



## 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

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Tuesday to Thursday 10am - 3pm

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

**Neighbourhood House** welcomes donations of one litre  
long life milk, two minute noodles & toothpaste.

### LITURGY / MASS TIMES

|                        |                     |                |                |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Tues 27th Oct:</b>  | St. Brendan's       | Lakes Entrance | 9.30 am        |
| <b>Wed 28th Oct:</b>   | St. Colman's        | Orbost         | No Mass        |
| <b>Thurs 29th Oct:</b> | St Brendan's        | Lakes Entrance | 9.30 am        |
|                        | Whole School Prayer |                |                |
| <b>Fri 30th Oct:</b>   | St. Brendan's       | Lakes Entrance | 9.30 am        |
| <b>Sat 31st Oct:</b>   | Rosary St Brendan's | Lakes Ent      | <b>9.45 am</b> |
|                        | St Brendan's        | Lakes Entrance | No Mass        |
|                        | St. Joseph's        | Swan Reach     | 5.00 pm        |
| <b>Sun 1st Nov:</b>    | St. Brendan's       | Lakes Entrance | 9.00 am        |
|                        | St. Colman's        | Orbost         | 11.00 am       |

**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



**October**

**The Month of Mary**

**Rosary will be prayed every  
Saturday at 8.45am during this  
month.**

**Thank you**

Welcome Fr. Mark Godridge who will be supplying  
Masses for Fr. Hiep during his personal retreat.

### ST. BRENDAN'S LITURGICAL ROSTER

| Month:<br>Oct / Nov 2026                                                        | Set up<br>for Mass | Welcomer                                                      | Commentator<br>& Prayers of<br>the Faithful | Lector /<br>Reader<br>Proclaimer<br>of the Word | Eucharist<br>Minister<br>x3 needed.                              | Flowers               | Altar<br>Linen<br>Oct / Nov | Music<br>Ministry           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 25th Oct– 30th</b><br>Sunday in Ord Time Yr A                         | Jan<br>Hayes       | <b>Front:</b> Rhiannon &<br>Lexi Drew.<br><b>Back:</b> Vacant | Joy Harris                                  | Louise Anketell                                 | 1. Jan Hayes<br>2. Mary Haber<br>3. Maureen<br>Hamilton          | Margaret<br>Berlinger | Louise Anketell             | Helen<br>Renehan ?<br>Cass? |
| <b>Sunday 1st Nov– 31st</b><br>Sunday in Ord Time Yr A<br><b>All Saints Day</b> | <b>Vacant</b>      | <b>Front:</b> Connie Zammit<br><b>Back:</b> Vacant            | <b>Vacant</b>                               | <b>Vacant</b>                                   | <b>1. Vacant</b><br><b>2. Vacant</b><br><b>3. Vacant</b>         | <b>Vacant</b>         | Helen Ireland               | Joan<br>Micah               |
| <b>Sunday 8th Nov– 32nd</b><br>Sunday in Ord Time Yr A<br><b>Morning Tea</b>    | Mary<br>Haber      | <b>Front:</b> Helen Ireland<br><b>Back:</b> Vacant            | <b>Vacant</b>                               | <b>Vacant</b>                                   | <b>1. Joan Micah</b><br><b>2. Mary Haber</b><br><b>3. Vacant</b> | <b>Vacant</b>         | Helen Ireland               | Joy Harris                  |

### **Entrance Antiphon -**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

### **First Reading**

**A reading from the book of Exodus 22: 20-26**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

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

***Responsorial Psalm 17: 2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2***

( R ) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

### **Second Reading**

***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians. 1: 5 – 10.***

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God;

and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

***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 Matthew 22: 34 – 40***

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

***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:**

In every society people observe the actions of others. When many people ignore a particular law others conclude that it is alright for them to do the same. Children often imitate the behaviours of their parents. When we practise the law of love in our lives we benefit not only those who need our help but also those who observe our actions.



## 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.

## Prayer

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness. Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect and freedom. Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence. Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour. Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way. Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice. Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour. Amen.

## WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Daly, George Arceri, Myrna Rubina,

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 (Oct)

Gerard Zagami, Anna Adami.

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

Hudson Whitford, Fr. Hiep's Dad, Val Northrope, Frank O'Donnell, Angela Ellis, Stuart Simons, Linda, Bruno Parisotto, Michael O'Donnell, Jay Haslam, 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)

**Welcome:-**

(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 who have recovered and who do not wish to be listed.

**Please print Clearly as to avoid the Names being misspelt in the Bulletin.**

| St Colman's | Cleaning    | Counting               | Linen           | Commentator & Reader            |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Oct         | Carol Moore | Chris & Kylie Shanahan | Bruna Di Nicolò | Helen Donnellan & Darren Downey |

## RCIA terms

A Catechumen is a person who has not received the Sacrament of Baptism in the Catholic Church or other (main stream Christian) churches.

A Candidate is a person who has received the Sacrament of Baptism in the Catholic Church or other churches.

*"I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". Amen.*

We have one Catechumen and three Candidates this year continuing their journey of faith. They will be welcomed into St Brendan's on Sunday 8th November.

Did you know that St Brendan's has it's own Facebook page as well as our Website?. Or you could perhaps take the Bulletin home with you to keep up with what is happening in your Parish.

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

Thank you to all that have sent in your Shoe Boxes. The Shoebox Collection is now closed. We are grateful for all the support you have given to this charity.

## 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, Helen Renehan.

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

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Lucas Drew  
Contact via the Parish Office 0403 572 474

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

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

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

**Parish Safeguarding Officers:** Robyn Hewson - Contact via the Parish Office on 0403 572 474

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



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 27th Oct** - Year 5 Class Prayer 9.10 am. All Welcome.
- ◆ **Thur 29th Oct** - Whole School Prayer 9.10 am all saints day. - Sacrament of Reconciliation parent /child meeting hobby room 5 pm
- ◆ **Sat 31st Oct**- Rosary at 9.45am
- ◆ **Mon 2nd Nov** - Ladies of the Parish Morning tea at Kalimna Hotel at 10 am. All most welcome. - All Souls Day 9.30 am & 6 pm Mass
- ◆ **Tues 3rd Nov**- **Melbourne Cup Day**.- Parish Office Closed.—all Saints Day 6 pm at Cemetery
- ◆ **Fri 13th Nov**— Year 3/4 Class Mass. 9.10 am. All Welcome.
- ◆ **Mon 16th Nov**— Widowed Ladies of St. Brendan's Parish @ 2pm contact Helen Spralja on 0429197629 17 Heatherlea Grove.
- ◆ **Thurs 19th Nov**— Sacrament of Reconciliation—time TBC
- ◆ **Fri 20th Nov**— Year 1-2 Class Mass 9.10 am. All Welcome.
- ◆ **Sun 22nd Nov**— Rite of Welcome at Mass.
- ◆ **Mon 23rd Nov**— Advent Reflection in Hobby Room from 2-3 pm
- ◆ **Thurs 26th Nov**— Advent Reflection in Hobby room 5-6 pm.
- ◆ **Sun 29th Nov**— Ecumenical Service—Anglican Church Time TBC.
- ◆ **Fri 4th Dec**— A Carol Event 7 pm @ St Brendan's church. "Keeping Christ in Christmas"

### Collections: 5th - 11th October '26

St Brendan's / St. Joseph's \$ 1128.50  
St. Colman's \$ 275.85

*Thank you for your ongoing generous contributions to our Parish Communities.*

### Advent Reflection

Advent Reflection will commence on Monday 23rd Nov at 2-3 pm or Thursdays 5-6 pm for 4 weeks in the Hobby Room. More information and expression of interest will be available shortly.

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Shine a Light: Loving Our Neighbour



As we reach the final week of our October journey with the *Shine a Light* initiative, our focus turns to the very heart of Christian living: fostering safety, kindness and deep respect in every relationship. You can learn more at: [www.cdsale.org.au/sal](http://www.cdsale.org.au/sal)

This week's theme, 'Love Your Neighbour,' comes from the heart of the Gospel, where Jesus teaches that love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable. Loving our neighbour as ourselves begins in the warmth of our own homes and parish community. When we choose patience, listen with empathy and uphold the dignity of those around us, we put love into real practice and create spaces where everyone feels secure, valued, and cherished.

### Shine a Light: Loving Our Neighbour by Petra Mazai

When Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest, His answer is beautifully simple: to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. At times, faith can seem complicated, but Jesus brings us back to what matters most: love. After all, God is love, and every act of genuine love reflects His presence in our lives.

As we journey through this Franciscan Year, these words invite us to pause and reflect on how love is lived out in our everyday lives. Love is present in the patience we show a family member, the forgiveness we offer when we have been hurt, the encouragement we give to someone who is struggling, or the time we take to truly listen. These moments may seem small, but they often have the greatest impact, bringing comfort, hope, and healing to others.

The readings remind us that God has a special concern for those who are vulnerable, isolated, or in need. They challenge us to look beyond ourselves and see others through eyes of compassion. In a world that can sometimes feel hurried and divided, we are called to make others feel seen, valued and cared for.

St Francis understood this deeply. He recognised the dignity of every person and responded with humility, kindness, and joy. His example reminds us that love is not simply a feeling but a choice we make each day through our words and actions. May we take time this week to reflect on the ways we show love to those around us. Through even the smallest acts of kindness, we can make God's love visible in our homes, parish, and the wider community. When we choose love, we bring the Gospel to life, for God is Love.

### 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 Lucas Drew via the Parish Office on:- 0403 572 474