

Young Catholics 'listened to the Spirit'

More than 5000 young people who attended the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in December were given a unique opportunity to discuss the future of the Church with bishops from across the country.

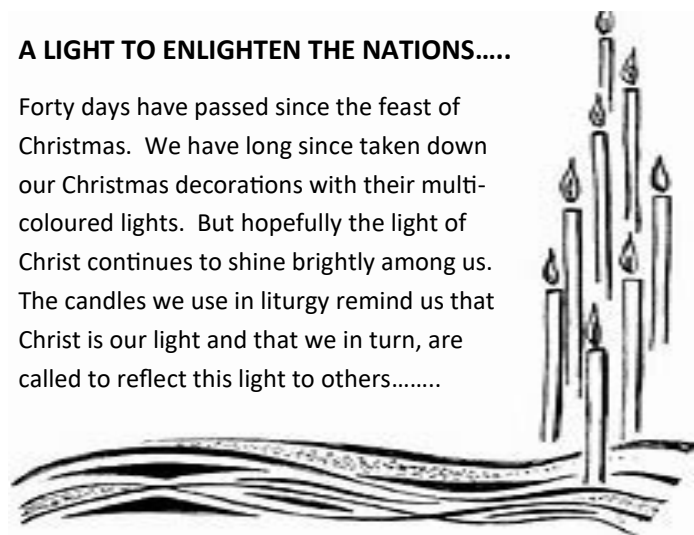
Over the three days of the festival, held in Perth, more than 20 sessions were focused on the Plenary Council's national themes for discernment. In those sessions, bishops and young people considered how each of the themes were relevant to them and to the wider community.

Festival delegates said it was a good opportunity to speak to bishops and also a good chance for the bishops to hear from teenagers and young adults.

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A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE NATIONS.....

Forty days have passed since the feast of Christmas. We have long since taken down our Christmas decorations with their multi-coloured lights. But hopefully the light of Christ continues to shine brightly among us. The candles we use in liturgy remind us that Christ is our light and that we in turn, are called to reflect this light to others.....



FROM DIAGNOSIS TO OAM – A PERSONAL AUTISM TALK: ECHUCA-MOAMA

Featuring the perspectives of: Daniel Giles OAM (Autistic Self-Advocate, Sandhurst Diocese parishioner and staff member of Catholic Education Sandhurst) and Daryl Giles (Parent). Suitable for families, educators & other professionals! (educators can claim VIT or NESA PD)

Thursday 27 February 2020 at the Moama RSL, 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm

Details & Tickets: www.trybooking.com/BHHIF Email: admin@speakinginsights.com.au

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 7pm, Wed 10am, Thurs 6pm, Fri 10am.

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

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

Along the track

THIS SPECIAL MOMENT (EXTRACTS ONLY)

2020 is a very important year for Catholics in Australia. We are at a critical point in the life of our battered Church, here and across the world, but let's focus on Australia. Do we have courage enough to pray: "Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of our Church?" Do we trust in the Spirit or have we already decided what it should look like? Our church has a mission to the world we live in – we are not on about self-preservation (that's what got our church into trouble in the first place) but rather about mission. What should it look like and to whom do we mission – just ourselves or the community, the nation we live in?

If we are to renew our church, begin with ourselves. That is almost impossible to undertake alone. What place does prayer have in our life, in our home? Will we seek out and work together to build a vibrant, prayerful, community that walks with us regardless of who we are and where our life journey has taken us? If we are to create spaces which help us become sensitive to the small moments of grace in our lives, we need to develop together rituals and gatherings which enable us to touch the sacred in our lives, rituals which encourage reflection and contemplation. Such gatherings can be a very powerful aid to our faith development. But for many, traditional rituals and liturgies that we have inherited are out of date, inflexible. The language of our inherited rituals does not speak to us, some even find it alienating.

What will our community decide to do about all that? Or will we wait for someone to tell us?

Regards **Jim Quillinan**

Extract from Along the Track - for full story, collect your copy at the Church entrances

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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.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

2 February 2020



Readings for
this week:

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40



Readings for
next Sunday:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37



Liturgical Jottings

Candles

The word "candle" is not found in the bible. Fire, lights, and lamps are often cited as symbols of God's presence, and used in worship and especially as a symbol of Christ. Use of candles (lights) in the liturgy has a very strong biblical basis: Exodus 25:31-38, Exodus 30:7-8, Exodus 40:24-25, 2 Chronicles 13:11, 1 Maccabees 4:49-50, 2 Maccabees 10:3, Matthew 5:14-16, Mark 4:21-22, Luke 11:33 and Hebrews 9:2

Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations (Luke 2:32) and Jesus, himself, declares that he is the light of the world (John 8:12). The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also the day of blessing of candles for use in liturgy and prayer. The day is traditionally called "Candlemas".

Looking at the Readings

In today's gospel passage, it is the devout Simeon and the prophetess, Anna, who declare the greatness and far-reaching influence of the child that has been brought to the Temple. This is a common feature of the gospel accounts. It is not Jesus himself who proclaims his greatness but those who have observed him and recognised the revelation of God's presence amongst the people. It is a role that continues today. Those of us who believe and recognise the presence and influence of God in the world are challenged to proclaim it in both our actions and our words.

Simeon's second pronouncement about Jesus is addressed to the child's mother, Mary. Having predicted the rejection that Jesus will endure, Simeon tells Mary, 'and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' He appears to be referring to the sacrifice that Mary will have to make in the future. On this day, Mary and Joseph have 'redeemed' their son from service to the Lord in the Temple. Despite this, Jesus is still destined for service to God and Mary will have to surrender him back to the Lord. Simeon suggests that Mary herself will be a sacrifice offered to God at this time. © Greg Sunter

An Unusual Anniversary

Young Christian Workers (YCW) lay apostolate was founded by Fr Joseph Cardijn (later Cardinal), Paul Garcet and Fernand Tonnet. The YCW worldwide movement captured the imagination and enthusiasm of young workers who, formed by the Gospel and baptised in the faith, promoted justice, peace and Christian action. During WW2 the three were arrested and imprisoned. Cardijn was eventually released but the two laymen were sent to Dachau, suffered for their witness even in the camp and died: Paul on 23 January and Fernand on 2 February 1945. This year is the 75th anniversary of their deaths. Process has begun for their proposed Beatification.

Quote of the Week

Religion should not be outside of ordinary, daily life, but rather it should animate and transform it into a truly divine life.

Joseph Cardijn, La Croix, 13/6/1938



On the Lighter Side

Two young dragon altar servers were getting most frustrated trying to blow out the candles on the altar so the Parish Priest bought them each a candle extinguisher on a long stick - they were de-lighted.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Candlemass Day

at the Grotto, 11 Kaarimba Rd, Wunghnu

Monday, 3rd February

Commencing with the Angelus at 6.00pm

Rosary and hymns until 7.30pm

Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm

Celebrant Fr Grace

All welcome

SHIELD of CHRIST PRAYER GROUP

Resumes Tuesday 4th February @ 7.30pm,

MacKillop Room, Parish Office

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays 3pm-6pm

Will resume on Friday 7th February

All welcome to come and spend some quiet time in the presence of Our Lord.

ANointing MASS

WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY @ 11am

St Luke's Primary School

WELCOME MASS

Friday 7th FEBRUARY @ 12.30pm

SERRA CLUB

For just the month of February we will join in with the Candlemass at Wunghnu on 3rd February.

MEN'S GROUP

Our Parish Men's Group begins next **Saturday 8th of February in the MPJC at 7.30am** for breakfast and a faith reflection.

The men's group offers men an opportunity to gather in friendship, and a chance to support each other through life and faith. We meet every two weeks. Feel free to join us - I am sure you will enjoy being part of the Group. For queries - Anthony 58212633 Thursday or Friday.

Catholic Family Bush Dance

When: Sunday 9th February from 1pm

Where: Monsignor Bones Hall (beside St. Brendan's)

Cost: \$25 per family/\$10 per individual, with proceeds going to St. Brendan's Parish.

Tickets at the door.



St Brendan's Women's Group 2020

Are you interested in spending time with other like minded women, strengthening faith through prayer and bringing Jesus Christ to the community?

Future St Brendan's Women's group is looking for members sharing interests and traditions. What are your expectations and ideas?

Everyone interested are cordially invited to our first meeting on **Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7.00PM in Mons Jeffrey Centre.**

Don't forget to bring a friend with you.
For more information call Bozena 0426 867 647.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 'RCIA'

Our Parish RCIA process **continues next Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm in the MPJC.** Please keep our participants in your prayers as they learn about our Catholic faith and continue to discern if this is where God is calling them. Any queries: Anthony, Thursday or Fridays 58212633.

BREAKFAST & CUPPA AFTER 8AM MASS

These will be hosted by members of different Parish Groups. *This year we are going to have an extra new host in the Young Adult Group.* Have a great start to your Sunday morning with breakfast which will be held on the **9th of February following the 8am mass.**

This time St Brendan's Parish Pastoral Council are going to welcome us at the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre.



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am

Saturday 8.30am Syro Malabar Rite

Sunday 5.30pm Syro Malabar Rite

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am,

Thursday Ave Maria Village 4.30pm

Reconciliation — Saturday mornings 9.30am to 10.30am

Holy Hour — Thursdays 7pm to 8pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament — Fridays 3pm to 6pm (Resumes 7th February)

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

Recently Deceased: Maria Molisak, Ewen Thomson, Dawn Scott, Michael Kennedy (Ireland),

Anniversaries: Brian Mullins (60 years passed), Ann Gervasoni, Jim Mullins

HAY RUN APPEAL - THANK YOU!!!!

A big **thank you** to all the very generous people who donated to the **HAY RUN** appeal recently.

The response from the Parishes has been fantastic with over \$6,000 raised and another \$20,000 from the local community - this equates to 5 loads of 48 bales. Two (2) loads of good quality hay has already been delivered to the Corryong area with another 2 loads planned for next week.

This Project will be ongoing so if you would like to help out with donations of CASH please contact Des Drum on 0408 570 665. *Again many thanks – Des Drum*

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME

MISSION... MINISTRY ...MAINTENANCE

A reminder to those with OLD ENVELOPES to please discard them. USE only your NEW ENVELOPES from now on. Thank you!



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

St Brendan's Parish Young Adults Group meets every Friday, 6pm - 7pm

in MacKillop room of the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

We chat about God, faith and life!

All young adults welcome.

For more info please contact

Grace 0476 143 279.

Readers & Commentators 8th & 9th February

6pm	M Keyte	D Tarquini
8am	A Leahy	L Boschetti
11am	L Richardson	P Richardson

CONGRATULATIONS

Shepparton's Australia Day honours went to our very own **BRIDGET McNAMARA** who received an Order of Australia Medal for a range of services. Well done Biddy!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Dale Wright is looking for Actors and Actresses willing to be part of the **GOOD FRIDAY (10th APRIL)** **STATIONS OF THE CROSS.** See Dale after Mass or contact him on 0408 216 522.

VOICE FOR SILENT PEOPLE - THANK YOU!

A sincere THANKS to St Brendan's parishioners for their generosity through the Christmas Collections. The \$1,200 donation we received will be put towards the 'Shepparton House' Project. This Project will provide a home for ten (10) Congolese orphans and their Carer.

Catholic Mothers of Young Children

We will be having a break this term, hoping to return next term, *if there is enough interest.* Catholic Mothers of Young Children is a group that meets Thursdays weekly, 10.30am to 11am. We share a cuppa and company. Children take part in some time of prayer and age appropriate sessions, relating to the Church's liturgical calendar. We are trying to gauge interest, for next term, so would appreciate any feedback. Contact Rosey, 0459217644 or Miriam 0429995886.

Attention: Altar Servers

If you are an existing Altar Server or would like to join this very special ministry, please complete your details on the A3 form in the Narthex or side foyer.

We are currently in the process of updating roster times and looking for new recruits so it is important to include your preferred Mass times and contact details on the form.

As we are updating rosters in the coming weeks, can all altar servers attending Mass please check to see if they are needed to serve.

Thank you to our current altar servers. We appreciate your commitment and dedication to this great service. My email is tkelly@sbshepparton.catholic.edu.au for any queries...

Thank you, Tim Kelly, Catholic Identity Coordinator, St. Brendan's Primary School.

