



# 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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Open :- Monday's, Wednesdays & Fridays.

## LITURGY / MASS TIMES

**Tues 25th March:** St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.30 am

**Wed 26th March:** St. Colman's Orbost 9.30 am

**Fri 28th March:** St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.30am  
Stations of the Cross after Mass.  
St. Colman's Orbost 11.00am  
Stations of the Cross.

**Sat 29nd March:** St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.30 am  
St Brendan's Lakes Entrance 5.00 pm  
Celebration Mass for Jubilee of Volunteers followed by dinner  
St. Joseph's Swan Reach No Mass

**Sun 30th March:** St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.00 am

**4th Sunday of Lent** St. Colman's Orbost 11.00 am

### EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION:

Not during Lent.

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

### ROSARY:

St Brendan's: **1st Saturday of the month @ 8.45am (5th April 2025)**  
St Colman's: Half an hour before Mass.

**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



Project Compassion Boxes  
are due back by:-  
Palm Sunday, which is  
Sunday 13th April 2025.  
also a 3rd Collection for  
Project Compassion will also  
be on this day at Mass.

## ST. BRENDAN'S ROSTER

Month March. 2025.	Set up for Mass	Welcomer	Commentator & Prayers of the Faithful	Lector / Reader Proclaimer of the Word	Eucharist Minister	Flowers	Altar Linen	Music Ministry
Sunday 23rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent Yr C	Mary Haber	Front: Helen Ireland Back: Vacant	Jess McManus	Louise Anketell	Mary Haber	No flowers during Lent	Marg East	Jan Hayes & Sonja Bedrock
Sunday 30th March 4th Sunday of Lent Yr C	Vacant	Front : Connie Zammit Back: Vacant	Maureen Hamilton	Vacant	Judy Johnstone	No flowers during Lent	Marg East	Vincent De Simone & Choir P/Point: Joy
Sunday 6th April 5th Sunday of Lent Yr C	Jan Hayes	Front: Connie Zammit Back: Vacant	Vacant	Danny Mulqueen	Jan Hayes	No flowers during Lent	Marg East	Sonja Bedrock Lead P/Point: Joan Micah

**Entrance Antiphon -**

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

**First Reading**

**A reading from the book of Exodus 3:1-8.  
13-15**

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11.  
R. v. 8**

**(R.)** The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

**Second Reading**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the  
Corinthians. 10: 1 - 6, 10-12**

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
13: 1-9**

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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

**The Mystery Of Faith:  
Save us, Saviour of the world,  
For by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**Gospel Reflection:** *When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say. 'They had it coming! God is punishing them!' In today's Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task of reform.*

## 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

Rick Harney, Mrs Iris Paten, Marianne Ward, Maree Armistead, Tony Turchett, Mary Renehan, 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 (March)

Ellen Midson, Cheryl West, Jessica ( Melbourne), Joe, Pina, Fred Crea, Kieran Lyons, Mariane (Geelong)

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

Mario Williams, Andrew Lamboden, Allan McIntyre, Maggies Child, Robert Allan, Luise & Michael Gooden, Jay Haslam, Megan Johnstone, Mick Collins, Michael O'Donnell, 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:-

Pray for Daryl Langford who had open heart surgery on the 28th Feb. Prayers go out to all who had experienced Cyclone Alfred in NSW and Queensland.

(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.

Please print Clearly as to avoid the Names being mis-spelt in the Bulletin.

St Colman's Roster	Cleaning	Counting	Linen	Commentator & Reader
March	Lisa McKenna	Carol Moore & Marie Donchi	Bruna Di Nicolo	Helen Donnellan & Darren Downey

**Some News from the Pews / Claim the dates:**  
**The roster for April is now printed and on the wall. There will be a Separate Roster for Holy Week. Thankyou for taking 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.

### Chalice & Paten of St Patrick's Tarraville

Whilst not made of the highest quality materials, the value of this gold plated 1879 French chalice & paten lies in the fact that it was purchased for use in the first church of the Gippsland Mission, St Patrick's at Tarraville. It is likely that the first priest to use this chalice would have been Father Philip Kavanagh the PP of Tarraville, Gippsland Mission – South. Fr Kavanagh became the first priest to die in the district after he rode out in bad weather to administer the sacrament to a dying parishioner. Father was buried in the Greenmount Cemetery near Yarram in Jan 1883 and a community collection raised funds for a large and beautiful monument to be raised over his resting place.

**This Chalice will journey through every Parish and Mass Centre in our Diocese during this year. It will travel in all Churches, St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance and St. Colman's Orbost in the next 2 weeks.**



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.



- ◆ **Sat 29th March** - Jubilee of Volunteers Mass at St. Brendan's at 5 pm, followed by Dinner in Mary McKillop Hall.
- ◆ **Tues 1st April**- Liturgy Meeting at 2 pm in Hobby Room.
- ◆ **Wed 2nd April** - PPC Meeting 5 pm in Hobby Room.
- ◆ **Mon 7th April**- Ladies of the Parish morning tea at Albert & Co at 10 am. All Welcome.
- ◆ **Fri 11th April**- Finance Committee Meeting 5 pm in Hobby Room.
- ◆ **Sun 13th April - Palm Sunday**- 3rd Collection, for Project Compassion.

**Collections: 8th - 14th March 25**  
 St Brendan's / St. Joseph's \$ 1710.70  
 St Colman's \$ 315.45  
 Thank you for your ongoing generous contributions to our Parish Communities.

We warmly welcome today Bridie McInnes & Sam Roberts who have asked for their daughter Marlee Cecilia Roberts to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Sacred Holy Oils used are the Oil of Chrism and the Oil of Catechumen.

**'The Sacraments of Initiation are family based, Parish centered, school and Catechist supported'.**

**Jubilee of Volunteers Dinner:- Only 1 week left** if you are planning on attending please put your name down for catering purposes also if you would like to bring a plate to share, there is a list in Church or contact office.

**Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing, and floral decorations are very simple.**

**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, Flora Smooker, 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.

**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

**Jubilee of Volunteers**

The Jubilee of Volunteering is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who generously serve through volunteering.

The **Diocese of Sale & St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance** invites all volunteers and Parishioners to a special **Jubilee of Volunteers Celebration**:

**Date:** Saturday, 29 March 2025,

**Time:** 5:00 PM,

**Venue:** St Brendan's Parish, Lakes Entrance

The event will include:

**Thanksgiving Mass** honouring volunteers  
**Volunteer stories** sharing experiences of service  
**Smorgasbord dinner** to celebrate together,

This Jubilee celebration is an opportunity to give thanks for the dedication of volunteers and reflect on the importance of service in the Church.

For Christians, volunteer work is not merely an expression of good will. It is based on a personal experience of Christ. He was the first to serve humanity, he freely gave his life for the good of all.

**Fundraiser**

St. Brendan's Primary School are organising a fundraiser to assist with costs that Indra Quin and her family will incur. Deposits can be done at the School office or internet banking. Acc Name;- St Brendan's School BSB 083 879 A/C 695096861 ref;- Donation to Quin/Williams family closes Wed 2 April