



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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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

Tues 20th Oct: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.30 am
Funeral Prayers for Mr Brian Daly St Brendan's 11.30 am

Wed 21st Oct: St. Colman's Orbost 9.30 am

Fri 23rd Oct: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.30 am

Sat 24th Oct: Rosary St Brendan's Lakes Ent 8.45 am
St Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.30 am

Sun 25th Oct: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.00 am
St. Colman's Orbost 11.00 am
St. Joseph's Swan Reach 5.00 pm
Vietnamese 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



October

The Month of Mary

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

Mission Sunday Special Collection.

A Special Collection for Mission Sunday will be this week-end. Envelopes are in the Church foyer.

ST. BRENDAN'S LITURGICAL ROSTER

Month: Oct / Nov 2026	Set up for Mass	Welcomer	Commentator & Prayers of the Faithful	Lector / Reader Proclaimer of the Word	Eucharist Minister x3 needed.	Flowers	Altar Linen Oct / Nov	Music Ministry
Sunday 18th Oct – 29th Sunday in Ord Time Yr A	Joan Micah	Front: Rhiannon & Lexi Drew. Back: Vacant	Maureen Hamilton		1. Vacant 2. Di Clarke 3. Vacant	Vacant	Louise Anketell	Joan Micah
Sunday 25th Oct – 30th Sunday in Ord Time Yr A	Mary Haber	Front: Rhiannon & Lexi Drew. Back: Vacant	Vacant	Louise Anketell	1. Vacant 2. Mary Haber 3. Vacant	Margaret Berlingeri	Louise Anketell	TBC
Sunday 1st Nov – 31st Sunday in Ord Time Yr A All Saints Day		Front: Vacant Back: Vacant			1. Vacant 2. Vacant 3. Vacant			Joan Micah

Entrance Antiphon -

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of
the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord - Thanks Be To God.

Responsorial Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v. 7

(R) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God
for you all, and constantly remember before God our
Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked
for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus
Christ.
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you
have been chosen, because when we brought the Good
News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as
power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord - Thanks Be To God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22: 15 – 21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how
to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples
to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we
know that you are an honest man and teach the way of
God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of
anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell
us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to
Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and
replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me?
Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed
him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose
name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very
well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to
God what belongs to God.'

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

The Mystery Of Faith

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

Gospel Reflection:

The Kingdom of God is already present in our world.
It is here that we practise the kingdom values of
justice, honesty, love and compassion.
It is here that we show our faith in action, work for
love and persevere in hope.
When we contribute to the well-being of civil society
we are promoting the kingdom of God.



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:

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

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 Roster	Cleaning	Counting	Linen	Commentator & Reader
Oct	Carol Moore	Chris & Kylie Shanahan	Bruna Di Nicolò	Helen Donnellan & Darren Downey

Thank you



Operation Christmas Child was a wonderful success this year. We donated 14 gift filled shoeboxes and also collected \$127.50 in donations that will go towards the shipping for Samaritan's Purse.

Thankyou to everyone who filled a shoebox and made a donation.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide Gods love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

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.

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.

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.



- ♦ **Sun 18th Oct** - Special Collection Mission Sunday (envelopes) - St Colman's PPC meeting after Mass.
- ♦ **Sun 25th Oct** - Sacrament of Reconciliation Commitment Mass 9 am.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Tues 3rd Nov**- **Melbourne Cup Day**.- Parish Office Closed.
- ♦ **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 4th Dec**- A Carol Event 7 pm @ St Brendan's church. "Keeping Christ in Christmas"

Collections: 28th Sep - 4th October '26

St Brendan's / St. Joseph's \$ 2857.90
St. Colman's \$ 463.50

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

Thankyou

A Special Thank you goes out to Alision Doucette for taking on the role of co-ordinating "Operation Shoebox" this year.

Josephite Companions Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 26th November 2026 at 2.00 pm. Venue:- 629 Esplanade. Lakes Entrance. Josephite Companions live the charism of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint. Both ladies and gentlemen of the Parish are invited. Please contact Louise 0408 516 826

Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Shine on the World Like Bright Stars

As our October journey with the *Shine a Light* initiative continues, we keep our focus firmly on nurturing safety, dignity, and genuine care throughout our community. You can learn more at:

www.cdsale.org.au/sal This week, our theme invites

us to '*Shine on the World Like Bright Stars*', echoing this Sunday's Gospel acclamation. The gospel reminds us to give to God what belongs to God. Christ calls us to honour the divine image stamped upon every human being. When we reflect God's love through integrity, empathy and positive action, our lives shine like beacons of hope; showing what it truly means to uplift, protect, and respect one another.

Shine on the World Like Bright Stars by Fr Aneesh George IVDei

There was a blind man who walked through the streets every night carrying a lamp in his hand. One evening, someone saw him and wondered, "Why does a blind man carry a lamp? Even if he cannot see its light." As the blind man was walking, another person, coming from the opposite direction, accidentally bumped into him. Angrily, the man said, "Why are you carrying a lamp? You are blind. The light is useless to you!" The blind man gently replied, "My friend, I know that I cannot see the light. But I carry this lamp so that others can see me and I will not become an obstacle to them." Dear friends, sometimes we carry the light not because we need it, but because someone else needs it. There are people around us who are walking through darkness, the darkness caused by loneliness, fear, abuse, violence, rejection, addiction, grief or hopelessness. That is what it means to "**Shine on the World Like Bright Stars**." We may not be able to remove all the darkness in the world. We may not be able to solve every problem. But Jesus tells us: "Let your light shine before others."

When we speak up against domestic violence, we become the bright stars. When we listen to someone who is suffering, we become the bright stars. When we stand beside a person who is frightened and say, "You are not alone," we become the bright stars. When we choose kindness instead of anger, forgiveness instead of revenge, respect instead of control, and love instead of violence, we will shine on the world like bright stars.

And sometimes we may wonder, "Is my little light really making a difference?" Remember the blind man. He could not see his own light—but someone else needed it.

Perhaps we cannot see the difference our kindness is making. Perhaps we cannot see the person we are encouraging. Perhaps we will never know whose life was changed because we chose to speak, listen, forgive, protect or love. But keep carrying the lamp. Keep shining. Because somewhere, someone is walking through darkness—and our light may be the very light they need to find their way home.

So today, let us make this our prayer and our mission: Shine on the world like bright stars. Shine in our homes. Shine in our families. Shine in our relationships. Shine wherever there is fear, pain, darkness and violence. May the light of Christ shine through our lives, so that no one around us needs to walk alone in the darkness. "**Shine on the World Like Bright Stars**." Not because our light is perfect, but because even the smallest light can defeat the darkness.

Let our homes be places where no one is afraid. Let our relationships be places where no one is controlled or humiliated. Let our words heal rather than wound. And let the light of Christ shine through us.

We may not realise how much light we carry. We may not see the difference we are making. But keep carrying the lamp. Keep shining. Because someone walking in darkness may be looking for our light. So, Shine on the World Like Bright Stars".

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