



October is the month of the Holy Rosary



A message from Aid to the Church in Need

One Million Children Praying the Rosary: ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

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As we approach the **month of Holy Souls**, consider arranging Masses for your deceased loved ones and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. One hundred percent of every Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need. To arrange your Masses visit:

www.aidtochurch.org/Masses



SANDHURST 'WHEEL OF PRAYER' DAY 2021: SMALL GROUPS SHARING LIFE, FAITH & PRAYER

Zoom online Saturday 30th October 2021 10.00am – 3.15 p.m. New and old ways to 'stay connected' with an introduction by Dr Chris Cotter and four workshops: MEN'S GROUPS - Anthony Kilmartin, Paul White, Doug Black; FINDING GOD IN THE BITS & PIECES WOMEN'S GROUPS - Mary Murphy, Glen Avard, Christine Sebire; CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER - Brigita Hore, Melinda Clifford; FAITH CIRCLES - Veronica Perra & Cobram Faith Circle. NO COST. FOR ZOOM LINK: contact Lyn Breen, adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au OR chancery@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

The First General Assembly of the Plenary Council has concluded. For information visit:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

For more information see the latest edition of Sandhurst eNews.

Please continue to pray for those involved as they now move to the next phase of the Plenary Council.



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If you know anyone who could benefit from this opportunity please let them know.

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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.



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

17 October 2021

First Reading Is 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 4:14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:35-45 (or shorter form Mk 10:42-45)

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The sons of Zebedee expected Jesus to lead a Messianic revolt to throw off the yoke of imperial Rome. But they wanted to be part of a similar sort of power structure. They had not grasped that Jesus had come to turn that sort of society upside down.

However, over the centuries, the Church took on much of the trappings of power of imperial Rome. The popes governed much of Italy. Giuseppe Garibaldi was one of those generals who defeated the forces defending the Papal States, and in doing so actually liberated the papacy from its role as feudal overlord of much of Italy.

In the course of the campaign, when despondent, Garibaldi often reflected on the delightful time he spent on Three Hummock Island just off the coast of Tasmania. So we may say that the liberation of the papacy, enabling it to respond more clearly to today's Gospel, began in Tasmania!

Pope Francis embodies the spirit of today's Gospel. He rails against a Church exhibiting 'the leprosy of a feudal court'. Rather, he has said: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.' And in his actions he has shown himself as a true 'Servant of the servants of God' as Jesus commands in today's Gospel.

We may pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he may have the strength and time to persevere in his responding to today's Gospel so that the papacy may be truly liberated so as to practise a radically different way of exercising leadership in the Church and for the world.

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Recently Deceased: Lesley Reardon, William Parker, John Phyland.
Anniversaries: Carmela Rossi (one month mind), John Howlett, Matteo Donato Sfirro.

Readers & Commentators
If you are rostered as a Lector please book in for the relevant Mass using the usual TryBooking link or through the parish office. Thank you

Leadlight Window in need of repair
The lead light window near the presbytery front door needs some repair work.
If anyone has skills in this area or knows someone who does and may be able to help please get in touch with the parish office on 5821 2633.

Sr Alphonsus McCarthy RSM will be remembered by many in Shepparton.
Sr. M. Alphonsus, (known as Sr. Ally to many) grew up in Merbein, Mildura the younger sister to six brothers, and where her father ran a vineyard. After high schooling at Stella Maris Geelong, Therese entered the Mercy Novitiate in 1947 and was professed in 1950. After training as a Primary Teacher.
Sr. Ally taught at Red Cliffs Mildura, Cobram, Euroa and Wodonga. Her love of nature and craft work was shared with others. Children were coached after school and membership of St Vincent de Paul Society over 38 years expressed her care for people and those in need. In Shepparton, she moved into a unit where she tendered her garden, enjoyed a cuppa with friends and prayed the Rosary daily. Her caring nature continued when she moved to Mercy Place Parkville in 2010 where she is remembered by staff and her Mercy sisters with deep affection.
Sr Ally's funeral was on Thursday, 14 October 2021 Through Him, With Him, In Him 8/12/1928 - 7/10/2021; 71st year of Religious Profession.



Columban Calendars are now available in the Piety Stall at a cost of \$10.

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, Mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil.
Amen
~ From Divine Mercy Publications Pty Ltd

National Carers' Week: 10 – 16 October
Carers Australia said it would cost \$1.49 billion per week to replace our unpaid carers with wage workers. We know that unpaid carers go above and beyond to care for family members and friends with a disability. A recent survey revealed that, during COVID-19, 60 per cent of family and friend carers have lost some or all of the supports for the person they care for, and almost half reported losing supports for themselves. What can we do in our parish to support the carers? Carer's Gateway (Federal Govt) provides reliable services, support and advice to unpaid carers, wherever they live.
~ M. Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator.

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 11am
Saturday 8.30am *Syro Malabar Rite*, Sunday 5.30pm *Syro Malabar Rite*
Rosary— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday mass.
Holy Hour— Thursdays 7pm to 8pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament— Fridays 5pm to 6pm

Weekday Mass Times
Tuesday to Friday 9.15am & 6pm
Reconciliation Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am



Women's Group Zoom meeting for October
Friday 15th of October 7.00pm on ZOOM.
Reflection: 2021 Year of St Joseph Presentation – October Month of the Holy Rosary
Importance of praying the Rosary.
Next meeting Friday 19th of November 2021.
Anyone new to the parish is very welcome. For more detail please email: bozena59@yahoo.com

Public Rosary next Saturday 16th October
The Rosary has been prayed annually throughout the world publicly in October for several years. To commemorate the 104th anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun', Australia is to take part in the nationwide Public Rosary. We ask prayers for Our Lady of Fatima to intercede for God's merciful blessing upon our nation. You are invited to join in prayer with a threefold purpose: that the important message of Fatima is spread throughout the world for the Glory of God, the honour of Our Lady and the salvation of souls.
As we are unable to pray the rosary together publicly this year there are several ways we can still honour Our Lady by praying the Rosary: a phone hook up with a friend, organise a zoom meeting.
There are some good websites that can help us in praying the Rosary:
Facebook.com/stkiliansparish
St Kilian's Parish in Bendigo pray the Rosary live at 9pm in the evening.
www.fatima.org.au; www.praytherosary.com
www.theholynosary.org www.youtube.com
These are just some that we've come across.

World Mission Sunday
Sunday 24th October, 2021

Reach out. Give life.

