

Third Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2025



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Exodus: 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This,' he added, 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. R

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion, R

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. R

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?"' "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke.

St Brendan's Coragulac

St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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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: 30th March Lay Led @ 9.30

Communion Minister : L McGuane

Commentator: M McCarthy

Reader: J Miller

Leaders: C Finlay & M O'Shea

St Joseph's: April 6th Mass @10.30am

Farewell & Thank You to Fr Kevin

*After Mass there will be a cuppa -bring a plate
to share, followed by BBQ lunch.*

**Please confirm your attendance for BBQ
catering purposes. Ann Maree 0419 540 900**

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: Mar: M Allan/D Allan

St Joseph's: Mar: Whytcross

Counters: 23rd- 30th March – J Miller

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathy Mahoney

**ANNIVERSARIES: Helen Cashman, Bernie
McGrath, Lance Ryan, Sr Geraldine Mugavin sgs,
Jack O'Shea, Leo Ryan, Terry McCarthy, Aileen
McCarthy, John Paatsch, Mick Holland**

***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:

25th March@ 5.00pm Parish Leadership Meeting

**14th April@ 1.00pm –Mass of the Oils – St Patrick's
Cathedral, Ballarat**

Easter Triidium: TBC

17th April: Holy Thursday –St Brendan's @ 7.00pm

18th April: Good Friday – St Brendan's @ 2.30pm

19th April: Easter Vigil – St Brendan's @ 7.00pm

6th May@ 5.00pm Parish Leadership Meeting

Mass Times & Church Location..

Mass @ 9.00am - which will commence after Easter
beginning with 26th April at St Brendan's

1st Sunday St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

2nd Sunday St Peter's Birregurra

3rd Sunday Our Lady of Fatima Lorne

4th Sunday St Brendan's Coragulac

**Book Club: Things Left Unsaid, by Tracey Lien
Meeting 24th March @6:00, St Brendan's school
ALL WELCOME-even if you haven't read the book!**

***Project Compassion 2025 Week 3: Unite against
poverty this Lent***

This week our Project Compassion story features Lam
from Vietnam.. Lam, a young man from rural Vietnam
with a passion for graphic design, faced limited career
prospects due to his disability. With support from the I-
SHINE program, he pursued IT training and now runs a
successful freelance graphic design business. "When I
got the chance to be a part of this program, I was over
the moon – just bursting with excitement and joy," Lam
said.

- Watch Lam's story
here: <https://vimeo.com/1051024253>

Fasting

Fasts have a tendency to be oriented towards 'giving up' something like food, sweets or drinks but there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch.

Fast from anger and hatred: Give your family and those around you an extra dose of love each day.

Fast from judging others: Before making judgements, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.

Fast from discouragement: Hold on to Jesus' promise that He has a perfect plan for your life.

Fast from complaining: When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you.

Fast from resentment or bitterness: Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.

Fast from spending too much: Try to reduce your spending by 10 percent and give those savings to the poor.



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

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

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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

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.*