

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th February 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: ISAIAH 6:1-2,3-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia

Responsorial Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. R.**

**I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. R.**

**All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' R.**

**You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. R.**

Second reading: CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

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Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke.

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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 Andrew Hayes
School Principal: Leanne Eastman
Parish Sec: Grace Monaco 52331464
Child Safety Officer: Leanne Eastman

St Brendan's 1st, 2nd 3rd & 5th
Sundays : Lay Led @ 9.30am 4th
Sundays Mass @ 5.00pm with Fr Andrew

St Joseph's: Mass 1st Sunday of Month
@ 10.30 am with Fr Kevin

St Brendan's: 16th Feb Lay Led @ 9.30am

Communion Minister : L Darcy

Commentator: K McKay

Reader: C Finlay

Leaders: M Finn/M Gorwell

St Joseph's:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: FEB: J O'Dowd/H Holland

St Joseph's: FEB: Hickman

Counters: 9-16th Feb: N McKay

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Davison, Kara Stewart,
Paul Ferguson, Barbara and Kevin Meehan, Clifford
Olney, Dorothy McEwen, Michelle Gooden, Fr Brian
Russell, Kevin Hickey, Frank Page Snr

***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***

Upcoming Dates:

Book Club: Things Left Unsaid, by Tracey Lien
Meeting 24TH March@6:30, in the school office.

Opening School Mass 13th Feb@9:15. Cuppa
afterwards. All Welcome

A message from Fr Michael

St. Brendan's Leadership Committee and St. Brendan's Community: As you prepare for your first meeting of 2025 / A brief word to say thanks for your gracious words and generous gift on the occasion of my retirement and my final Mass at St. Brendan's. It was always a pleasure to be able to celebrate Mass with you at St. Brendan's Parish and also with St. Brendan's School Community. My relationship with St. Brendan's goes back before my birth with my father and grandfather coming to the district for the Onion Board Meetings; then my trips here as a Student of Good Samaritan College Koroit for sports meeting with students here and my lifetime friendship with the Good Samaritan Sisters and their hospitality to our family in the convent.

Lucy gave a wonderful talk at the recent Diocesan Assembly and did the St. Brendan's Parish proud with her sharing the story of the recent and current Parish Community. Many at the Assembly would have taken back to their own parishes something worth sharing with their local communities.

So again my appreciation for your friendship, support, encouragement and generosity. Peace! Michael O'Toole

***Prayer for February - for vocations to the
priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that
the ecclesial community might welcome the
desires and doubts of those young people who
feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the
priesthood and religious life.***

Free weekly resource from the Carmelites of
Australia and Timor- Leste , can be found at,
communications@carmelites.org.au
Contains reflections on the Gospel.



Change to Mass Roster

Fr Kevin Arundel has shared that he will be retiring "for good" at Easter. The immediate effect of his stepping back will be that we will be three Masses short every month in our roster. The Leadership Teams in both Colac and Cororooke are discussing the options. There is merit in accommodating the greater number of people (keep all three Masses in Colac) but there is also merit in respecting the importance of the smaller communities (drop a Mass in Colac so the smaller places can continue to have Sunday Masses.) Easter Sunday will be the last of our current arrangement. Happy to hear your ideas.

Option I Cut out one of the Masses in Colac and use that time slot for Masses in Coragulac, Pirron Yallock and Birregurra.

Option II Have Masses in C, PY & B on weekdays.

Option III Any other ideas?

Other thought: If we drop a Colac Mass, which one might it be?

Please contact Lucy , if you wish to have your say.

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.

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

An Opinion Piece: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe on the rise of Anti-Semitism

The cowardly and murderous attacks by Hamas operatives on innocent Jewish people—men, women, children and babies—in northern Israel on 7 October 2023 sowed the bitter seeds of violence, destruction and untold suffering for thousands of people.

The fragile ceasefire offers some hope that the worst of the violence might be behind us, but the repercussions from the horrors of 7 October will continue to play out for many years.

Nothing can compare with the torment and suffering of the victims of that terrible attack, including their families and the wider Jewish community. Nor can we minimise the horror of the death and destruction that has unfolded in Gaza.

Pope Francis is right when he says war is always a defeat for humanity. It lays bare the frightening power of evil, which can so easily take hold in people's minds and hearts, blinding us to our common humanity and leading us to treat others not as our brothers and sisters but as enemies.

Tragically, manifestations of this inexplicable blindness and evil have become visible in our towns and cities. The violent and senseless attitude that goes by the name of anti-Semitism has appeared in various forms.

For the many Australians of Christian faith, it is particularly important we recognise the danger of anti-Semitism and do everything we can to work against it.

Our nation, which prides itself on its multicultural ethos and belief in a 'fair go for all', is confronted with the deeply unpalatable truth that for some in our society the notion of tolerance and respect for each other should not include our Jewish brothers and sisters.

It is a cause for shame that places of Jewish worship are being firebombed; that Jewish schools and other institutions are forced to engage security firms; that university students are afraid to be on campus in case they are verbally or physically abused; that Jewish homes and cars are defaced by vile graffiti. And all purportedly in the name of peace and justice, but in reality, an expression of that senseless hatred for the Jewish people that, when once it went unchecked in Europe, resulted in the brutal horrors of the Holocaust.

Hatred and the violence it breeds are at different times directed towards different groups in society. This hatred can be racially motivated, religiously motivated or directed towards other groups.

In every case, our acceptance of, or acquiescence in, such bigotry attacks the cohesion of our society and gives the lie to our claim to be the 'lucky country' and 'the land of the fair go'.

It remains true, however, that there is something particularly pernicious and destructive about anti-Semitism.

Its persistence across so many centuries, its existence in so many countries, its complete irrationality, and its undeniable destructive power, laid bare in the Holocaust and reinforced by the deadly attacks of 7 October, make it a test case for our determination to be in reality what we claim to be in our mythology: a land and a people of tolerance and respect, of hospitality and embrace of the other.

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Certainly, for Catholics, we recall the words of recent popes, including Francis and Benedict, that the Jews are our elder brothers and sisters in the faith. We know, even if some choose to forget or deny it, that Jesus Christ was a Jew, born of a Jewish mother and raised in the Jewish faith and traditions.

His first apostles and many of his early followers were Jews. He called upon the language of the Jewish Scriptures in his teaching that God is a merciful Father and that we are called to love our neighbours as ourselves. In his teaching, Jesus insists that everyone is our neighbour. That is the point of his parable of the Good Samaritan.

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I invite us all to search our hearts and ask ourselves what we can say and do in our local