



ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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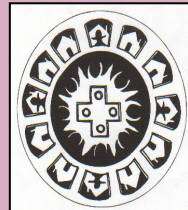
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*Christ in community...the
heart of our faith*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 May 2020



*Readings for
this week:*

Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Acts 8:5-8,14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 17:1-11



Looking at the Readings

The first half of today's Gospel excites our imagination, warms our hearts and draws us closer to Christ and his Apostle. It has become a very popular Gospel for celebrating funerals. We imagine that enormous mansion of heaven with many wonderful rooms and plenty of room for everyone. Even us! Our hearts are warmed with Jesus words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled ... trust in me." He is thinking of us on the eve of his death. We identify with Thomas and the other Apostles who are somewhat at loss but seeking the right path. This reading is for our family and us.

Life and Death pose many questions. In today's readings we find assures that faith increases, despite ourselves, we are God's holy people, a chosen, race, a royal priesthood that may offer prayer and sacrifice. Jesus invites us into the life of the Trinity.

We wish all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day

We thank you for our mothers Lord; for their comforting words and deeds. Be with them this day in a special way as we pray for their every need. Amen

*~ Excerpt from 'Mothers' Day' from Prayers at your Fingertips
by Barbara Bretherton*



Prayer for All Mothers

O almighty and eternal God, Lord of both the living and the dead, Your tender mercy embraces all people foreknown to be Yours by faith and a good life. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother, and of all the saints, grant Your merciful pardon to all mothers for whom we pray, whether they still are living in this world or have departed from this flesh into the world to come. Especially, dear Lord, grant the requests I now make of You for my own beloved mother.

~ From www.catholic.org

Pope Francis' Prayer

At the start of Mass last Tuesday, Pope Francis prayed for the victims of the novel coronavirus: "Today we pray for the deceased who have died because of the pandemic. They have died alone, without the caresses of their loved ones. So many did not even have a funeral. May the Lord welcome them in His glory."

Quotes for the Week

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less. *Marie Curie*
As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well spent brings happy death. *Leonardo da Vinci*

On the Lighter Side - Two Riddles

What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?
A river.

What can you hold in your left hand and not in your right?
Your right elbow.



Stories of your time in isolation

Over the next few weeks we would like to put together in these pages your stories whilst in isolation, for example:

Has this time helped your prayer life

How have you been keeping in touch with others

How have your groups been going—have you used Zoom or Messenger for your meetings

Funny stories

Have you had any special celebrations during this time

Have you grown spirituality

Any challenges you may have faced

Any stories you would like to share.

Please keep your stories to a small paragraph, about 100 words, and we will publish in the bulletin over the coming weeks.

First names would be great but if you would prefer to be anonymous, that's ok.

Please pass this information onto other parishioners.

Your stories can be emailed to us or you could drop them into the parish office mailslot.

We look forward to hearing about your feelings and experiences during these times.

*May is the
month of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary*



*St Brendan's Feast Day
Saturday 16th May*

'Notre Dame College's enrolments for prospective 2021 students are now open. Prospectus, Enrolment Information and Applications for Enrolment are available from Notre Dame College Knight Street Reception or via: <https://www.notredame.vic.edu.au/our-college/enrolment-information> For further information please email enrolments@notredame.vic.edu.au or phone the College on 5822 8400. (See attached flyer)

**This Sunday 10th May,
Fr Rob Galea will feature on 'Compass'
on the ABC at 6.30pm.
The title is "The Singing Priest."**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

St. Brendan's is looking at the possibility of starting an ongoing faith formation (Catechesis) program for adults, and we are keen to hear your thoughts.

If you are interested in seeing Catechesis become a regular part of the parish life, we would appreciate it if you would complete our short survey by clicking this link: [CATECHESIS SURVEY](#)

The SandPiper

Further to previous communication regarding *The Sandpiper* during the period of lockdown, the next edition will be distributed in late May in the form of an email newsletter along with online and printable PDF options for readers preferring print copies. Please continue to collect and share your local stories and content with Jordan Grantham, Communications Manager.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New sets of Weekly, Monthly and Quarterly ENVELOPE PACKS (June 2020 – November 2020) will be distributed shortly.

A Team of parishioners will be delivering as many as possible to your doorsteps.

THANK YOU to everyone who continue to drop your current envelopes into the Mail Slot at the Parish Office. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

PROJECT COMPASSION (Caritas)

So far \$2,787.35 has been received for Project Compassion. If you still have boxes or envelopes to drop in please do so as soon as possible as this needs to be finalised by 31 May.

'Pray As You Go' now 'Pray As You Stay', if not already discovered, is well worth checking out and sharing with others.



**Mass with Bishop Shane at St Kilian's
will continue to be livestreamed on
Sundays at 10am
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au**

Recently Deceased: Pat Logan, Wardi Mikho, Mello Lappen (Frances Leitan's Dad in Sri Lanka).

Anniversaries:

**Fr Joe will pray intentions at a Private Mass -
please phone or email shepparton@cdos.org.au**