

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th February 2025



## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8**

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a  
salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the  
Lord, with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

***Happy are they who hope in the Lord.***

**Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the  
wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night.**

**He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper.**

**Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind:  
for the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to  
doom.**

### **Second reading: 1 Cor 15:12,16-20**

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your  
reward is great in heaven Alleluia

### **GOSPEL: Luke 6: 17, 20-26**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.  
Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

# Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke.

St Brendan's Coragulac  
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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  
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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 Andrew

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

## St Brendan's: 23rd Feb Mass @ 5pm

**Communion Minister :** M O'Shea  
**Commentator:** M Gorwell  
**Reader:** Danni Allan  
**Leaders:**

## St Joseph's:

### **ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES**

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

*St Joseph's: FEB: Hickman*

**Counters:** 6<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Feb: N McKay

23<sup>rd</sup> – 2nd March – Lucy

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Peter Goonan,  
Wayne Lowan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Judy O'Keefe, Ambrose  
McNamara, Jack Hester

***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 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.***

## **CONGRATULATIONS.....**

**Danny & Mel Allan on the  
birth of Henry Basil &**

**Natalie McGuane & Alex Riordan on the  
birth of Patrick William**

**Jack Williams and Taleisha McCalman  
married in January**

**Tahlia Whytcross & Jesse O'Keeffe who  
were married yesterday in Lorne**

**Karen Speirs on her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday..**

Free weekly resource from the Carmelites of  
Australia and Timor- Leste , can be found at,  
[communications@carmelites.org.au](mailto: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.

## Upcoming Dates:

Book Club: Things Left Unsaid, by Tracey Lien

Meeting 24<sup>TH</sup> March@6:30, in the school office.

## **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