



15th December 2024

### Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Loving God, you sent John the Baptist as a voice crying out in the desert, open our ears to hear his message and shape our lives so that they will become a straight path to you. We light this pink candle in joy, the joy that we have in Jesus our saviour the one who is appointed by God to bring the good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners. Let us prepare, then, the way of the Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

#### **First Reading: Zephania 3:14-18**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

***Cry out with joy and gladness: for among  
you is the great and Holy One of  
Israel.***

**Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.**

**For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.**

**With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. R.**

**Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his  
name!**

**Make his mighty deeds known to the  
peoples!**

**Declare the greatness of his name. R.**

**Sing a psalm to the Lord**

**for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth!**

**People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of  
Israel. R.**

#### **Second reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

#### **Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

# 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,  
Michelle Gorwell, Marg Allan, Bronwyn  
Hickman & Delia Melville

**Supervising Priest:** Fr Michael O'Toole

**School Principal:** Leanne Eastman

**Parish Sec:** Grace Monaco 52331464

**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: 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec MASS@5PM

**Communion Minister :**

**Commentator: C Grist**

**Reader: M Finn**

## St Joseph's:-

### ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

*St Brendan's: Dec: A McCarthy*

*St Joseph's: Dec: D Melville*

**Counters: 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: J Miller**

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jan Finlay, Christopher Fay,  
Darryl Scott, Mary Cole, Kate Mahoney, Mark Nagle,  
Christopher Roache, Eric Monaghan, Margaret  
Hickey, June Turner.

***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 Intention for December:

*That Christians living in areas of war or  
conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be  
seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.*

### Upcoming Dates:

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Vigil @ 8pm with Fr Kevin**

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Lay led Christmas Day @St Joseph's  
10am**

Congratulations to Leanne Eastman, Mick  
Mahoney and Jack Lenaghan for winning  
the Excellence in Principal Leadership:  
Faith & Mission in a Victorian Catholic  
Primary School for 2025. The Principal  
Awards ceremony is a testament to the  
hard work and dedication of our  
Principals, teachers, community and staff.  
Well done Principals and teachers.

Dear parishioners,

Alvie church parishioners would like to invite the  
members of your  
church to our annual New Years Eve Evensong  
service at 6.30 followed by  
our community byo BBQ at 7.30 up on Red Rock  
where we can say goodbye to  
the year.

Wishing your parishioners a Happy Christmas and  
wonderful New Year.

Regards Helene Bell

We must listen to the Spirit of God and  
“refrain from every kind of evil.” We  
are called to be “perfectly holy.” This is  
the true path to joy: sanctity. Following  
God's will and allowing His grace to  
transform us leads to true happiness.

### **High Court Judgement**

*Dear People of the Diocese,  
You may have seen media coverage following a recent judgement of the High Court of Australia that involved the Diocese of Ballarat. This judgement has prompted renewed discussion about liability. I appreciate people's concern for those who have suffered abuse and people's questions about organisations accepting responsibility. I offer the following notes in response to people's concern and questions.*

*In cases where there is evidence that the Diocese of Ballarat has been negligent in the duty of safeguarding children, the Diocese accepts liability and provides compensation to victims.*

*In the case considered by the High Court, Victorian courts had found that the Diocese of Ballarat was not negligent but still held that the Diocese was liable – vicariously. The High Court set aside this decision of the Victorian courts. I would like to make it clear that the Diocese of Ballarat will continue to accept liability and provide compensation in cases where there is evidence that the Diocese has been negligent in safeguarding. In addition, the Diocese will continue to provide compensation through the Federal Government's Redress Scheme and through the state-wide Church process called Pathways Victoria. As well as providing compensation in these ways, the Diocese will continue to provide assistance to those who have suffered abuse by funding counselling and other pastoral help.  
God bless you all. Bishop Paul*

### ***Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal***

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis and the need for your support has never been greater.

Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

### ***Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!***

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship

and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice, you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)

### ***Calling for nominations to join a DOBCEL Consultative Committee***



The Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL) is a company limited by guarantee, created to govern 57 schools across the Diocese. DOBCEL, alongside its operational arm, Catholic Education Ballarat (CEB), work together to support the leadership of all Catholic Primary and Secondary schools. The DOBCEL Board of Directors is currently seeking applications from individuals interested in joining one of six Consultative Committees: Catholic Faith Community & Culture; Children & Young People Safeguarding & Wellbeing; Family & Community Engagement; Learning & Teaching; Assurance & Risk; Finance. As a committee member you will have the opportunity to: Provide oversight and advice to the Board; Collaborate with diverse stakeholders; Enhance your professional skills ; Shape educational outcomes. Committees typically meet once per term (in-person or virtually) for 90-120 minutes. Click or scan the QR code for more information, including the Terms of Reference for each Committee and information on how to apply. Applications close January 19, 2025. For more information email [execassistant@dobcel.catholic.edu.au](mailto:execassistant@dobcel.catholic.edu.au)

### ***Making a Scene at Christmas***

Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat from Wednesday, December 4 - Friday, December 20, 2024. You can see and smell real frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was called that

brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America and Europe (and one that went to Antarctica); nativities that prize social justice and the environment. Entry is a gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome

### ***Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope***

- Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, “Pilgrims of Hope.” A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church’s witness to God’s loving mercy in and for the world.
- Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St Peter in the Vatican on December 24, 2024 to begin the year. On the following Sunday, December 29, 2024, the Holy Door of the Pope’s Cathedral, St John Lateran, will be opened. Then on January 1, 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St Mary Major will be opened. Finally, Sunday, January 5, 2025 will mark the opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls. Pope Francis has decreed that on Sunday, December 29, 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year, using the ritual indications that will be provided for that occasion. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am on this day. The Holy Year will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, December 28, 2025. The doors of St John Lateran, the Basilica of St Mary Major and the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls will also close on this date.

- Pope Francis has written a prayer for the Jubilee Year. Prayers cards will be provided to parishes and schools in the new year.

### ***The Jubilee Prayer***

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,*

*when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

*Pope Francis*