

# Welcome to St Brendan's Parish

## Along the track

### WHAT IS HAPPENING (Extract Only)

In this time of gathering pandemic, each of us must learn to protect ourselves, that is true but it is also time to protect what holds our society together. It is about joining in a common purpose, the recognition that we are part of something larger, even if we must stand apart.

We say what makes Australia unique is our mateship, giving others a fair go, that we are one of the most successful multicultural nations in the world. Let's prove it. We can, though separated stay in touch. We can contact friends, or someone we know forced into quarantine.

How can we keep the society we are so proud of alive and well? Like the Italians, let your love be known. Christ is here with us and out there waiting for us.

Regards, Jim Quillinan

### EASTER CEREMONIES BROADCAST on PRIME TV

Catholics around Australia will be able to watch Easter services live on national TV from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney.

In a 7News special, the network will stream The Lord's Passion at 3pm on Good Friday and Easter Sunday Mass from 10.30am across the country on Channel 7 and on Prime 7 in regional areas, and live-streamed on 7plus.

### THINGS THAT ARE NOT CANCELLED

kindness.....healing.....love.....music....  
happiness....books....support....friendship...  
empathy... laughter.....communication  
Community.....

**Recently Deceased:** Anne Whitfield

**Anniversaries:** Daniel O'Keefe

Fr will pray intentions at a *Private Mass* - please email.

If you have any stories that you would like to share we would love to hear from you!  
Please email the parish—  
shepparton@cdos.org.au



Palms will be blessed on Sunday. Unfortunately they cannot be distributed or collected due to more restrictions being placed on our community!

### PALM SUNDAY MASS AT ST KILIAN'S

Bishop Shane will celebrate Mass at St Kilian's Church, Bendigo, this Sunday at 10.00am. This will be livestreamed to the Diocesan Website - [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE DROP OFF POINT

Access to the mail slot at the front of the Parish Office is temporarily compromised due to plumbing issues.

Any envelopes can now be put through the opening in the FRONT DOOR of Fr Joe's Presbytery. Thank you!

### More Live-streamed Masses

⇒ **'MASS ON DEMAND'** every day from Our Lady of the Way Parish, Nth Sydney & Lavendar Bay Livestream or video archive:

<https://cathnews.com/> (Scroll down) and

Facebook: 'Mass on Demand'.

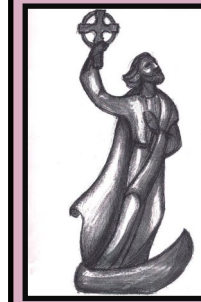
⇒ **DAILY TV MASS** Livestream or video archive from the National Catholic Broadcasting Council of Canada: <https://dailytvmass.com/> and Facebook: 'Daily TV Mass'

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Kirsty Robertson CEO has made a special video, discussing how Caritas is responding to COVID-19. Watch the video here:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewZ8XbV7pSg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewZ8XbV7pSg)

If you are in a position to do so, please donate to Caritas Australia at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or post PO Box 130 Numurkah 3636. Your donation will truly save lives.



## ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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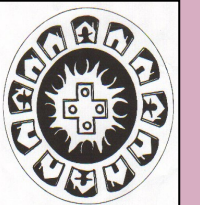
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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

### Passion of the Lord (Palm Sunday)

5 April 2020



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66



Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8

John 20:1-9 or Matt 28:1-10



### Liturgical Jottings Easter Triduum

The following instructions were issued recently due to Covid-19 since the Rites of Holy Week and Easter Triduum cannot be celebrated publicly

The Date of Easter cannot be transferred. ...

The faithful should be informed of the times of the celebration so that they can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes. In this occasion, the means of live (not recorded) TV or internet broadcasts are helpful. ...

Expressions of popular piety and processions (eg Way of the Cross), which enrich the days of Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum, can be transferred to other suitable days in the year.

Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 2020

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### Looking at the Readings

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake. © Dianne Bergant CSA

### Good Idea for the Week

Celebrate the Easter Triduum with the family at home with a prayer table of symbols: Holy Thursday - bread, wine, jug, bowl & towel; Good Friday - cross alone; Easter Vigil - candle, water, bell, flowers and read the scriptures and prayers for each day.

### Pope Francis Message for Lent 2020

**A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself**

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry. (#4)

### On the Lighter Side

Why can't you tell Easter egg jokes more than one at a time? You are likely to scramble them up!

