



# 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



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## PARISH CONTACTS

## LITURGY / MASS TIMES

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Tuesday to Thursday 10am - 3pm

**SVDP Conference** - 339 Esplanade - Ph: 0457 213 288  
Open :- Wednesdays & Fridays. 10 am - 2 pm.

**Tues 12th May:** St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance No Mass  
No The Word of God and Communion Service.

**Wed 13th May:** St. Colman's Orbost No Mass

**Fri 15th May:** St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance No Mass  
No The Word of God and Communion Service

**Sat 16th May:** St Dymphna's Buchan No Mass  
St. Joseph's Swan Reach 5.00 pm  
The Word of God and Communion Service.

**Sun 17th May:** St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.00 am  
The Word of God and Communion Service.  
St. Colman's Orbost No Mass

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION:** After Friday 9.30 am Mass.

**RECONCILIATION:** St Brendan's & St Colman's: Before Mass or by  
appointment.

**VISITATIONS:** Please contact the Parish Office in confidence to request a  
home visit, or if you have any concerns you wish to raise.

### 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

**Pope Leo's Prayer intention for  
May;** that everyone might have  
food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large  
producers to small consumers, be  
committed to avoid wasting food, and  
to ensure that everyone has access to  
quality food.

### Fr. Hiep's Annual Leave

We Welcome and thank Fr. Joseph  
Abutu, Parish Priest from Bairnsdale,  
who is here today to supply Mass for  
our Parishes for this weekend while  
Fr. Hiep is away.

### Mothers Day..

Happy Mothers Day  
to all Mothers and  
Mother figures.  
Have a Blessed Day.



## ST. BRENDAN'S LITURGICAL ROSTER

Month: May 2026	Set up for Mass	Welcomer	Commenta- tor & Prayers of the Faithful	Lector / Reader Proclaimer of the Word	Eucharist Minister x3 needed.	Flowers	Altar Linen May	Music Ministry
Sunday 10th May– 6th Sunday of Easter. Fr. Joseph Mother's Day & Morning tea	Joan Micah	Front: Connie Zammit Back: <b>Vacant</b>	Jan Hughes	Steve Ivanczuk	1. Joan Micah 2. Jan Hayes 3. <b>Vacant</b>	Margaret Berlinger	Maureen Hamilton	Joy Harris
Sunday 17th May– 6th Sunday of Easter. Liturgy of the Word with Communion– Ascension of the Lord Fr. Hiep away	Mary Haber	Front: Helen Ireland Back: <b>Vacant</b>	Helen Renehan	<b>Vacant</b>	1. Mary Haber. 2. <b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	Maureen Hamilton	Helen Renehan
Sunday 24th May– 6th Sunday of Easter. Pentecost Sunday Commitment Mass Fr. Hiep back	Joan Micah	Front: <b>Vacant</b> Back: <b>Vacant</b>	Maureen Hamilton	Danny Mulqueen	1. Joan Micah 2. <b>Vacant</b> 3. <b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	Maureen Hamilton	Quiet Time

**Entrance Antiphon -**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**First Reading**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
8: 5-8, 14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**The Word of the Lord - Thanks Be To God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 65: 1-7, 16, 20**

( R ) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

**Second Reading**

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter  
3: 15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**The Word of the Lord - Thanks Be To God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
14: 15 - 21**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever,  
that Spirit of truth  
whom the world can never receive  
since it neither sees nor knows him;  
but you know him,  
because he is with you, he is in you.  
I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come back to you.  
In a short time the world will no longer see me;  
but you will see me,  
because I live and you will live.  
On that day  
you will understand that I am in my Father  
and you in me and I in you.  
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps  
them  
will be one who loves me;  
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

**The Gospel of the Lord- Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Mystery Of Faith**

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

**Gospel Reflection:**

The early Christian community could not remain as an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

**A Mother's day  
morning tea**

will be held in the Hobby  
Room this morning after  
Mass.

All are most welcome.



## Our Parish Prayer

Lord, source of all our strength, support each of us in our parish. Grant us the courage to be open to each other and to not be fearful of the new and different. Strengthen us with a willingness to risk for the sake of Your Kingdom. It is our wish, Lord and God, that the true desire of our parish be our spiritual transformation and not simply the accomplishment of tasks and projects. We ask this of you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## Our Vision

At St Brendan's, we aspire 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.

### WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Mitchel Agullo, Jerry Faulkner.

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.

### FOR ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR (May)

Patricia White, Anthony Blew, Richard Whelton, Donal Whelton.

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CALL ON THE LORD FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH (May) including:

Frank McNamara, Jeremy & Daniel McGrath, Frank O'Donnell, Michael O'Donnell, Jay Haslam, Bruno Parisotto, Garpy, Fr. Michael Willemsen, Fr Bernard Buckley.

And our sick Priests and Deacons in our Diocese.

" Lord who frees you from sin, save you, and raise you up." (Rite of Anointing)

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS:-

(Please enter/renew the names of those you wish prayers for in the book in the foyer at St. Brendan's EACH MONTH or contact the Parish Office) Please ensure that the names of the sick that you list actually wish to be / remain on the prayer list as we have been informed of some have recovered and some who do not wish to be

St Colman's Roster	Cleaning	Counting	Linen	Commentator & Reader
May	Carol	Cathy & Brian Cotter	Bruna Di Nicolò	Helen Donnellan & Darren Downey

## May the Month for Mary

The Rosary beads will stay in place for the month of May; we will be having a different introduction at the start of Mass and singing a Mary Hymn at each Mass.



### Litany of Mary of Nazareth

**Introduction:** Glory to you, God of our Creator... Breath into us new life, new meaning. Glory to you, God our Savior... Lead us in the way of peace and justice. Glory to you, God, healing Spirit... Transform us to empower others.

Mother of the liberator..... pray for us  
 Mother of the homeless..... pray for us  
 Mother of the dying..... pray for us  
 Mother of the nonviolent... pray for us  
 Widowed mother.... pray for us  
 Unwed mother... pray for us  
 Mother of a political prisoner..... pray for us  
 Mother of the condemned.....pray for us  
 Mother of an executed criminal..... pray for us

**Closing:** Mary, Queen of Peace, we entrust our lives to you. Shelter us from war, hatred and oppression. Teach us to live in peace, to educate ourselves for peace. Inspire us to act justly, to revere all God has made. Root peace firmly in our hearts and in our world. Amen.

### LAKES ENTRANCE

**Pastoral Council Committee:** Fr Hiep, Jess McManus, Jan Hughes, Marie Dodson, Helen Renehan, Cherie Armistead, Lucas Drew, Stephen Ivanczuk.

**Liturgy Committee:** Fr Hiep, Jan Hayes, Joy Harris, Joan Micah.

**Finance Committee:** Fr Hiep, Bernard Abrecht, Lena Zagami, Danny Mulqueen, Ida Mariani, Arthur Allen

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

**Ministers to the Sick:** Becky McGrath, Jan Hayes, Margaret Berlinger, Fay Hammond, Mary Haber, Lis Wolffenbuttel, Joy Harris, Eleanor Krieger, Joan Micah.

### Alternatives to ED Care.

The insert in the Bulletin this week is a form to keep for giving alternate options for medical. It was handed out at the Biggest Morning Tea. Some great information and access by scanning the QR codes. Ideal form to keep on the fridge.



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.

- ◆ **Tues 21st April - Thurs 21st May** - Fr. Hiep away on leave.
- ◆ **Sat 16th May**- St Brendan's Feast Day.
- ◆ **Wed 20th May** - CWL meeting in hobby room commencing at 1.30 pm. All welcome.
- ◆ **Fri 22nd May** - Whole school Pentecost Prayer 9-10 am. All welcome.
- ◆ **Sun 24th May**– Sacrament of First Eucharist - Commitment Mass 9.00 am.  
- St Colman's PPC Meeting after Mass
- ◆ **Thurs 28th May**– Sacrament of First Eucharist Parent/Child meeting in hobby room.
- ◆ **Fri 29th May**-3-4 Class Mass 9.10 am, all welcome.
- ◆ **Sun 31st May** - Ecumenical Service **will now be hosted** by the Baptist Church. A play is planned depicting the Gospel of Mark in modern day terms. More information to come.
- ◆ **Wed 10th June**- PPC Meeting in Hobby Room at 5 pm.
- ◆ **Fri 12th June**– Foundation Mass 9.10 am.
- ◆ **Sun 14th June**– Sacrament of First Eucharist 9 am



**May 16th- St Brendan the Navigator Feast day (484-577) Patron Saint of sailors, boatmen, travellers, for those who are afraid, and of our Parish.**

Regardless of where you find yourself on your voyage of life, the faith community of St Brendan's Parish Lakes Entrance welcomes you.

Fifteen hundred years ago, St Brendan of Confert, Ireland and a group of brave monks set sail on their Atlantic journey in a small boat to seek 'heaven on earth'.

The *Navigatio* chronicals his search for the 'Isle of the Blessed' 'the Garden of Eden' 'the Promised Land of the Saints'. Throughout their journey, Brendan and his friends relied on their faith and each other to overcome numerous difficulties, obstacles and course corrections.

Brendan never reached his intended physical destination but realized he had already glimpsed heaven on earth through his trials, joys and the natural wonders that he encountered. Brendan's voyage was his path to God and symbolised a deeper meaning for all of us.

St Brendan's example teaches us that we are all on a journey of faith. When we hold together, Jesus Christ will see us through life's storms and to the calm shores of His eternal salvation.

As we follow Jesus on our journey of discipleship, let us ask Brendan for his boldness in following Jesus beyond the borders of our own maps for our lives. St Brendan the Navigator, your faith led you to great adventure at the ends of the known world. Pray for us.

(As we work towards the five year plan for our parish, which was established in 1953, let us also remember to be confident in stepping out in faith, searching with boldness and making decisions that will lead not only us, but future parishioners closer to God).

**A new Office mobile number, will be available soon.**

**2026 National Count of Attendance**

Every weekend for the month of May, we are required to do a count of attendance for Mass at our Parishes. The last 2 weekends we have to count totals as well as males & females, followed by the last weekend we need to include age group. We apologise for this.

**Catholic Women's League**

The next meeting for the Catholic Women's League will be held on Wed 20th May 2026 in the hobby room commencing at 1.30 pm. Afternoon tea will follow. All are most welcome to attend.

**Trinity Families Envelopes.**

Are available at the front of the Church for the month of May.

**Parish Pastoral Plan Team Questionnaire Update...**

Please remember to complete the questionnaire; if you need some help, just ask. Also if you do need another questionnaire they are on the side table in Church. The PPPT is not directing what our Parish does, but, with your help and input will provide direction for us all.

**SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP**

We hold as our central and fundamental responsibility the care, safety and well being of all people; especially children, the disabled, vulnerable adults, people of diverse cultures and Indigenous people. 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.

If you have any concerns please contact Parish Safeguarding Officer Danny Mulqueen via the Parish Office 0468 840 349.

**ORBOST: Pastoral Council Committee:** Fr Hiep, Robyn Hewson, Helen Donnellan, Lisa McKenna, Darren Downey.

**Finance Committee:** Fr Hiep, Marie Donchi, Chris Shanahan, Brian Cottier.

**Parish Safeguarding Officers:** Robyn Hewson - Contact via the Parish Office on 5155 5232

**Ministers of the Sick:** Carol Moore, Darren Downey, Lisa McKenna, Robyn Hewson.