

# First Sunday of Lent

9th March 2025



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

### **First Reading: Deut 26:4-10**

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

“My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me.”

‘You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

#### ***Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.***

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,  
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' R

Upon you no evil shall fall,  
no plague approach where you dwell.  
For you has he commanded his angels,  
to keep you in all your ways. R  
They shall bear you upon their hands  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
On the lion and the viper you will tread  
and trample the young lion and the dragon. R

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;  
protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,'  
I will save him in distress and give him glory. R

### **Second reading: Romans 10:8-13**

Scripture says: *The word* (that is the faith we proclaim) *is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: *those who believe in him will have no cause for shame,* it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

#### **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word  
that comes from the mouth of God.

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### **GOSPEL: Luke 4: 1-13**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you  
to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him,  
the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

# 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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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: 16<sup>th</sup> March 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: Mar: M Allan/D Allan

St Joseph's: Mar: Whytcross

Counters: 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March – Carmel

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nancy McGuane

ANNIVERSARIES: Herb Devine, Cameron  
Riches, Dot Jennings, Russell Turner,  
Marita Barrow, Terrance Willoughby, Ross  
Cuolahan, Sr Florrie Ryan, Anne Melville, Julie Finn

*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 March - for families in crisis:** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. Lord, hear us.

## Upcoming Dates:

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

**Dates of Parish Leadership Team Meeting:**

Tuesday, 25 March 2025 at 5.00pm

Tuesday, 6 May 2025 at 5.00pm

## St Brendan's & St Joseph's Family...

Last year people very generously donated money, which was given to assist families in our school and parish with school expenses. The box will be in the St Brendan's Church for the next 2 weeks if you would like to contribute



**Global Mission: No age limit!**

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities!

Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

**Venue:** Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at



[palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events)

**Date:** Thursday 27 March 2025

**Time:** 11 am – 12 pm

02 9560 5333

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**Good luck to all our parishioners entering into finals time in tennis and cricket. We**

**wish them well**



### **Parish into The Future**

***We are on the journey of looking at how the Parish will operate now and into the future.***

***Fr Andrew has, after discussions with Colac Birregurra and ourselves, put forward the following Mass times.***

***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, St Joseph's , Pirron Yallock 9am***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday St Peter's, Birregurra 9am***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Our Lady of Fatima, Lorne 9am***

***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday St Brendan's, Coragulac 9am***

***Colac 6pm Saturday and 11pm Sunday***

***Masses to continue***

*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*

### ***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.*

### ***Rite of Election – Saturday, March 1, 2025***

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community. This applies to adults who have undertaken formation. The Rite of Election for catechumens and candidates was held on Saturday at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. We pray for all those involved in the RCIA journey as they come to the Easter sacraments. May they be strengthened in faith and love to give themselves totally to Christ.



***Running to God: A Collection of Prayers for Sport***

The National Centre for Evangelisation has produced this free book, "Running to God: A Collection of Prayers for Sport", designed to help incorporate faith and prayer into the practice of sport at all levels. It features prayers written for and by athletes, officials, coaches, parents and spectators - as well as short testimonies of faith from Australian athletes. Access the book and a range of resources at <https://nce.catholic.org.au/culture/sports/prayer>

***Prayer for Pope Francis***

Please pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our Lord.

*O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd.*

*Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*