

The Pilgrimage of St Therese and her parents Ss Louis and Zelig Martin

The relics of St Therese, one of the most popular saints of modern times, and her parents, SS Louis are touring Australia for the first time in 18 years and will be stopping in Tatura.

Everyone is invited to come and meditate.

The Relics will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 67 Hogan St, Tatura from 1:30pm Thursday 2nd April until 2:30pm Friday 3rd April.

Fr Joe will say Mass at Tatura at 6pm on the 2nd Apr.

Please see flyer on the noticeboard for Program details.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst Renewal Day 21st March 2020

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst Renewal Day "Come and Worship" **Saturday 21st March** 1pm—3.30pm. Mons Jeffrey Centre. Please bring shared afternoon tea. See flyer on the noticeboard in the narthex for more details or contact Brigita on 0412 042196 or brigitajh@bigpond.com

Part-time Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Wednesdays and some Tuesdays in Shepparton Second Semester this year. Facilitator Dan Murphy. For details phone 0408 841997 or email: dan.murphy1949@gmail.com

CPE is one of the most highly recognised programs of supervised education for provision of spiritual and pastoral care. It carries extensive credit in tertiary religious and theological study programs. It is highly recommended for anyone contemplating working in pastoral or spiritual care especially in a professional role, or in a volunteer capacity, and also for those working in other helping professions.

Mass Times in Neighbouring Parishes

St Mel's, South Shepparton: Sunday 9.30am & 5pm, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.15am, Sat 9am.

St Mary's, Mooropna: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10am, Tues 6pm, Wed 6pm, Thurs 6pm, Fri 10am.

St Mary's, Dookie: Sunday 9.30am 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays.

St Bernard's, Katandra West: Sun 9.30am 2nd Sunday

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION OFFICER Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst (Bendigo)

As an integral member of a small and dynamic team of finance professionals, the Finance & Administration Officer will provide high quality administrative and clerical support to the staff of the Diocese.

Key functions will be to ensure banking, computer data entry, daily and end of month processes and other administrative functions are carried out in a timely and professional manner.

For a copy of the position description and how to apply go to www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au "Employment".

St Brendan's Debutante Ball

There are some places left for this year's Deb balls on Friday 8th May and Friday 29th May. Call in to student reception at Notre Dame College or email: stbrendansdeb@live.com for further details.

HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF GOD IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION?

What does my Catholic Faith say about how to interpret the Bible? Fr Brian Boyle lead us through examples from the Bible to give us skills for understanding and interpreting the Word of God. Event: No Cost. Lunch: Provided. Bible: Bring yours if you have one. Bible texts will be provided. Fr Brian Boyle is a priest of the Sandhurst Diocese and author of the popular 'A Friendly Guide to the Prophets'. **BENDIGO Saturday 21 March 10am - 2:30pm** Bishop de Campo Hall, CEO Buildings, 120 Hargreaves Street. RSVP Chancery Ph: 5441 2544.

The **Lenten Adventure** program is run by a Catholic family in America, and consists of a free series of fun videos and downloadable activity and colouring pages.

Daily Lenten activities, fun video and audio selections, activity downloads, fun quizzes and much more!

Sign up for free: www.LentenAdventure.com


WELCOME TO

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

St Brendan's Parish is a Child Safe community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.



Third Sunday of Lent **15 March 2020**



Readings for this week:

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42



Readings for next Sunday:

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41



Liturgical Jottings

Blessing II

"Blessings are signs that have God's word as their basis and that are celebrated with motives of faith. They are, therefore, meant to declare and to manifest the newness of life in Christ that has its origin and growth in the sacraments of the New Covenant established by the Lord. In addition, since they have been established as a kind of imitation of the sacraments, blessings are signs above all of spiritual effects that are achieved through the Church's intercession." (Book of Blessing General Introduction #10)

Looking at the Readings

"Give me a drink!" Equivalent in our time, space and culture would likely be: "Let's have a cup of tea." Jesus asked the woman at the well for a drink as an ice-breaker. And there was a lot of ice to break! Gender, ethnicity, morality, just to name a few obstacles. The woman's responses showed amazement, confusion, evasiveness, irony and indignation but as the ice was continuing to break and melt, she showed curiosity, genuine interest and excitement.

Jesus seized the moment to talk to her gently and persuasively about himself, his mission, her history and her future salvation. This encounter at Jacob's well, which incidentally is still there, presents us with great teaching on baptism: God's initiative to save, Christ's offering of living water for eternal life, call to conversion open to all people, growth in faith and personal commission to go out and tell others.


The wilderness (week 1), the Mountain (week 2) and this week, the Well are symbols for our Lenten journey. In each setting we are challenged to listen to the Word of God and encouraged to go forward with Christ towards the Paschal mystery.

Pope Francis Message for Lent 2020

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in October 2018 "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew" (No. 123). Jesus' Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer. (#1b)

On the Lighter Side

The Ides of March was a day in the Roman calendar that corresponded to 15 March. It was marked by several festivals and as a deadline for settling debts. In the pre 46 BC lunar Calendar it was the first full moon of the new year. Julius Caesar was assassinated on this day 44 BC. "Beware the Ides of March" was the soothsayer's warning in Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar (Act I, Scene 2) and has become a catchphrase with or without allusion to its origin.



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Happy St Patrick's Day

17th March



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**Lucky stars above you,
Sunshine on your way,
Many friends to love you,
Joy in work and play,
Laughter to outweigh each care,
In your heart a song,
And gladness waiting everywhere
All your whole life long!**

<http://www.someonesentyouagreeting.com>





ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Diocese of Sandhurst

Chrism Mass

Tuesday 7th April 2020

11:00 am

Sacred Heart Cathedral
in Bendigo

A bus is being organised to take people to the Chrism Mass in Bendigo on Tuesday 7th April. Cost \$10. Leaving 8.30am from the front of the church. To book in phone the parish office 5821 2633.

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays during Lent
at 6pm in the church.



Women's Group

All women are invited to join a new group called "Women's Group"

Our second meeting will be held on Friday March 20th at 7.15pm - 9.00pm in the Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre. If coming please let Bozena know 0426 867647, so she is able to prepare materials for each one.

The theme of our meeting will be "Light". Light has so many meanings for our culture and faith e.g. we speak of the "Light of Christ". Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world." What does Light mean for you? **All women from the local parishes are most welcome to join in.** Bring a friend!

Coronavirus

Some short term measures are being implemented to help avoid the spread of infection:

(Refer to the insert with last week's bulletin)

- Hand Sanitizer is available at each entrance to the church
- No Holy Water in the fonts for now. Holy Water is still available to take home. (Located in the side chapel).
- Holy Communion to be received in the hand only (not on the tongue) and not from the Chalice. Christ is fully present under either species.
- 'Sign of Peace' has been suspended for now.
- If you are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass—whether due to coronavirus or some other condition or are at particular risk of contracting the disease, you can honour Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television or online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>).

~ Excerpt from ACBC Statement 4th March, 2020

⇒ *If you receive Holy Communion in your home and are unwell or experiencing flu-like symptoms, please let the Parish office know.*

A flyer is available ('WebMD') in both entrances to the church with information on how to recognise symptoms and a comparison with cold and flu symptoms.

AFL Footy Tipping Comp 2020 Invitation

Parishioners, families and friends are invited to join the AFL Footy tipping competition for the upcoming season. Cost will be \$25, to be paid at the Parish Office by Friday 24 April. The season starts on 19 March. To register and tip, you need an email address and internet access - simply go to: tipping.afl.com.au. Once registered, join our competition - search *Shepparton Parish* or use Invite Code 33LM66RT. **Need help? Phone Ashley on 0412 475290.**

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 11am
Saturday 8.30am Syro Malabar Rite
Sunday 5.30pm Syro Malabar Rite

Reconciliation — Saturday mornings 9.30am to 10.30am

Holy Hour — Thursdays 7pm to 8pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament — Fridays 3pm to 6pm

The Rosary is recited in the Marian Chapel after Sunday 8am Mass & after each weekday Mass.

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am,
Thursday Ave Maria Village 4.30pm

Recently Deceased: Douglas Ferremi,

Anniversaries: Pamela Sofra, Edward Phelan, Eugene Curtis, Con & Barbara Zammit, Sante Tricarico.

Readers & Commentators 21st & 22nd March

6pm	Youth Group	Youth Group
8am	L Boschetti	A Leahy
11am	P Richardson	L Richardson



A warm welcome to
Fr Minh Tran SJ.

Fr Minh will be with us until after Easter.

St Brendan's Friendship Group

St Brendan's Friendship Group will meet for lunch this **Sunday 15th March** at Maguires Bistro at the Sherbourne Terrace Hotel at 12.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries to Pat on 5821 1269.

Garabandal

Garabandal meeting this **Monday 16th March** 1.30pm in the MacKillop room. All welcome.

Men's Group

Our Parish men's group will meet **Saturday 21st March** 7.30am in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. We gather to share part of who we are and to listen to the stories of others, reflecting back to them the beauty of themselves as created by God. God's wish is for us to share these gifts with those we meet in our everyday lives. All men welcome. Queries call Anthony 58212633

Lenten Reflection Group

We have a Lenten reflection group at Mercy Place 351 Archer St on **Tuesday afternoons** at 2.00pm. All welcome. Queries call Anthony on 5821 2633.

MacKillop Faith & Light Group

Thank you for your ongoing support.

We are looking for some Christmas paper, old metal strainers and beads.

These items will be used to make things for the Christmas market to raise funds for the new L'Arche home in Shepparton. Phone Denise on 0432 054003.

St Brendan's Parish

Sacramental Program 2020

The parish Sacramental program is available for primary and secondary school children.

Enrolment packs are now available from the parish office or by emailing Laura at: sacramental.coord@bigpond.com

Secondary students at Notre Dame College

Who would like to participate in the program are asked to contact Mr. Giuliani ASAP.

Enrolments will close on Sunday 29th March.



Meditation

Thursday mornings during Lent in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7.15am to 7.45am.

Rosters

Lectors, Ministers of Communion and Offertory

The next roster period is from 3rd May to 30th August 2020 and the new rosters will be prepared shortly. If you know you will be away during that time please let the office know by 20th March.



Youth-led Mass

Saturday 21st March 6pm