carmody

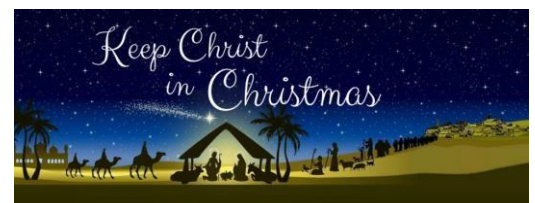
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Those seeking our prayers for health and wellbeing: Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Goldie Elsum, Leo Embrey, Fr Kevin Arundell, Peter Higgs

Bulletin Break:

During the month of January the dedicated volunteer 'Bulletin Ladies' will take their annual break. If there are any significant messages/information that needs to be passed on to you, it will be announced at both Churches. Thank you to Bronwyn, Ros and Liz.

Your work and the time given to produce the Bulletin is very much appreciated. We look forward to future issues from February 2th as it is an important reflection on the life of our Parish.

Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Click on "Parishes" and then select "Cororooke".

Thank you to Fr Michael O'Toole and Fr Kevin Arundell for their Sacramental Ministry and friendship to our parishioners at St Brendan's and St Joseph's.

Tonight we welcome and thank Fr Velimir Maglica for celebrating Mass with us.

❖ There are many people who keep the cogs of this great little parish – the two communities – alive, alert and active.

❖ To those who see something that needs to be done and does it.

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This year we welcomed into our family of faith in Baptism:

Mila Dale, Adelaide Gardiner, Nancy Allan, Peggy Simpson, Oakley & London Morris



**Congratulations to those who married this year:
Xavier & Dani Allan, Francesca & Aden Long &
Simone & Devon Smith**

**We are saddened by the loss of our valued parishioners who are now in God's care and we pray that God will comfort and console the families of:
Bernadette Lenehan, Lorraine Mahoney, Matt Finnigan, Aileen Halloran,
Tony McKay, Rosie McCarthy, Dorethea Ramm & Margaret Catlin**

□ Anniversaries for December and January;

December: Edith Monaghan, Patty Sushames, Stewart Jackson, Jim Martin, Karen Finn, Laurel Devine, Connor Remmerswaal, Ann Paatsch, Code McCarthy, Lee Monaghan, Lorraine Mahoney,

January: Alec Garner, Lorraine Mahoney, Rose Malone, Mick Lenehan, Ron Parker, Brendan Prime, Fiona McCabe, Patrick Donovan, Betty Monaghan, Rodney Langdon, Margaret Catlin, Monica Thompson, Jack Parker, Bill O'Dowd, Dorothea Ramm, Glynis Baulch/Rafaniello, Ken Day, Michael Monaghan, Les Armstrong, Jamie Beasley, Tony Martin, Christopher McCarthy, John Sproules, Nancy Nagle, Bryan Bone.

□ Happy Birthday greetings to: Margaret Everett, Leo Embrey & Fr Dan Arundell. Wishing you good health and contentment.

□ Congratulations to Leanne Eastman and St. Brendan's staff for their dedication in making the school year such an engaging and productive one. May Leanne, the staff and entire school community enjoy a well-earned break.

Each year Francis Lenehan grew flowers to beautify St. Brendan's church: his special times were Christmas and Easter. Since the death of Francis, his family generously donate flowers in his memory.

We remember other members of the parish who contributed in many ways to the life of our parish communities. We give thanks to God for their generosity and pray that they will be blessed with the peace of Christ's love.

ROSTER:

1st January @ 9.30am : Lay Led St Brendan's

Leaders: B Allatt & C Grist

Commentator: C Finlay

Readers: L Darcy

Communion: J Robb

*1st January: Mass @ 10.30 am St Joseph's
Family: Sherman*

*Thank you...
To the Newcombe and Robb families for the exceptional ground maintenance
work at St Brendan's during the year.*

2022 NEW YEAR'S EVE RED ROCK COMMUNITY SUNSET BBQ

6.00pm New Year's Eve Evensong, Alive Church
7.00 Community BBQ at Red Rock Look Out (Western Car Park)

BYO Meat, drinks and chair & salad or dessert to share.

ALL WELCOME.
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Fr Jeremy: 0417549454

MAY BLESSINGS OF PEACE, JOY, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS BE SHOWERED
UPON EACH OF US AND ALL FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH. MAY WE THEN
SHARE GOD'S GIFTS AND BE GOOD NEWS TO THOSE WE MEET.



