

## 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.

## 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time 8th September 2024

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING: Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,

he comes with vindication;

with divine recompense

he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,

the ears of the deaf be cleared;

then will the lame leap like a stag,

then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Streams will burst forth in the desert,

and rivers in the steppe.

The burning sands will become pools,

and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever,

secures justice for the oppressed,

gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets captives free. **R**

The LORD gives sight to the blind;

the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.

The LORD loves the just;

the LORD protects strangers. **R.**

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains,  
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever;

your God, O Zion, through all generations. **R.**

### Second reading: Jas 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please,"

while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

### **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: Mk 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis.

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him.

He took him off by himself away from the crowd.

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him,

"*Ephphatha!*"— that is, "Be opened!"—

And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed,

and he spoke plainly.

He ordered them not to tell anyone.

But the more he ordered them not to,

the more they proclaimed it.

They were exceedingly astonished and they said,

"He has done all things well.

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Jesus said, "Ephphatha"  
"Be OPENED!"

# Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke.

St Brendan's Coragulac

St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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**Moderator:** Lucy Darcy

**Leadership Team:** Pat O'Shea, Jill O'Dowd,  
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**School Principal:** Leanne Eastman

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**Child Safety Officer:** Leanne Eastman

St Brendan's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

**Sundays: Lay Led @ 9.30am 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sundays Mass @ 5.00pm with Fr  
Michael**

**St Joseph's: Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month  
@ 10.30 am with Fr Kevin**

**St Brendan's: 15th Sept Lay Led @9:30**

**Communion Minister : L Darcy**

**Commentator: C Grist**

**Reader: A McCarthy**

**Leaders: M Finn/M Gorwell**

**St Joseph's:-**

**ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES**

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

**St Joseph's: SEPT: Sherman Family**

**Counters: 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Sept: L Darcy**

**8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Sept: J Miller**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES: Ellen Dolan, Fr Brian Gleeson,  
Bob Russell, Ian Weller, Ursula Carmody**

***We keep in our thoughts and prayers  
all those who seek healing and  
wellness. May they feel valued and  
supported especially... Kathleen  
O'Donnell, Helen McCormick,  
Kerryn Williams, Claire Ryan***

**Pope's Prayer for September**

***For the cry of the earth:* Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.**

**Season of Creation 2024**

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4, with the theme for 2024, "To Hope and Act with Creation".

***Happy Birthday to Silvana  
Sherman celebrating a milestone  
birthday!***

We continue to pray for Brennan, Eden, Ivy, Liam, Ruby, Rebekah, Archie, Jerry, Caleb, Jordy, Ayla, Aden & Issy as they prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist

**Sacramental Dates:**

**22<sup>nd</sup> September: Mass -Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist**



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.



**Diocesan Social Justice Commission Reflection Day –  
Saturday, September 7, 2024**

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**Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday 2024**

*Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence has been destroyed.*

*Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.*

*We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future, their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.*

*Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.*

*Help us all to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard.*

*We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*

**Prayer for the Social Justice Statement 2024-2025**

*Adapted from Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti*

O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love. Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community. Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each sister or brother who

makes a new start. Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.

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