

Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community. Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## Part-time Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Shepparton 2020

Wednesdays and some Tuesdays  
Second Semester this year.

To be facilitated by Dan Murphy.  
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## Spirituality in the Pub

### This Monday

Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
March 7.30 – 9pm (meals from 6pm optional).

### Come and meet our new Bishop

and join the conversation as Bishop Shane Mackinlay shares his thoughts on Where are we? Where are we heading? In Sandhurst? In the Church?

Then you have an opportunity to share yours! More information on fliers in the church. Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 5821 4362 or Fran 5829 0301.



**LENT 2020 LEAFLETS** for reflection and prayer featuring short readings and quotes from spiritual writers, are free from the Sandhurst Diocese to download or read online at:

[www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1622-lent-resources-for-2020-news](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1622-lent-resources-for-2020-news)

Helder Camara Lecture that was to be on 12th March at Newman College with Eileen Glass has been cancelled.

## Mass Times in Neighbouring Parishes

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

*St Mary's, Mooroopna:* 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 (not Sunday 8th March).

## Youth & Young Adults News

### Sandhurst Youth Ministry, Invites the Youth ...

During Lent 2020 Sandhurst Youth Ministry is going to be reflecting on the writing of St Therese of Lisieux. With St Therese's relics, and those of her parents, Sts Louis and Zelig Martin, visiting our Diocese at the beginning of April, we couldn't think of a better way to journey through Lent.

We extend the invitation to all young people (15-30 year olds) to join us on Instagram and Facebook as we reflect on these three remarkable Saints and journey towards Easter.

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### Sandhurst Youth Ministry, Employment Vacancy

Sandhurst Youth Ministry is seeking two vibrant youth workers to join the Diocesan team.

The successful applicants will be required to support parishes, schools and youth ministry initiatives in the Diocese of Sandhurst (Bendigo).

They will be able to present the values and ideals of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to the young people of the Diocese. Previous experience in active youth ministry leadership, or in working with young people is a desired attribute.

The two position are:

Youth Ministry Worker- Event Management and Communications

Youth Ministry Worker- Music Ministry and School Outreach

A copy of the position description can be found at

[www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

Applications to [ruth.lawlor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:ruth.lawlor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

For any questions please contact Ruth Lawlor on Ph 54453616

Applications close 5pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### Notre Dame College Mass

**Bishop Shane will be the main celebrant.**

**Thursday 5th March 11am in the Mercy Stadium.**

**All welcome.**

**Found** in the carpark on the street in front of the church on Wednesday 26th February—a key ring with a key, remote control and Aquamoves tag.  
Ring the office if it's yours.

## The Kingdom of God

An Exposition of Scripture and Theology

What do we know? Why believe it?

7.30pm to 9pm.

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March  
in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. Coffee & tea provided.

Each night will include teaching about the Kingdom of God with an opportunity for questions and discussions.

Bring your bibles! All welcome. For more information contact Hayden on 0438 071630.

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.



First Sunday of Lent

1 March 2020



Readings for  
this week:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Genesis 12:1-4  
2 Timothy 1:8-10  
Matthew 17:1-9



## Liturgical Jottings Lenten Prefaces

The Liturgy of the Season of Lent in year A presents us with a Preface proper for each and every Sunday. The preface is the prayer before the Holy, Holy, Holy of the Eucharistic Prayer. In years B & C we use common Prefaces.

Each Sunday of Year A the Gospel and the Preface are linked: Jesus temptation in the wilderness (1), the Transfiguration (2), the Samaritan woman (3), the man born blind (4), Lazarus (5) and the Passion of the Lord on Palm (Passion) Sunday. Each has several themes in the text and each point to the Resurrection, five of the six mention it explicitly. Our Lent, of course, is our experience of the death and resurrection of the Lord in our fasting, sacrifice, prayer and giving to the poor.

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## Looking at the Readings

The temptation of Christ in the Gospel is recorded in all three of the synoptic Gospels: Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13. Mark's version is very brief and the temptations in the wilderness are not recording in the Gospel of John.

While Matthew and Luke's account are similar in content, length and message for the reader, there are subtle differences: two of which are order of the temptations by the devil and particularly the last and ominous line in Luke but not in today's Matthean text: "The devil left Jesus to return at the appointed time." Reading and comparing the two versions are worthwhile for a deeper understanding and insight into Christ and his message.

The Preface (see left column) gives a spiritual application for the Christian: to reject the devil temptations' rid ourself of evil, (former translation) and by celebration the Paschal mystery we might pass over to eternal life.

## Pope Francis Message for Lent 2020

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity. (Para 1)

## Did You Know?

The readings of the first and second week of Lent, Year A, go back as early as the fourth century in the Roman Liturgy. Temptation by the devil in Genesis and Matthew (week 1) and the call of Abraham in Genesis and the witness of Moses and Elijah in Matthew (week 2) are tenuously but not intentionally connected. Pope Leo (440-461) speaks of Matthew's penitential character of these readings.

## On the Lighter Side

I asked the children on Shrove Tuesday to help me answer people's questions: "What can I give up for Lent?" By far the most common answer was: "Cut down on technology: games, Apps, phones ..." and things about which I know nothing. The second most common response didn't answer the question exactly but were excellent responses: "Doing good, show kindness and peace, give to the poor."





