

Feast of Corpus Christi



Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our
wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people as they tend the
sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all
isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of
fear, that hope may never die and the light of
Easter, the triumph of life, may shine upon us
and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the
dead, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.

St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

(Most Rev. Mark Coleridge,
Archbishop of Brisbane)

Liturgy Brisbane

Working with Children Checks

If you are a volunteer within the parish and have a
Working With Children Check please update it if it has
expired to help us keep our child safe records up to
date. Thank you.

The Sandpiper – An Update

The Sandpiper was established in 2004 by Bishop
Joseph Grech as the official publication of the Catholic
Diocese of Sandhurst with the mission of developing a
sense of community, linking faith and life through
dialogue. For over 15 years this mission has been
achieved through a print-driven publication, with
13,500 copies circulated eleven times each year to
Catholic schools, parishes, healthcare organisations,
social services, ministries and subscribers. This has
been made possible by continuous support from our
loyal advertising partners.

The Sandpiper's mission of fostering connection in
our community is more critical than ever as Catholic
life is disrupted by COVID-19.

Challenges to the distribution of print editions mean
that *The Sandpiper* will be distributed in a digital
edition for the foreseeable future.

The next few months will be a time of exploration
and experimentation in our publication. We seek your
feedback on the content and distribution of *The
Sandpiper* to better inform how we can serve your
communications needs. Provisions will continue to be
made for parishioners without access to digital
technology who can call the Chancery which will then
print and mail hard copies. The sharing of stories,
messages and other important information delivered
through *The Sandpiper* will not change, only the
method of distribution.

Our stories as the Catholic community of the Diocese
of Sandhurst will continue to build up our strength in
future editions of *The Sandpiper*. We look forward to
sharing in the next digital edition of *The Sandpiper*.

~ Excerpt of letter from Jordan Grantham,
Communications Manager, Diocese of Sandhurst.

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.



Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

14 June 2020



Readings for
this week:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58



Readings for
next Sunday:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33



Liturgical Jottings Sequences

Four Sequences remain in the
current Lectionary (the book of
readings for Mass): they are poems
or chants, said or sung before the
Gospel acclamation: Easter Sunday,
Pentecost, Corpus Christi and the
Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (14
Sept). The Sequence for the Dead
(Dies Irae) is retained in the Liturgy
of the Hours.

Corpus Christi Sequence

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children
meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Off in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.
(verse 11 of 13)

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Looking at the Readings

The COVID-19 lockdown of churches began in the third week of Lent.
Holy Week and Easter, the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost came and
went without the great liturgies and festivities we love to celebrate. Many
were able to see Mass online or on TV. Many came to appreciate variety
of liturgies, scripture readings and homilies yet many missed the
Eucharist. This missing out of receiving Holy Communion will be felt
more so today on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi - the very feast of the
Body and Blood of Christ. We are celebrating what we cannot receive.

The readings, moreover, speak of hunger; of the Exodus people in the
desert and secondly of the crowd Jesus fed with the five loaves and two
fish. God provide manna and Christ offered them living bread. We are
those hungry people here and now. John's Gospel chapter six (vv 1-21)
tells of the miracle, then the "Bread of Life," He is the Word of the
Father to nourish us (vv 22-48). Finally (vv51-68) Jesus moves to offer
more: his own body and blood. He is speaking in a new sacramental
language, many cannot grasp his meaning (vv52, 60 & 66). But Peter, the
great Apostle of faith exclaims: "You have the words of everlasting life!"
Let us appreciate anew the words of scripture and continue to look
forward to receiving again or for the first time (catechumens and first
communicant children) the Eucharist in communion with our faith
communities.

Quote for the Week

We are Christ's members, and are nourished by means of His
creation. Therefore, the drink, which is part of His creation, He
declared to be His own Blood; and by this He enriches our blood.
And the bread, which comes from His creation, He affirmed to be
His own Body; and by this He nourishes our bodies. *St Irenaeus (d.
200AD) Against Heresies v.ii.2-3*

Idea for this Week

While Masses are limited to 20+ attendees, Sunday Masses for all
are impossible. Weekend day Masses are resuming in some
parishes. The Roman Missal contain Votive Masses that may be
celebrated on feria days (non feast days), They include Holy
Trinity, Holy Eucharist, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Holy Spirit and
newly composed Mass for our time "Mass in Time of Pandemic".

On the Lighter Side

Why did the lawyer cross the road? To pick up his law
suit from the dry cleaners. Why did the auditors cross the
road? Because that is what they did last year. Why did the
banker cross the road? Because he ran out of sense."



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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Mary Catherine Boschetti, Frank Kreuger, Frank Minogue, Marie and Kevin Coppinger, Pachie and Doolie Macaskill.

Fr Joe will pray intentions at Mass - please phone or email your intention to the parish office.

St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program

Due to the current Corona Virus Pandemic it has been decided that the 2020 St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program will NOT be going ahead this year.

However, provided that restrictions are lifted we will introduce a new parish Sacramental Program later in the year, this program will be spread over two years - 2020 and 2021.

This would mean that children in **Year 2 this year and higher** will be invited to enroll in the program. Children will complete the Sacrament of Reconciliation in October and November of this year and return to complete the program (Confirmation and First Eucharist) in 2021.

I am unable to provide any dates for this new program at the moment but will notify families if and when we are able to proceed with this new format.

If you know families interested in the Sacramental Program, that have children in Year two or higher and who **do not attend our catholic schools**, please ask them to register their interest by emailing Laura at sacramental.coord@bigpond.com

I can be contacted at the Parish Office on Tuesday and Wednesday's 58212633 or via the above email if you have any questions.

Hope to see you all later in the year, until then stay safe and well.

Fr. Joe Taylor and Laura O'Sullivan.



Adult Faith Formation Program

St. Brendan's is looking at the possibility of starting an ongoing faith formation (Catechesis) program for adults, and we are keen to hear your thoughts.

If you are interested in seeing Catechesis become a regular part of the parish life, we would appreciate it if you would complete our short survey by copying and pasting this link into your internet browser:

<https://forms.gle/9wg755tCVbKRuNy5>

Women's Group

Our next gathering will be held on

Friday 19th June at 7.15PM

Via Zoom

Guest speaker Barbara Carey is going to talk about the Plenary Council.

Contact Bozena for Zoom details
bozena59@yahoo.com.

PROTECTING PARISHIONERS

The current Government restrictions at our church due to COVID-19 from 1st June 2020

- Up to 20 people can gather to pray privately inside churches at any one time.
- Up to 20 people can gather to attend Mass or other small ceremonies, in addition to the minimum number of people reasonably required to celebrate the Mass or ceremony.
- Up to 20 people can gather to attend weddings, in addition to the minimum number of people reasonably required to celebrate the Mass or ceremony.
- Up to 50 people can attend funerals, in addition to celebrants.

20th and 21st JUNE WEEKEND - Masses Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, Sun 11am

IF YOU ARE ABLE we ask you please to go on line to book through our newly created TryBOOKING SITE:

<https://www.Trybooking.com/BJTDL>

BOOKINGS WILL BE OPEN for Masses on 20/21 June as of Monday 15th June.

(If you would like assistance with this please call the Parish Office on 5821 2633)

QUIET PRAYER TIME
TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS
ONLY
4pm—5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
TUESDAYS to FRIDAY - 9.15am
CONTINUE TO PHONE THE OFFICE
THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM AT
WEEKDAY MASSES

ENTER VIA the WEST SIDE OF THE CHURCH (Piety Stall side)
PUBLIC TOILETS are OPEN FOR USE

Works Progress

So far the first progress payment of \$27,181 has been paid toward the work on replacing the church guttering and downpipes.

Period Building Conservation are doing a great job.



Pathways for Families 2020

These booklets are available online via:
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

This is a great resource for families and contains a variety of links to information and networks to enrich, interest and support families in their continuing journeys in Faith, Prayer, Spirituality, local and wider church community connections and much more.

Pathways for Seniors 2020 is free Online

offering information, networks and resource links for 'over 55s', to support continuing journeys of Faith, Prayer, Spirituality and community connections.
Access: www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au 'Pathways for Seniors 2019-2020' 'News and Events' or www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1587-pathways-for-seniors-2019.