EAST GIPPSLAND PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St Colman's Orbost, St Brendan's Lakes Entrance,
St 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'

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LITURGY / MASS TIMES

Upon Health Advice, due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT CHURCH PREMISES WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Parish Office will be unattended from Mar 25th - April 7th
However, If a Priest is required, please contact
St. Brendan's office on 5155 5232 or St. Mary's 5152 3106

Op Shop - Closed till further notice

FOR PARISHIONERS FROM ALL CHURCHES WISHING TO CONTINUE THEIR PLANNED GIVING AND TO MAKE OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS, FUNDS CAN BE DIRECTLY BANKED TO THE CHURCH ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:-

BSB: 083-879 A/C: 86504-4387 Reference: Envelope Number + Name

Or send cheques to St. Brendan's Parish, P.O. Box 4 Lakes Entrance. 3909.

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.

'GLUTEN FREE' HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE - PLEASE ADVISE FATHER OR THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER IN ATTENDANCE

ST. BRENDAN'S PLAYGROUP: 51552712
St. Brendan's School - **Friday's 9 - 10.30am**
Music & Movement during school term

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY ORBOST
Playgroup with Storytime, Beat Boppers Music & Movement
Thursday 10-11am in MacKillop Hall during school term

Welcome: To our parishioners and our visitors who have come to celebrate Mass with us today.

CHURCH ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND:

Welcomers
Commentators/POTF
Readers
Offertory Procession
Special Ministers
Cleaners
Flowers — NO FLOWERS DURING LENT
Counters
Power Point
Altar Linen

Communion to the Sick: East Community: West Community: Opal NH: Kalimna NH:

Collections: Last Weekend:	St. Brendan's	St. Joseph's	St. Colman's	Buchan
Planned Giving:	$ -	$ -	$ - (ALL)	$ -
1st & 2nd Collection:	$ -			

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like more information on our 'Planned Giving' Program.

ST. COLMAN'S:

Roster for March

Counters:
Flowers:
Cleaning Church:
Church Linen:

This week:

Commentator:
Reader:
Offertory:
Special Minister:

Next Week:

Commentator:
Reader:
Offertory:
Special Minister:

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel ***37:12-14***

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: ***Ps 129. R. v. 7***

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
   Lord, hear my voice!
   O let your ears be attentive
   to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
   Lord, who would survive?
   But with you is found forgiveness:
   for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
   I count on his word.
   My soul is longing for the Lord
   more than watchman for daybreak.
   (Let the watchman count on daybreak
   and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
   and fullness of redemption,
   Israel indeed he will redeem
   from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: ***8:8-11***

A reading from the letter of St. Paul's to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: ***11:1-45***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

SHORT VERSION

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'
Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'
On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'
Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed ***(as per the overhead screens)***

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.

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: "Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" (John 11:40)

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe and put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

40 days of Lent

WE PRAY FOR: **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brother Noel Hannabery SDB, Bernie Shanahan, Jack Mooney, John Guillot 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 and those whose time has come to leave our world whatever the circumstance.

ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur this Month. Ellen Midson, Merryn Sanders, Fred Crea, Kieral Lyons, Peter Kleinitz
"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, Bridget Tidd, Rocco Giove, Mardi O'Donnell, Laurie Corbett, Celine McDowell, Elizabeth Novak, Tash Binns, Lil & Val, Elsie & Brian, Tahlia DeFelice, Mario Kalafatis, Vicky Deppeler, Ron Swann, Maureen Tuisue, Murry & Jenny Belnaves, Wendy Taylor Madeleine Thackery

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

PROJECT COMPASSION

Fifth Sunday of Lent 29th March

Caritas AUSTRALIA

Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl, living with a disability. She lives in a village in northern Malawi in a region plagued by food insecurity and poverty. For most of her life, her parents have struggled to put meals on the table. Tawonga often had to miss school because she was too sick from hunger. The family also faced discrimination in their community due to her disability. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed. Her family now grows enough food to provide three meals a day, ending the struggle of malnutrition, and helping her thrive at school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Message from Deacon Jim Curtain, Diocesan Director of Caritas Australia, about the Project Compassion 2020 Appeal.

We here at Caritas understand that many in our community will have financial concerns, worries about health, and worries about their future due to the COVID19 crisis. We do appreciate that many generous people who would normally give may no longer be in a position to do so. However through Project Compassion we support people and communities in countries that have nothing like the resources of Australia, where governments do not have the ability to provide social welfare payments or subsidise employers to keep people in work. Bearing in mind the uncertainty that we are all experiencing, we would still ask that, if you are able, you consider continuing to support Project Compassion as best you can.

Thank you for your generosity in the past, and for whatever you feel able to give now.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE

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

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE

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*** ***or Phone: 5155 5232***

APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE
AUSTRALIA

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Manuka ACT 2603

APPOINTMENT
OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF ADELAIDE

Under Embargo until 12 noon in Rome
Thursday, 19th March 2020

The Apostolic Nunciature in Australia has the honour to announce that:

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed as Archbishop of Adelaide the Most Reverend **Patrick Michael O'Regan**, who has been until now Bishop of the Diocese of Sale.

Canberra, 16th March 2020.

APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE IN AUSTRALIA

One Body, One Spirit in Christ (Eph 4:4)

Pope Francis offers advice about how to face the daily challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic: "We need to rediscover the concreteness of small things, the small acts of kindness shown to those who are close to us, family, friends. We need to realize that our treasure lies in small things. There are tiny gestures that sometimes get lost in the routine of everyday life, gestures of tenderness, affection, compassion, that are nevertheless decisive, important", he says.

The Pope gives the examples of sharing "a hot plate of food, a caress, a hug, a phone call... These are familiar, attentive gestures regarding everyday details that make life meaningful, and create communion and communication amongst us".

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-03/pope-coronavirus-interview-repubblica-pandemic-covid-coronavirus.html

Spiritual Nourishment - Accessing Prayer Resources

You may wish to begin your prayer by lighting a candle and/or preparing a prayer focus with a cross or crucifix, bible, flowers etc. While people may choose to watch Mass online or on TV, why not consider praying together. Reading the Scripture passage aloud with your family or friends and then spending time in discussion and prayer will assist in us feeling connected in faith. The Lectionary readings for each day are reminders that although we may be physically isolated and unable to celebrate Mass together, we can still be joined in prayer as members of one Body who are always united in Christ.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has a list of online links https://catholic.org.au/coronavirus

Participating in Mass online

Mass on Demand http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand

Melbourne Catholic Mass on line https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

Word on Fire Daily Mass www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass (as this is from the USA, we are viewing yesterday's Mass)

Making a Spiritual Communion https://adw.org/coronavirus-dispensation-and-prayers/

RESOURCES - https://giveusthisday.org/Digital https://www.cam.org.au/Catholic-Faith/Prayers

Mass for you at home (TV): Channel 10 (8 for Gippsland) Sundays at 5.30am until after Easter then at 6am.