



## EAST GIPPSLAND PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St Colman's Orbost, St Brendan's Lakes Entrance,  
St Joseph's Swan Reach, St Dymphna's Buchan,  
St Peter's Mallacoota



*'Aspires to be a welcoming Spirit filled community, gathering together to celebrate God's presence, giving thanks for the many gifts we share and reaching out with compassion and support to all'*

### PARISH CONTACTS

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Willemsen  
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**Sacramental Co-Ordinators:**  
Sr Madeleine White - Orbost, Michelle Grimsted - LE  
**Our Schools:**  
**St Brendan's School** – Lakes Entrance,  
Mr Matthew Hamer, Principal, **Ph:** 5155 2712.  
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**Vincent de Paul:** 0437 495 070 L.E.

### LITURGY / MASS TIMES

#### COVID-19..... REGIONAL VICTORIA: NEXT STEP

**COVID PROTOCOLS STILL IN PLACE - Numbers restricted**  
**ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH LAKES ENTRANCE** will be open daily for  
**PRIVATE PRAYER** from **9am - 4pm** with the **recommended guidelines**.

<b>Tue:</b>	<b>9/3</b>	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
<b>Thur:</b>	<b>11/3</b>	St. Colman's	Orbost	9.30am
<b>Frid:</b>	<b>12/3</b>	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
<b>Sat:</b>	<b>13/3</b>	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	5.00pm
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>14/3</b>	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00am
		St. Colman's	Orbost	11.00am
		St. Peter's	Mallacoota	3.00pm

**RECONCILIATION:** Before Mass at St. Brendan's; or by arrangement.  
Before 5pm Mass at Orbost on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday; or by arrangement.

**ST. BRENDAN'S - ROSARY:** 1st Saturday of the Month at **10am**

**VISITATIONS:** Please contact the Parish Office to request a home visit.

**ST. COLMAN'S - ROSARY:** Half hour before Mass

**If a Priest is required, please contact St. Mary's 5152 3106**

**PLANNED GIVING/OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:** EFT or Cheques as follows:-

**ST. BRENDAN'S** - Send cheques to P.O. Box 4, Lakes Entrance. 3909.

EFT to: BSB: 083-879 A/C: 865044387 Reference: **Envelope No. + Name**

**ST. COLMAN'S** - Send cheques to P.O. Box 104, Orbost. 3888.

EFT to: BSB: 083-879 A/C: 527734545 Reference: **Envelope No. + Name**

Our Parishes in Partnership of East Gippsland acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

### ST. BRENDAN'S ROSTER

March 2021	Set up for Mass	Welcomer	Commentator POF	Reader	Church Cleaning	Flowers	Altar Linen
Sun 7th - 9am	Joy Harris	Danny	Luise Gooden	Julie James	Pam O'Donnell	No Flowers	Louise A
Sat 13th - 5pm	Jan Hayes	Volunteer	Anthony Phillips	Louise Anketell	-	No Flowers	"
Sun 14th - 9am	Mary Haber	Eileen A	Joy Harris	Sr Lynette	Dianne Clarke	No Flowers	"
Sun 21st - 9am	Joan Micah	Mick C	Pat Taylor	Danny Mulqueen	-	No Flowers	Marg B
Sat 27th - 5pm	Louise Anketell	Jan Hayes	Jan Hughes	Anthony Phillips	Helen Ireland	No Flowers	"
Sun 28th - 9am	Marg East	Mary H	Kaye Schrueders	Joan Micah	-	No Flowers	"

**ST. COLMAN'S Roster for March:** **Counters:** Susan & Marie **Flowers:** Jeanne & Carol **Cleaning:** Gina & Carol **Linen:** Susan

**This Week:** Saturday 5pm

**Commentator:** Susan Ross

**Reader:** Carol Moore

**Next Week:** Sunday 11am

**Commentator:** Helen Donnellan

**Reader:** Judith Butler

**Collections: 22-28/2 St. Brendan's/St. Joseph's : \$ 1,711.25 St. Colman's: \$ 190.00 Buchan: \$ -**  
**Thank you for your ongoing generous contributions to our Parish Community.**

## Third Sunday of LENT - YEAR B

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

### FIRST READING:

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

**20:1-7**

*Short Version*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.  
'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.  
'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.  
'You shall not kill.  
'You shall not commit adultery.  
'You shall not steal.  
'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.  
'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

### *The word of the Lord*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68**

**Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING: 1:22-25

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### *The word of the Lord*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### GOSPEL:

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

**2:13-25**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

### *The Gospel of the Lord.*

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

The mystery of faith.

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

*Readings supplied from: 'Liturgy Help'*



### International Women's Day 8<sup>th</sup> March

We pay tribute to countless women who selflessly serve their families, their workplaces, and their church communities. May their talents, gifts and leadership be acknowledged and affirmed. May young girls be encouraged to reach their full potential and take their rightful place among their peers.

## **PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER**

***Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.***

***Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.***

***O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.***

***Give us the grace to see your face in one another  
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.***

***Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.***

***Give us ears to listen humbly to each other  
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.***

***Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,  
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.***

***Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
bread for the journey from age to age.***

***Amen.***

***Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.***

***St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.***



**Reflection: "You shall not carve idols  
for yourselves in the shape of  
anything..." - EXODUS 20:4**

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.



<https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

**WE PRAY FOR: OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr Tom O'Connell, Ellen (Nell) Prosser

Victims of Covid-19, Bushfire Victims, Victims of tragic accidents on our roads, Victims of terrorist attacks, war and conflict, asylum seekers, Victims of family violence, Victims of poverty, Victims of natural disasters around the world, those whose time has come to leave our world whatever the circumstance.

**ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur this Month:** Our loved ones known to us.

***"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."***

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CALL ON THE LORD FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH including:** Fr Bernard Buckley, Sr Anne Tuck, Maree Geddes, Mardi O'Donnell, Laurie Corbett, Madeleine Thackery, Celine McDowell, Elaine Johnstone, Patrick Young, Mario Kalafatis, John & Shirley, Kathy Covell, Maureen Tuisui, Leo Costello, Maureen Webster, Evelyn Fitzmaurice, Sal Britto, Harry, Cheryl, Andrea, Fiona Holden, Alan Humphrey, Erica Linard (Rijs), Francie Adami, Wendy Taylor, Carmen Grimstead, Carmel Berlinger

***Lord who frees you from sin, save you, and raise you up. Rite of Anointing.***

(Please enter the names of those you wish prayers for in the book in the foyer at St. Brendan's or contact the Parish Office EACH MONTH)

**PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL or RING THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANYONE YOU WISH TO US TO PRAY FOR. [stbrendan@bigpond.com](mailto:stbrendan@bigpond.com) 5155 5232**

**Music and Prayer:** Liturgy and prayer resources for your communities <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need>

You are invited to pray at home with the Sunday readings with free access to the following online music and video resources

**Come to the Water (Fr Frank Andersen)** <https://tinyurl.com/ComeWater> is a common hymn in our parishes and speaks to how all our needs and our longing is answered by God....very appropriate for this time of pandemic.

**Psalms and chants from Marist Music for this Sunday** [www.maristmusic.org.au/](http://www.maristmusic.org.au/) available as sheet music and audio

**Seeking Stillness** – Beautiful psalm music and Gospel meditations from Gen Bryant [Seeking Stillness - Playlist](#)

**Sunday Readings and Family Prayer** – download and pray the Scriptures of the Sunday Mass and/or use the Family Prayer sheets with children.

From Liturgy Brisbane <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/>

**Sunday Homilies from St. Mary's Bainsdale:** <https://www.stmarysbainsdale.net/> or Facebook

**Mass for You at home** on free- to- air Television,

**6am Sunday morning** on WINTV Gippsland, Channel 11 or on demand <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home/about>

**Live streaming from churches in our Diocese** [www.cdsale.org.au](http://www.cdsale.org.au)

**Other online:** Melbourne Catholic Mass on line - <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> - Sunday Mass live is 11am

**Listen to the podcast of the Sunday Gospel** - This is a 15 minute podcast from the Salesians with introduction to the day, reading of the Sunday Gospel and reflection on the Gospel by biblical scholar Professor Francis Moloney SDB <https://www.salesians.org.au/podcast>



Check our Diocesan Website for a variety of information! <https://www.cdsale.org.au>



**BULLETIN:** Please send articles for the bulletin to the Parish Office by **Wednesday** each week.

Would you like the bulletin emailed to you each week? If so contact the Parish office at: [stbrendan@bigpond.com](mailto:stbrendan@bigpond.com) or Phone: 5155 5232

## **LAKES ENTRANCE**

**Pastoral Council Committee:** Fr Michael, Sr. Lynette, Judy Johnstone, Danny Mulqueen, Margaret Berlinger, Margaret East and Nicolina Henderson.

**Liturgy Committee:** Fr Michael, Sr Lynette, Jan Hayes, Becky McGrath, Julie James, Joy Harris

**Finance Committee:** Fr Michael, Mike Anketell, John Spirason, Margot Kerby, Pat Taylor, Bernard Abrecht

**Parish Safeguarding Officers:** Danny Mulqueen - Contact via the Parish Office 5155 5232

**Ministers to the Sick:** Becky McGrath, Jan Hayes, Margaret Berlinger, Ray & Maureen Kleinitz, Kay Kennedy, Joan Micah, Margaret East, Fay Hammond, Joy Harris, Mary Haber



**Fr Tom O'Connell** - Fr Tom's death marks the end of the extraordinary ministry of those Irish clergy who for so many years served the people of the Diocese of Sale. Following his Ordination at All Hallows Dublin (17<sup>th</sup> June 1956) Fr Tom made his way to Australia and commenced at Yallourn, then in the Parishes of Sale, Bairnsdale, Morwell, Leongatha, Neerim South, Wonthaggi, Koo Wee Rup, Cowwarr, Dalyston, Omeo, Fish Creek and Trafalgar and as Director of Propagation of the Faith. Fr Tom's funeral was held at St John's Trafalgar on Thursday 4th March. RIP

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - March 25th** Please pray for these children and their families.

**ORBOST PARISH COUNCIL RENEWAL** - A Parish Council is the most important advisory group for any Parish Priest. I call upon parishioners of St Colman's to think of someone they can recommend to represent them in the responsibilities for the ongoing life and development of the Parish. Individuals recommended will be invited to an Information Evening, at the end of which, those attending will be invited to consider becoming a nomination. An election process will take place only if there are excess nominations. I commend this vital activity to the prayerful discernment of Orbost parishioners. Recommendation forms are available at the church. **Fr Michael**

**Orbost Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Wednesday 10th March 6pm**

**LENTEN PROGRAMS: Orbost** - The Lenten Program "Comfort" is held every Monday at 5.00 pm at Sr Madeleine's home at 36 Tennyson Street Orbost. All are welcome. Contact: **Sr Madeleine**


**Lakes** - Parishioners are invited to a Lenten Reflection 'IT'S ALL ABOUT HOPE' on the Wednesdays during Lent at 10.30 - 11.30am in the Hobby room at St. Brendan's. Contact: **Sr Lynette**

**BAPTISM INFORMATION SESSIONS: St. Brendan's** - Sat 24th April 11am, Sat 26th June 11am.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING: Wednesday 10th March 1.30pm** at St. Brendan's Hobby room. All ladies of the Parish welcome.

Rosary will be prayed at St. Joseph's Church at 5pm for the remaining Fridays in Lent.

The prayer intention will be for the renewal of our Parish with the reflections written by Fr James Mallon.

 **PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE** Twenty-two-year-old Oliva lives in Tanzania with her farmer husband, two young sons and an adopted niece and nephew. She didn't have the opportunity to go to school growing up - and was embarrassed that she couldn't read, write or count. Around 25 percent of Tanzanian girls and women over 15 years cannot read or write, with many families unable to afford school fees or uniforms. Now, as an adult, Oliva runs a kiosk and works as a farm labourer - but her business was losing money because she couldn't add up. Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a classroom at home to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, as have some of her students. Attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she can help her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election.

Oliva aspires to "Be More" and wants to help her community to achieve its vision of a better life for all.

*"I am proud to be a teacher who helps others to achieve their dream," Oliva says.*

More information: [Project Compassion 2021 | Lenten Appeal | Caritas Australia](https://lent.caritas.org.au) <https://lent.caritas.org.au>

**CatholicCare Telephone Counselling Service Available** - Therese Kearney from CatholicCare is available by phone on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for any parents who might need someone to talk to. Whether be it about themselves or about their children. If they are anxious or worried about the effect that the Corona Virus is having on their lives, the bushfires or anything else that may be a worry to them. Please take advantage of this offer, for anyone in need. Telephone Therese Kearney on 0400 783 342 any Tuesday or Wednesday

**Bulletins are available via:** The front foyer at St. Brendan's and Email - let us know on [stbrendan@bigpond.com](mailto:stbrendan@bigpond.com)  
**Please advise the Parish Office if you or someone you know would like one delivered to their letter box.**

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/plenary-post/>

How is God calling  
us to be a  
Christ-centred  
Church?



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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Mar 10:** Orbost Parish Pastoral Council meeting 6pm  
Catholic Women's League - 1.30pm H/room

**Mar 16:** LE Finance Committee meeting-4pm H/room

**Mar 17:** St. Patrick's Day

**Mar 25:** Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Brendan's

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**LAKES ENTRANCE COMBINED CHURCHES FOOD APPEAL:**

During the month of March, we are asking for cans of Meat & Vegies. Thank you for your support of our vulnerable. **Please leave in the basket provided in the foyer at St. Brendan's church.**

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** - New sets of envelopes and receipts are now available from the churches. Please collect yours!

**SAFEGUARDING** - In our Parishes in Partnership we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of all people, with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk, as our central and fundamental responsibility. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teachings and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

We are committed to ensuring that our Parish community promote the inherent dignity of every individual and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe Parish environment. If you have any concerns please contact: **Parish Safeguarding Officer 5155 5232**

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**Finance Committee:** Fr Michael, Marie Donchi, Susan Ross

**Parish Safeguarding Officers:** Susan Ross, Carol Moore - Contact via the Parish Office 5155 5232