



# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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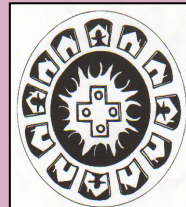
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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 September 2020



*Readings for  
this week:*

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24,279

Matthew 20:1-16



*Readings for  
next Sunday:*

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32



## Liturgical Jottings

### Names for the Eucharist

Catechism of the Catholic Church (English 1994) in introducing the sacraments starts with: "What is this Sacrament called?" The third sacrament is given nine names: The inexhaustible richness of this sacrament is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called:

1. The Eucharist
2. The Lord's Supper
3. The Breaking of Bread
4. The Eucharistic assembly (synaxis)
5. The memorial of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection
6. The Holy Sacrifice
7. The Holy and Divine Liturgy
8. Holy Communion
9. Holy Mass

(CCC nn 1328 to 1332)

## Looking at the Readings

Here is a parable that both Business Owners and Trade Union Officials have difficulties with because of the wage settlements. But the parable is addressing greater issues and has deeper implications.

Firstly there is a sense of justice and care for the poor. The labourers employed at the eleventh hour still need to feed their families. One denarius would supply a frugal sustenance for the daily needs of a family.

Secondly the parable speaks of God's generosity that cannot be measured in our economic terms or social structures, imperfect as they are. God's generosity embraces and responds to all our frailties and needs. But we are often unable to grasp this.

Thirdly, the first reading is a wise and most appropriate prequel to today's Gospel: Isaiah present God's words: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts." We rejoice in God's ways

## Season of Creation 3

**GREETING:** The Readings invite us to remember that God is near and like the generous landowner who gives equally to all his workers. We ask forgiveness for taking for granted the gift of country and the people surrounding us.

**REFLECTION:** St Hildegard of Bingen wrote of the Earth as Mother '... it forms not only the basic raw material for humankind but also the substance of God's Son.' She formed the nuns in her monastery in the middle ages to celebrate a verdant God in poetry and song, and to use herbs for healing the sick.

## Quote of the Week

The worker, by living "sparingly, saves money, and, for greater security, invests his savings," and has the "hope and possibility of increasing his resources and of bettering his condition in life." *Rerum Novarum Art 4 (15 May 1891, Pope Leo XIII, first social encyclical)*

## On the Lighter Side

Indicative mood walks into a bar. "Let's walk into a bar!" command the imperative mood. The subjunctive mood would have walked into a bar if it were invited. Did the interrogative mood finally walk into a bar?

A Priest, an Imam and a Rabbit walk into a bar. The Rabbit looks around and says, "I think I am a spelling mistake!"



**Recently Deceased:** Maree Crowne (niece of Fr Joe) Julian Pasala (India—brother of Fr John Paul Pasala) Mary Bennett.

**Anniversaries:** Thomas Dolan, Margaret Dolan, Leo Boumen, Pat Brennan, Joan Crowe.

As many of you are aware, the diocese has been seeking to fill two vacant positions in our Youth Ministry team for some time. I am delighted to announce that we have now successfully appointed staff to each of these positions, which have been reshaped in light of the particular skills of the new appointees.

**Kristian Joy Tangso** is joining us from Melbourne and will be taking on the newly created **School Outreach and Event Management** role within the Sandhurst Youth Ministry Team. She has been an active member of St Mary of the Cross Parish, Mordialloc and Aspendale, helping to establish a young adults group. Kristian Joy has a PhD and has previously worked as a research scientist in Pharmaceuticals, and has recently been working in a Melbourne secondary school. In her new role, Kristian Joy will be working closely with secondary schools within our Diocese, as well as taking an active role in planning diocesan youth events.

**Matt Bretania** will be taking on the newly created **Music Ministry and Communications** role. Matt has been involved in many different forms of Youth Ministry, both in Canada and in Australia. He is currently undertaking a Master's Degree in Theology and has a strong background in Music Ministry, regularly performing with the Gen Bryant Band at events including ACYF. Matt will be working with young people in our Diocese in the area of Music Ministry, while also drawing on his digital expertise to manage the youth ministry social media accounts and other forms of communication.

~ Bishop Shane Mackinlay

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## Dementia Awareness Week 21-27 September

### The Pastoral View

#### Walking with Dementia.

I thought I would tell the story of walking with my Dad who has Alzheimer's Dementia. My Dad was diagnosed with this about 15 years ago. This is a long time for him to be living with this disease. It is difficult for Dad especially, but also our family. He is still very much himself, we see his character traits and his favourite subjects very much still there. Dad only recognizes us now and again. I have found peace, in accepting this. It doesn't matter to me now if Dad doesn't know me. When I leave after a visit I feel like I have brought him some joy and companionship and that is enough.

Our relationship is probably more real now than any other time in our life. I am surprised at times of Dad's memory of things and his ability to tell me how he is feeling. I need to be open to hearing these important points at any moment. I have heard that it is sometimes more difficult for the family of someone with Alzheimer's Dementia, than for the person who has the dementia. To lose our normal means of communication with him is terrible, we think we have lost the person in some way.

I do believe there are other ways to still connect and communicate with him, which can be very meaningful. If we can be open to new beginnings it does offer the opportunity to us for new life in what seems like a death in a way. My faith in a loving God allows me to search for meaning, even in a disease like Dementia, I am not sure what the future looks like for Dad, but for now he seems to be happy most of the time, which is all we can hope for.

~ Anthony Kilmartin, Pastoral Associate



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The Annual Appeal of the Priests Retirement Foundation is being held now, 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*

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