



# 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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and reaching out with compassion and support to all.*

## PARISH CONTACTS

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Entrance

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## LITURGY / MASS TIMES

<b>Tuesday 14th Jan:</b>	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
<b>Wed 15th Jan:</b>	St. Colman's	Orbost	No Mass
<b>Friday 17th Jan:</b>	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	No Mass
<b>Saturday 18th Jan:</b>	St. Dymphna's	Buchan	9.00am
	St. Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00pm
<b>Sunday 19th Jan:</b>	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**

**ST. COLMAN'S** - Send cheques to P.O. Box 104, Orbost 3888

EFT to: BSB: 083-879 A/C: 527734545

Reference: **Envelope No.+ Name**



I received an email from  
Fr. Hiep on Thursday  
and he arrived in  
Ho Chi Minh city, and will  
be flying to his home  
Friday.

We welcome Fr. Daryl Montecillo who will be here for  
Masses while Fr. Hiep is away.

Thank you Fr. Daryl for your visiting and supply.

## ST. BRENDAN'S ROSTER

Month	Set up for Mass	Welcomer	Commentator & Prayers of the Faithful	Reader Proclaimer of the Word	Eucharist Minister	Flowers	Altar Linen	Music Ministry
January								
Sunday 12th Jan The Baptism of the Lord	Joy Harris	Front: :Eileen Adami Back: Helen Spralja	Marg McManus	Danny Mulqueen	Mary Jo Durante	Margaret Berlingeri	Margaret East	Vincent De Simone & Choir. P/p Joy Harris
Sunday 19th Jan 2nd Sunday in Ord time Yr C	Margaret East	Front :Rhiannon & Lexi Drew Back: Margaret East	Becky McGrath	Marie Dodson	Jan Hayes	Vacant	Margaret East	Vacant
Sunday 26th Jan 3rd Sun in Ord Time Yr C Australia Day	Mary Haber	Front: Helen Ireland Back: Vacant	Vacant	Danny Mulqueen	Mary Haber	Vacant	Margaret East	Jan Hayes

**Entrance Antiphon -**

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**First Reading**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

'Console my people, console them' says your God.  
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30. R. v. 1**

**(R.)** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1 Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R.)

2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. (R.)

3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. (R.)

4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. (R.)

5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

**Second Reading**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Titus 2: 11-14: 3:4-7**

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

**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 Luke's Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of a new era, that of the saving ministry of Jesus. This feast, which occurs early in the new year, is a good time for us to resolve to begin a new era in our own lives. Putting the past behind us, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in our service and love of our brothers and sisters.

## 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

Reg Saunders, 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)

Iva Webb, Hans Sanders, Denis McGrath, Irene Huntjens.

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

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 Jacub, 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	Helen Donnellan	Chris & Kylee Shanahan	Bruna Di Nicolo	Helen Donnellan & Darren Downey

### Some News from the Pews / Claim the dates:

**Roster Vacancies for Jan.** Thankyou for your thoughtful and generous response to the Ministry rosters for Dec & Jan. The remaining vacancies are now in red.

Please remember if you swap a ministry to write it on the roster so that Cherie can keep the bulletins as up to date as possible.

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

### 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.

### 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.



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.



- ◆ **12th Jan** - Morning tea after Mass at St Brendan's in Hobby Room. All welcome.
- ◆ **19th Jan** - Morning tea after Mass at St. Brendan's in Hobby Room. All welcome.
- ◆ **14-15th Feb** - Diocesan of Sale Assembly at Churchill.

January Collections: 28th Dec - 3rd Jan '25  
 St Brendan's / St. Joseph's \$ 1633.30  
 St Colman's \$ 1005.85  
 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.

The Bishop of Sale, Greg Bennett celebrated the opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope on New Years Day at the Sale Cathedral. At communion time, Bishop Greg was privileged to use a golden communion chalice which was used in the first church in our Diocese, at Tarraville. In those days around the 1860's, the Priests, most of them from Irish backgrounds, would ride horses to far flung communities to celebrate Mass, and this chalice fitted into the Priests saddle bags. It is amazing that the chalice can still be used today. Throughout this Year of Jubilee, this chalice will travel throughout the Diocese, to be used in all of our many Mass Centres. The Mass concluded with a special Jubilee solemn blessing over the large assembly.

**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

**The Diocese of Sale 2024-2025 Consultation & Assembly Prayer**

Holy Spirit of Wind & Fire, come! Startle us anew with your power and energy. Blow fresh life through our tired dreams. Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us. Light up the windows of our joy and purpose. Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us. Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.

May we listen attentively to your quiet whisper at our very core. May we discern your call expressed in the voices and stories of others. May we build a Church that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith. May we be at one with all of humanity and the rest of God's creation. May we develop the courage to be people of mission, alert to opportunities, always on the move, bringing Good News to our needy world, Wind and Fire for one another. Amen.

