



# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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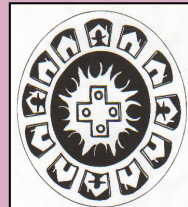
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*Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith*

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 October 2020



*Readings for  
this week:*

Isaiah 45:1,4-6  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
Matthew 22:15-21



*Readings for  
next Sunday:*

Exodus 22:20-26  
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10  
Matthew 22:34-40



## Liturgical Jottings

### Mass for the

### Evangelisation of Peoples

Today for World Mission Day the 2020 Australian Ordo p 112 gives a Pastoral Note: "If there is a special celebration for Mission Sunday, the Mass for the Spread of the Gospel may be used, even on a Sunday in Ordinary Time. Normally Masses for special needs and votive masses are not used on Sundays."

Mass for the Spread of the Gospel, however, is not found in the New Missal. It was contained in the earlier Roman Missal (1969, 1974, Masses for various needs and occasions #14). In the new Missal (2011) we find the Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples (#18, page 1342) with a similar rubric for use for today. Preface I of Ordinary Time is suggested for this Sunday.

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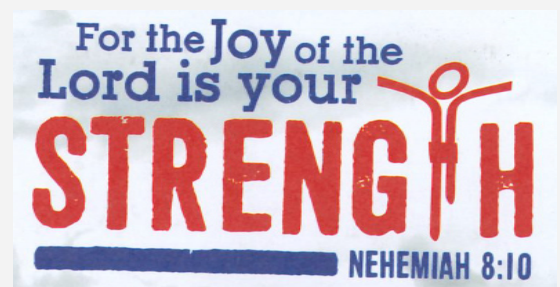
## Looking at the Readings

The Pharisees disliked the Romans and their occupation of the land. The Herodians sided with the Romans to keep their hold onto the throne, albeit, a mere token throne. So these enemies joined forces to try to trap Jesus. Their question on paying the Census Tax to the Romans was framed in a way that "Yes" would show support to the invaders and "No" would amount to rebellion against law and order. Jesus response was not YES or No, not a compromise and did not resolve the current political dichotomy between Israel and Rome. His response has often been quoted and misquoted in respect to church and state relations. We may interpret our Lord's responses as opportunities for us to use our resources to make right judgements. This is his very response when was asked to arbitrate an inheritance claim. He is not our arbitrator. (Luke 12:13-14).

Nonetheless the first reading gives us a foothold in understanding this gospel event and the relationship between secular leaders and their affairs and God's ways and concern for his people. We do have responsibilities often simultaneously with God and society. We do acknowledge the God of all creation and source of all power and authority. We do affirm that we are all created in the image of God.

## Mission Sunday 18th October

If you would like to make a donation to Catholic Mission, go to the website or post to Catholic Mission, Reply Paid 1668, North Sydney. 2059.



Phone 1800 257296 or go to the website:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work/see-our-work-in-action/wmm20-cambodia-appeal>



## On the Lighter Side

A man refused to pay taxes. In court he pleaded: "You say I'll go to prison, I say 'No', prisons cost taxpayers lots of money. You keep what it would have cost to incarcerate me and we'll call it quits - I save a little money and you save lots!"

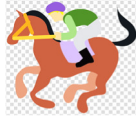


**Recently Deceased:** Alison McCloskey,  
Amato Barca.

**Anniversaries:** Matteo Sfirro, Antonio Sfirro,  
Joan Kelly, Mary Kinna, Attila Sarkady,  
William (Bill) Crowe,  
Pasquale & Frank & Maria Demaria,  
Maria Antonia & Guiseppi Monaco.

## Melbourne Cup Sweep 2020

We are going ahead with our Annual Melbourne Cup Sweep fundraiser and are working toward making this a successful fundraiser for the parish and fun for everyone.



Tickets are \$2 each & can be ordered in one of two ways: 1. Place cash in an envelope in the office mailslot with your name, phone number & number of tickets required OR

2. Deposit into the parish bank account—BSB 083543, account number 483593006, reference "Surname—Cup" Please email the office once you have made the deposit and advise the number of tickets required.

We will announce prizes later on.

## 2020 Sacramental Program

Unfortunately, the 2020 parish Sacramental Program will not be going ahead this year.

We will endeavour to present the program next year beginning with enrolments in Term one for children in Year 3 or higher.

How the program will work and actual dates will depend on what the Covid restrictions will be like next year.

Families whose children do NOT attend our Catholic Schools in the parish are asked to register their interest in the 2021 program by emailing Laura at [sacramental.coord@bigpond.com](mailto:sacramental.coord@bigpond.com) For all enquires please contact Laura at the Parish Office Tuesday and Wednesday 9am – 2pm on 58 21 2633 or via the above email address.

## WHAT CAN WE DO - TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME?

Join 'Zoom' THURSDAY 22nd October 7.30-8.30 pm to respond to Pope Francis' call and share ideas for action and resources to 'Care for Our Common Home' for parish, local community and home.

To receive zoom gathering link for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October email: [adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) OR [caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

## Discerning the way to the Plenary Council

During the next few weeks we are invited as a diocese to reflect upon how, as people of faith, we can discern together how we are 'being called to be a Christ centred Church.' When we discern we think deeply and prayerfully in order to hear God's voice.

Cathy Jenkins has recorded a video on Discerning the way to the Plenary Council that you are invited to watch as we enter this next phase in the journey. This video is available through our newly created YouTube Channel and Facebook Page.

For more information see: [sandhurst.catholic.org.au/plenary-council](http://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/plenary-council) or follow Plenary Council Sandhurst on Facebook.

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## The Pastoral View — Carers Week

By Anthony Kilmartin

This past week was National carer's week. We highlight the amazing often hidden work of carers in our community. In our Parish many of you will be in caring roles, this week we honour you, for the love and care you give. Caring is something that can take enormous energy, which is often sustained by great love. This love is stretched to the limit at times, this is where family, and our Parish community can hopefully help.

Caring can be isolating work, it is often done in your home, it can be difficult to leave your loved one for simple tasks such as shopping, doctors appointment, or for some R & R. I often hear though that those who care receive greatly from their role as carers.

Jesus reminds us in the Beatitudes, "That it is giving that we receive" God sees all that is done in secret; he gives the strength and courage we need when this caring role becomes overwhelming. "Come to me all you who are overburdened and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest."

*Dear God, we pray as a Parish for those who are in a position of caring for a loved one, may we reach out to those who need support, may we not be afraid to give of our time, love and care when we see it is needed. You ask often that we walk with the hidden ones of this world, carers often are hidden and in need of our attention, may we give it freely. Amen*