



# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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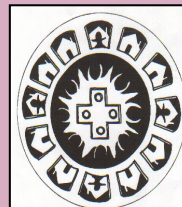
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*Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith*

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 July 2020



*Readings for  
this week:*

Wisdom 12:13,16-19  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43



*Readings for  
next Sunday:*

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52

## Liturgical Jottings

### Omission of texts

The omission of verses in readings from Scripture has at times been the practice in many liturgical traditions, including the Roman. Admittedly such omissions may not be made lightly, for fear of distorting the meaning of the text or the intent and style of Scripture. Yet on pastoral grounds it was decided to continue the tradition in the present Order of Readings, but at the same time to ensure that the essential meaning of the text remained intact. One reason for the decision is that otherwise some texts would have been unduly long. It would also have been necessary to omit completely certain readings of high spiritual value for the faithful because those readings include some verse that is unsuitable pastorally or that involves truly difficult problems.

*General Introduction to the Lectionary n 77*

## Looking at the Gospel

Three Parables in today's Gospel: the wheat and the weeds; the mustard seed; and the yeast all begin with: "the Kingdom of Heaven is like...". In one way the Kingdom of Heaven is a mystery of faith. Therefore a variety of parables help throw light onto the mystery - we can see it from different perspectives. In another way these parables contain messages for us to accept and act upon the teaching of Christ. Therefore we see more deeply into the mystery of life.

Listening carefully to the three readings and the psalm we see God's patience, justice, gentleness, perseverance, will and desire for our happiness. Therefore we are called to act with justice, patience and gentleness and in our weakness we pray that "God's will be done" The two great mysteries of faith and life are encountered in our relationship with God and one another.

## Saint of the Week: St Mary Magdalene Wed 22 July

Mary Magdalene is a saint in the Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Lutheran churches. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the gospels, more than most of the apostles and more than any other non-family woman. Mary Magdalene is a witness to the crucifixion of Jesus and also present at his burial. All four gospels identify her, either alone or as a member of a larger group of women which includes Jesus' mother, as the first to witness the empty tomb and the first to witness Jesus' resurrection. In 2016 Pope Francis raised her memorial to a feast with the title Apostle of the Apostles.

## Babies Remembrance Garden

(west side entrance)

The refurbishment of the Babies Remembrance Garden has been a project of love by several different people. The windows and statues have been washed, the plants trimmed & the plaque made visible again.

The current loose plan is to: top up the white stones on the ground inside the garden; install a comfortable seat in the porch area, so people can sit and pray and reflect; install a permanent shelf for the Book of



Remembrance, high enough to be out of children's reach, to avoid children drawing in it; to put an attractive sign/picture on the wall explaining the garden and its significance - we have already had a parishioner offer to pay for this sign/picture.

**Take a look when next you're in the church—it's a beautiful place.**



**At all Masses this weekend Deacon Francois will read the shorter version of the Gospel Matthew 13: 24-30. Everyone is encouraged to again take time during the week ahead to read the longer version Matthew 13: 24-43.**

### Quiet Prayer -

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
for one hour between  
4pm-5pm

No need to book

### Week Day Masses -

You will need to book by  
phoning the parish office to  
register your name and  
phone number.

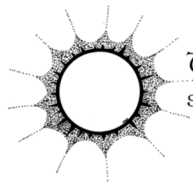
### Week End Masses -

Bookings need to be made online at  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJTDL>

Bookings open Mondays at 9am  
and

Bookings close Fridays at noon.

Please contact the Parish Office if you need help.



The virtuous will  
shine like the sun.

MT 13:43

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Mary Taylor (mother of Fr Joe),  
Mary Cecilia Lyons, Mary Smyth, Maree (Smyth) Vasterink.

# WHEEL OF PRAYER DAY 2020

REGISTER BY  
FRIDAY JULY 31 2020

Go to TryBooking  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJUOP>

Please **Include** your email  
address for the Zoom meeting  
link to be sent to you.

Diocese of Sandhurst presents

### 'Wheel of Prayer Day' 2020

Saturday 8th August

10.00 am – 3.15 pm

Live via Zoom (diocesan website video  
available later) including: Prayer of the  
Church led by Bishop Shane Mackinlay;  
Family Prayer, Anthony & Rosey Kilmartin;  
Taize Prayer, Ruth Lawlor;  
Devotional Prayer, Fr Stephen Bolling;  
Praying with Scripture, Lyn Breen.  
Go to TryBooking to register and leave  
your email address for Zoom meeting  
link to be sent to you.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJUOP>.

To learn more go to 'News & Events'  
at [sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

### Working with Children Checks

If yours has expired or  
is about to expire  
please update as soon  
as possible.

Thank you.



Let them grow together  
until the harvest.

MT 13:30



Ashley & Vanessa Madeira

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### Prayer for peace during covid pandemic

Lord Jesus we are struggling to make sense of this strange  
world at the moment,

We find it difficult when things are outside our control.

We pray that we can see your face through the darkness  
of these days.

We look to your love and care for us all each day.

We ask for this love and care to be poured out,

Into a world confused and in pain,

Heal us of our anxiety and help us to turn to you for peace  
and comfort.

Amen

### Piety Stall

We have taken the opportunity in these quiet times to rearrange the  
piety stall. It is a work in progress, so far we have moved the pew out  
of the side porch, installed some new stands, separated the piety stall  
merchandise from the free pamphlets, brochures etc.

The shelves themselves will also be moved, to make way for some  
work around the Babies Remembrance Garden.