



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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Entrance

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Tuesday to Thursday 10am - 3pm

LITURGY / MASS TIMES

Tuesday 28th Jan:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	No Mass
Wed 29th Jan:	St. Colman's	Orbost	No Mass
Friday 31st Jan:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	No Mass
Saturday 1st Feb:	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	8.45 am
	Rosary		
	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	No Mass
	St Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00 pm
Sunday 2nd Feb:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00am
	St. Colman's	Orbost	11.00am

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION:

(After Friday 9.30am Mass:)

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

ROSARY:

St Brendan's: **1st Saturday of the month @ 8.45am (1st Feb 2025)**
St Colman's: Half an hour before Mass.

Morning Tea: After St Brendan's Mass, in Hobby Room.
Every Sunday in January. All Welcome.

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



Mass times:

**While Fr. Hiep is away
our Mass times will be
altered.
Please check the
Bulletin weekly when
Mass is on.**

**We welcome Fr. Antony Santhiyagu who will be here for
Masses while Fr. Hiep is away.**

Thank you Fr. Antony for your visiting and supply.

ST. BRENDAN'S ROSTER

Month January	Set up for Mass	Welcomer	Commentator & Prayers of the Faithful	Reader Proclaimer of the Word	Eucharist Minister	Flowers	Altar Linen	Music Ministry
Sunday 26th Jan 3rd Sun in Ord Time Yr C Australia Day	Mary Haber	Front: Helen Ireland Back: Helen Spralja	Vacant	Danny Mulqueen	Mary Haber	Vacant	Margaret East	Jan Hayes
Sunday 2nd Feb 4th Sun in Ord Time Yr C Presentation of the Lord - Feast Day	Jan Hayes	Front : Back:			Jan Hayes	Jan Hayes		Joan Micah
Sunday 9th Feb 5th Sun in Ord Time Yr C		Front: Back:	Jan Hughes					Vincent De Simone & choir P/p Joy Harris

Entrance Antiphon -

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The Word of the Lord - Thanks Be To God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. Jn. 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 12:12 – 30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body?

If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:1-4; 4:14 -21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.

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.**

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

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WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr. Dennis Carrabot, Elsie Stirling, Reg Sanders, Rose Kelly, Margaret Hibbert.
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 (January)

Ivor Foenander, Una Willieck, Maria Parisotto, Iva Webb, Hans Sanders, Denis McGrath, Irene Huntjens.

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

Patricia White, Tony, Mick Collins, Michael O'Donnell, Ryan & Jeremy McGrath, Mina Giove,
Reg Northrope, Allen Wilson, 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:- We Welcome to our Parish

Bijue Philip, Jaini Jacob, Hanna Biji, Isabel & Helen also Mini Varghese Bibin, Sarm, Merin.

(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 listed.

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

St Brendan's Parish-Family Book: Could I ask if all Names be Printed in a clear print please. I do get worried that I enter names and spelling incorrectly in the Bulletin. With my thanks.

Some News from the Pews / Claim the dates:

The roster for February is now printed and ready to be filled. Thankyou in advance for those who have taken on board the "self rostering" whilst Luise Gooden has a break.

A gentle reminder that you do need a Working with Children's Check.

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, Margaret East, Joan Micah, Vincenzo de Simone.

Finance Committee: Fr Hiep, Mary Haber, 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, Margaret East, Fay Hammond, Mary Haber, Lis Wolffenbuttel, Joan Micah-emergency, Joy Harris.

The Ladies of the Parish Morning Tea will be held at Kellicake on Monday 3rd Feb at 10 am.

Earth care Parish

Affirming Ecological Practice
St. Brendan's Parish Lakes Entrance has committed for our common home and begun its journey to becoming a living Laudato Si' community.

'Rosary via Zoom' is in recess until the first Monday in February. We look forward to you joining us.



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.

- ◆ **3rd Feb** - The Ladies of the Parish Morning tea at Kellicake at 10 am.
- ◆ **14-15th Feb** - Diocesan of Sale Assembly at Churchill. Fri 10.30am - 7.30pm and Sat 9.30 am - 4.30 pm. Concluding with Mass.
- ◆ **20th Feb** - PPC Meeting St. Brendan's 5 pm in Hobby Room.
- ◆ **21st Feb** - St. Brendan's Finance Meeting 5pm in Hobby Room.



January Collections: 11th - 17th Jan '25
 St Brendan's / St. Joseph's \$ 1931.55
 St Colman's \$ 296.60
 Thank you for your ongoing generous contributions to our Parish Communities.

St. Brendan's Parish Lakes Entrance has appointed Joan Micah, Danny Mulqueen, Jan Hayes and Louise Anketell who have become delegates to represent St. Brendan's Parish to attend the Diocese of Sale Assembly on 14th and 15th Feb. We thank you for your acceptance.

St. Colman's Parish Orbost has appointed Lisa McKenna, Robyn Hewson and Andrew Hewson who have become delegates to represent for St. Colman's Parish to attend the Diocese of Sale Assembly on the 14th and 15th Feb. We thank you for your acceptance.

I had a lovely phone call from a lady by the name of Jan Crawford. Jan some 40 years ago while studying at Tafe was given some Mount Gambier Stone. She carved a Lady, Man and baby from it; she then gifted the statue to Fr. Shanley as he was building the Church at that stage. She called in Tuesday and discovered the statue was still here in the garden. The surprise made her very emotional on the phone. Jan is going to send me more information and photos of the construction of the statue for the Church.

The Jubilee Prayer Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.



May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

You will no doubt be fully aware of the Logo for this Jubilee Year of Hope. As we journey together on the pilgrimage, take a closer look at the logo. The logo shows 4 figures stylized to indicate humanity from the 4 corners of the earth. They are embracing each other to indicate the solidarity and brotherhood which joins the peoples. The figure at the head is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which embraces, but also of hope which can never be abandoned because we are always in need of hope. Especially in moments of great need.

It is helpful to observe the rough waves underneath; this indicates that life's pilgrimage does not always move in calm waters. Life's circumstances and the events of the world often demand a greater call to hope and because of this we see that the lower part of the cross has been turned into an anchor which stands out in the wave. As is well known, the anchor has often been used as a metaphor of hope and as a matter of fact, the anchor of hope is the name used in maritime jargon as the name given to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilize the boat during storms.

Do not ignore the fact that the image demonstrates the pilgrim's journey is not individual, but communal and marked by a growing vitality leading one always closer to the cross, which is itself by no means static, but also dynamic.

It turns towards humanity, not leaving it alone but going out and meeting it to offer the certainty of its presence and the sureness of hope. Finally, note that the motto is very visible in green.

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.

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Finance Committee: Fr Hiep, Marie Donchi, Chris Shanahan, Brian Cottier.
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Ministers of the Sick: Carol Moore, Darren Downey, Lisa McKenna, Robyn Hewson.