

## Acknowledgement of Country



At St. Brendan's we pay our respects to the traditional owners of the land, the Gulidjan people and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We will respect the land, animals and waterways, from the roots of the earth to the tops of the trees. Through the example of our first Australians, we understand that if we look after the country, then the country will look after us.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job began to speak:  
Is not man's life on earth nothing more than  
pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?  
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,  
or the workman with no thought but his wages,  
months of delusion I have assigned to me,  
nothing for my own but nights of grief.  
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'  
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'  
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.  
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,  
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.  
Remember that my life is but a breath,  
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**R. Praise the Lord who heals  
the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name.

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

## Second reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia,** Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

#### **REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL: The Power of Jesus'**

**Ministry:** The Gospel reading showcases Jesus' authority over illness and evil forces, underlining the theme of the transformative power present in Jesus' ministry. It shows the inauguration of a new era of divine action in the world.

**Solitude and Prayer:** Jesus seeking solitude for prayer, despite the demands of his ministry, emphasizes the importance of prayer and communion with God. This theme is a reminder of the need for spiritual nourishment and reflection in the midst of active service.

**The Role of the Community in Faith:** The interactions between Jesus and those he heals, as well as the actions of the disciples, highlight the theme of community in the Christian journey. It shows how faith is lived and experienced within a community, and how the community plays a role in supporting, nurturing, and participating in the mission of the Church.

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Word of God Sunday

## Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke...

St Brendan's Coragulac

St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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cororooke@ballarat.catholic.org.au

**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> Feb: Lay Led @ 9.30 am**

**Communion Minister: M O'Shea**

**Commentator: B Allatt**

**Reader: M Gorwell**

**Lay Leaders: J Miller & L Darcy**

**St Joseph's: - 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Lay Led @ 10.30am**

**Family: Convery/Oborne**

**Communion Minister: D Ryan**

**Lay Leaders: D Melville & T Ryan**

### **ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES**

***St Brendan's: February - Jill & Heather***

***St Joseph's: February - Ros***

**Counters: 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Feb: N McKay**

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Francis McCarthy,

Angela Buckle, Judy Palmer, Monica Martin,

Joan Baggott Tarlea Roache, Mick Hickey, Pat

Lenahan, Majella Darcy

***We keep in our thoughts and prayers  
all those***

***who seek healing and wellness. May  
they feel valued and supported***

***especially...*** Leah Spokes, Goldie Elsum,

Kathleen O'Donnell, Helen McCormick

***Pope's intention for February: – For the  
terminally ill: Let us pray that the sick who are in  
the final stages of life, and their families, receive the  
necessary medical and human care and  
accompaniment.***

***Word of God Sunday: February 4, 2024***



The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February –

February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of

God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday)

to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

### ***Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat***

The Mass of the Oils this year will incorporate acknowledgement of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat and will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am (please note change of time). Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall. At the Mass we are inviting 1 – 2 volunteers from each parish to present a symbol or photo that best represents their parish.

### ***Sacramental Program:***

***We are offering the Sacraments of  
Reconciliation, Eucharist and  
Confirmation in 2024. Please contact Liz  
McGuane 0427041072 if you are interested  
or have any questions.***

***Congratulations on the safe arrival of:  
\* Harriet Elizabeth daughter of Molly  
& Dean & granddaughter of  
Danny & Liz.***

***\*Ella Lorraine daughter of Monica &  
Luke and granddaughter of Marg & Jim***



***Congratulations to Liam McGuane and Claire  
Templeton on their wedding days! We wish them every  
happiness for the future***

## ***Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study***



The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. **Registrations are open now for the next Cycle for 2024 which begins March 4. This is a short Cycle run over 3 weeks.** There are 20 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Scan the QR code for more information or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurджа.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.



There are still some places available for the Mission Inspired Leadership Program 2024. This four-part online program is open to organisational leaders, board members and expert practitioners and is designed to equip participants with the conceptual tools and approaches they need to deliver social impact and thrive sustainably for the common good. The program will be held over four sessions: March 21, April 18, May 23, June 20, 2024 from 4.00pm – 6.00pm. Cost of the program – CSSV Members: \$320, Non-members: \$400. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### ***CSSV Conference 2024 – February 21-23, 2024***

Catholic Social Services Australia and Catholic Social Services Victoria are pleased to present the 2024 Catholic Social Services National Conference. This Conference aims to strengthen



and advance the shared work in Catholic social services as part of the social mission of the Church – connecting with colleagues across social services, health, parishes and education. It provides a moment to share expertise, and take pause to think and imagine our place within a broader mission. You might be a youth worker. An executive director. A volunteer. A pastoral associate. A graduate social worker. A retired Religious. A governance professional. A seasoned veteran of social justice. Whoever you are and what role you play – if you want to be inspired, challenged, and be part of values-driven sector committed to nothing less than positive social transformation – this conference is for you. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

### ***CSSV Mission Inspired Leadership Program 2024***