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## EAST GIPPSLAND PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

Colman's Orbost, St Brendan's Lakes Entrance,  
Joseph's Swan Reach, St Dymphna's Buchan,  
St Therese's Nowa Nowa, 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

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### LITURGY / MASS TIMES

**STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS:** PLEASE NOTE THAT CHURCH BUILDINGS, ADORATION CHAPELS AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS USED FOR PRAYER AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES ARE TO BE CLOSED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

Parish Office will be unattended from 1st Aug... Working from home. Please ring 0419580862, leave a message and we will get back to you.

**Op Shop - Tuesday's & Thursday's 11am - 2pm**  
Changes may occur without notice depending on circumstances.

**PLANNED GIVING/OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:** Direct Credits as follows:-

**ST. BRENDAN'S**

BSB: 083-879 A/C: 865044387 Reference: Envelope No. + Name  
Or send cheques to: St. Brendan's Parish, P.O. Box 4 Lakes Entrance. 3909.

**ST. COLMAN'S**

BSB: 083-879 A/C: 527734545 Reference: Envelope No. + Name  
Or send cheques to: St. Colman's Parish, P.O. Box 104 Orbost. 3888.

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.

Here is a prayer from one of our Confirmation candidates—Olivia

Dear God, Thank you for accepting me into the Catholic Family. Thank you for allowing me to be confirmed and become closer to you. Please help me to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as you would want me to. Please help me to be the best person I can be. Thank you for my supporting friends, family, parishioners, students and teachers during this time. Thank you for offering me the opportunity to have this amazing life like yours. Thank you for being with me in the good and the bad times. Please pray for me and watch over me as I prepare to be confirmed and when the time comes, support me as I make my Confirmation. Amen.



Here is Tilly's prayer box that she constructed as part of her recent preparation.

Please pray for these children and their families:

Isabelle Bandura, Emma Daly, Charlie Forrester, Max Forrester, Taj Gray, Olivia Greer,  
Bianca Henderson, Cooper Parfrey, Matilda Richardson, Blake Thomson,  
Madeline Thomson, Zoe Zagami

Thank you to the parishioners who have sent messages to four of our children.  
Please continue to send messages in by mail to school or email  
[hrenehan@lakesent.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hrenehan@lakesent.catholic.edu.au)



Collections: 1 - 6/9/20 St. Brendan's : \$1,005.00 St. Colman's: \$ -

Thank you for your ongoing generous contributions to our Parish Community.

## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

### **GLORIA:**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **FIRST READING:**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

### **The word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12, R. v. 8**

**The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

### **SECOND READING:**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

### **The word of the Lord.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:**

**18:21-35**

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

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.  
'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

### **The Gospel of the Lord.**

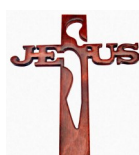
### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

### **THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**



### **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: "For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)**

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.



**A way of life.  
A way to love.**

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

**WE PRAY FOR: OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patrick Knapping, Linda Carson

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.** Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr John Howard, Fr Daniel Hourigan, Dean Peter Coyne VG, Catherine Tait, Pina Ciaglia, Jane Knoblock, Troy Bryce, Elizabeth Morabito, Dale Walkinshaw, Margaret Ellis and 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, Maree Geddes, Mardi O'Donnell, Laurie Corbett, Madeleine Thackery, Celine McDowell, Marg Van Dam, Elaine Johnstone. Susan Ross, Marg Van Dam, Patick Young, Mario Kalafatis

**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 IF YOU HAVE ANYONE YOU WISH TO US TO PRAY FOR. [stbrendan@bigpond.com](mailto:stbrendan@bigpond.com)**

### **Music and Prayer**

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. It is drawn from this Sunday's first reading from Isaiah (Is 55:1-3) 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 Bairnsdale:** <https://www.stmarysbairnsdale.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

**The Blessing Australia:** During this time of uncertainty and physical isolation, over 300 local churches united together in Australia to sing a blessing over our nation. This is the first time this has happened. You can find a full list of all churches across who sent in a submission here, we honour every one.

<https://theblessingaustralia.com/chur...> Our desire is to shine the light of Jesus in a time of darkness. We hope that this song will fill you with peace and encouragement.



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 Berlingeri, Margaret East and Nicolina Henderson.

**Liturgy Committee:** Fr Michael, Sr Lynette, Joan Micah, 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, Carmel Metherell, Glenda Grech, Margaret Berlingeri, Ray & Maureen Kleinitz Kay Kennedy, Joan Micah, Margaret East, Fay Hammond, Joy Harris, Mary Haber, Pat Keon, Maureen Hamilton

**Good Friday Holy Land Collection:** The current COVID-19 pandemic concerns many countries and in many of them preventive measures preclude the normal community celebration of Holy Week. The Christian communities in the Holy Land, also exposed to the risk of contagion and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and social structures that assist all citizens with healthcare, education and peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest.

For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the Collection for the Holy Land, for the year 2020, take place on Sunday, 13 September, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The celebration that commemorates the discovery of the Relics of the Cross by Saint Helen also marks a new beginning of public worship in Jerusalem, with the construction of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. May it be a sign of hope and salvation after the Passion to which many peoples are now associated, as well as solidarity with those who continue to live the Gospel of Jesus on the Land where "it all began".  
*(From: Communiqué of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, Citta del Vaticano)*

For donations please send direct to: **Holy Land Commissariat BSB 062-267 Account No. 1001 4847**

#### FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

This month the Special Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness.

The preferable way of donating is by entering the following to your browser <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Your donations may also be made through your local Parish account: **BSB: 083-879 A/C: 865044387**

Reference: **PWF - Surname**

Please advise the parish if you require a receipt when using this account. [stbrendan@bigpond.com](mailto:stbrendan@bigpond.com)

The Columbans have published a digital resource for parishes **A Catholic Season of Creation - Sundays of September (Year A)** Contents include music suggestions, prayers of the faithful, questions from *Laudato Si'*, links to the Scripture and prayers of the day and other ritual ideas. The resource can be download separate files for each Sunday at <https://tinyurl.com/Creation-resource>

The Vatican's invitation, Pope's letter, resources and prayers to celebrate the Season of Creation <https://seasonofcreation.org/catholic>

Catholic Earthcare Australia is hosting a free online 2020 Convocation with webinar offerings during the month of September. Program and registration at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/2020-convocation/>

Full list of resources from the Catholic Bishops of Australia <https://catholic.org.au/national-liturgical-council/holy-see-s-world-day-of-prayer-1-september-and-season-of-creation-1-september-4-october>

Sophy Morley

#### 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.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept - Parish Office working from home  
Sept - Priests' Welfare Foundation Collection  
Sept 13 - Holy Places Special Collection

#### TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Bishop-elect Gregory Bennet will be ordained and installed as the Tenth Bishop of Sale in St Mary's Cathedral Sale.



More details when they come to hand.



PLENARY 2020 –  
How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?

PLENARY POST:

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



**LAKES ENTRANCE COMBINED CHURCHES FOOD APPEAL:** During the month of September, we are asking for medium tins of Tomatoes. Thank you for your support of our vulnerable. **Please leave in the basket provided in the front entrance of the church.**

**CHILD SAFE PARISHES** - In our Parishes in Partnership we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of all people, especially children, the disabled and vulnerable adults, 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 Officers**

**ORBOST: Pastoral Council Committee:** Fr Michael, Sr Madeleine, Irene Otuto, Glynis Clay, Chris Shanahan, Mick Bergin

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

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