



# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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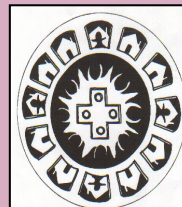
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*Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith*

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**13 September 2020**



*Readings for  
this week:*

Sirach 27:30-28-7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



*Readings for  
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24,29

Matthew 20:1-16



## Liturgical Jottings

### Reconciliation Names

Catechism of the Catholic Church (French 1992, Latin & English 1994) in introducing each of the seven sacrament starts with: "What is this Sacrament called?" The fourth sacrament is given five names:

It is called the sacrament of conversion ...

It is called the sacrament of Penance ...

It is called the sacrament of confession ...

It is called the sacrament of forgiveness ...

It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation ... (CCC 1423-1424)

The original French also includes:

Il est appelé sacrement du pardon. (CdI'EC 1424) because God grants the penitent «le pardon et la paix» that is "pardon and peace" (From the Rite of Reconciliation 46). But this is lost in translation.

## The Pastoral View - Care

I have recently read a book called "The Art of being a Healing Presence." A wonderful book on one of the simplest human acts, to offer care for another; we can sometimes complicate this simple gift. I think one of the first things we need is to have time. Time to stop what we are doing and listen, not just with our ears, but with our heart. It sounds very simple but if we do not do this we cannot follow with the other steps. When we listen with our heart we hear the feelings behind the words and we can reflect this back to the person to check if this is what they are feeling? To be comfortable in silence is also a great gift, to allow the other time to think and reflect about what is happening in their heart. Our activity and words can get in the road of this.

I remember visiting my brother John, who was living in a caravan park, under difficult circumstances; I felt I needed to bring something he might need every time I visited him. One day I dropped in and sat down in a chair with nothing to offer in one sense, just myself. At the end of the visit John said "thanks for coming, it's good to have a chat." Perhaps John always felt I had an excuse to visit, when all he needed was me, to be there, and to listen to him. I feel another important skill is slowing down. It is difficult to care, love or show compassion if we are moving quickly. We cannot fake care by lots of action or words. Authentic care comes from our heart and can be felt with no words or actions; it is communicated on another level. I am often surprised when I meet someone I have visited, maybe in hospital, and they are so thankful for the visit. As they describe what they felt, I think I did not consciously try to be these things but they came through me. God's love flows through us to those who are in need of care. This is the heart of caring, to allow God's love to flow through us to the other.

Take some time to reflect when you have felt truly cared for, how did this make you feel? Put these learnings into your life and see what happens.

Michael Leunig captures care beautifully, I think ...

~ Anthony Kilmartin  
Pastoral Associate

### HYMN

Care is the cure.  
It is slow,  
It is raw,  
It is pure.  
It is simple and bare.  
It is real.  
It is bold,  
It is there.  
Nothing is newer  
Or older,  
Or wiser,  
Or truer.  
Care is the cure.



## On the Lighter Side

What did the tree say to spring? What a re-leaf.

Why are trees very forgiving? Because in Autumn they "Let it go." And in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf."

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### **Recently Deceased:**

Peter White (Paul White's brother - Ballarat),  
Antonio Crupi (Preston).

### **Anniversaries:**

Katherine Phelan, Gertrude O'Grady.

### **Women's Group**

gathering will be held on  
**Friday 18th September**  
**7.00pm** on ZOOM.

Our Guest Speaker,  
Brenda Keenan,  
Greater Shepparton Winter  
Night Shelter Project  
Coordinator, is going to talk  
about "Homelessness."  
Women's Group meet on every  
third Friday of each month.  
Everyone is welcome.  
For more detail contact:  
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or phone 0426 867 647.

### **ENGAGING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH**

From 14<sup>th</sup> September –  
31 October 2020

Catholic Theological College  
(Melbourne) is offering a rich array  
of short courses via Zoom, with  
highly qualified presenters  
(including Dr Jake Mudge).  
Courses are 90 minutes or 2 hours  
duration, \$20 each.  
Register at: [www.ctc.edu.au](http://www.ctc.edu.au)



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**Happy 70th  
Birthday Fr Joe.**

**We wish you  
health and  
happiness and  
many blessings.**

**Enjoy your day on  
Sunday**

### **An Invitation for the People of Sandhurst During this Season of Creation**

This online gathering will offer a reflection on the new Sandhurst 'Care for Creation' Statement and slide show followed by time for discussion sharing insights and possibilities. Two zoom opportunities:

Friday 18 September 10.30 – 11.30 am

Tuesday 22 September 7.00 – 8.00 pm

To receive zoom link email: [adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) OR  
[caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

### **Priests Retirement Foundation – Appeal 2020**

The Annual Appeal of the Priests Retirement Foundation will be held on Sunday 20 September 2020, an opportunity for the faithful people of the Diocese to consider a donation. Currently we have 14 retired priests in the Diocese and we thank you for your support in recent years where many substantial donations and legacies have enabled the foundation to build. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and receipts available on request. Wishing you all continued health and safety and know you are in our prayers.

*Chair: Mons Frank Marriott*

#### **To make a donation:**

#### **By cheque with your full name and address post to:**

Priests Retirement Foundation

C/- St Therese's Parish, 25 Albion Street, Kennington VIC 3550.

#### **By direct bank transfer to the account below:**

Account Name: Priests Retirement Foundation of the Diocese of Sandhurst.

BSB: 083-543 Account No: 13-833-7378 Reference: PRF and your surname.

Then email [afewings@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:afewings@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) with details of your transfer.

### **Child Protection Sunday, 13th September 2020**

Today we mark Child Protection Sunday. In our Diocese policies and practices are in place in all of our parish communities to protect children and vulnerable adults. Child protection posters are prominently displayed in all our church buildings. Protecting children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of all people in our parish communities and not just our Clergy. Protection requires constant vigilance, particularly against complacency. Our precious children represent our future.  
Let us keep all our children happy and safe!