



ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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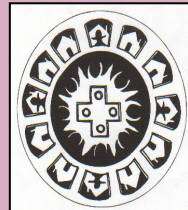
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*Christ in community...the
heart of our faith*

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 June 2020



*Readings for
this week:*

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



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

2Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42



Liturgical Jottings Gospel Sequence

The Gospels for the Ordinary Time Year A Sundays: Eleventh (omitted this year), Twelfth (today) Thirteenth (next week) are from Matthew Chapter 10 and Fourteenth Sunday from Chapter 11 form "The Apostolic Discourse" as described by the editors of the Jerusalem Bible. Jesus calls and names the twelve apostles, He instructs them and sends them on the mission. He finally thanks the Father for their return and work. The mission is not without difficulty. The first readings from the Prophets, Jeremiah, Elisha and Zechariah remind us that the Lord's call requires some suffering, and a spirit of service and offered in humility.

Looking at the Readings

The apostles are sent to proclaim the "Good News". It is an ageless vocation for all disciples of Christ. Unfortunately the Good News is not good news for some: they prefer to hear bad news! Some are killjoys, others are blind and deaf to God's Word and some others are hostile and reject the message completely. Those negative responses do not diminish the impact of the message nor the fervour and perseverance of the messengers. Jesus' words: "Do not be afraid" are just as relevant today as it was for the original twelve. We need courage and God's support to face the troubles, anxieties and violence we may encounter. It may be the neighbour who complains about the church bells ringing or our mates that "mock" our faith to the gangs and institutions that constantly ridicule, persecute or lobby for legislation against Christian morals and practices.

Jeremiah in anticipation of God's rescue prayed "Praise the Lord for his deliverance" and Christ promises us eternal life with the Father in heaven. Also today's Psalm gives us a great prayer for comfort.

A Prayer from Pope Francis

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Did You Know?

Christians who die rather than renounce their faith are called martyrs. The word 'martyr' literally means 'witness'. Throughout history many have given their lives for the faith and in our own time people are still martyred because they will not swerve from their commitment to Christ and his mission.

Quote of the Day

The love which God pours in our hearts and which allows us to love him in return, banishes fear. Only a right and good trembling is left, caused not by fear but by fervour. *Pierre-Yves Emery, The Fear of God, 1972 La Vie Spirituelle*

Recently Deceased: Bill Henderson.

Anniversaries: Nazario Giuliani, Jack McNally, Brian Hickey, Eileen Mylon, Maureen O'Keeffe, Anne Lawlor (Finley).

CHANGES . . .

As from Monday 22nd June, 50 people will be permitted to attend Churches for Liturgies or private prayer.

We will continue to open St Brendan's for QUIET PRAYER on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 1 hour (4pm – 5pm). Please enter the Church via the west side entrance (Piety Store side).

WEEKDAY MASSES – you will not be required to book but you must register your name and phone number. Please enter the Church via the west side entrance (Piety Store side).

WEEKEND MASSES – you will be required to continue to book online through our Trybooking site:

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

If you encounter any issues please contact the Parish Office on 58212633.

We are happy to help.

We encourage you to come up to 15 minutes early for Mass so that our Ushers can be given ample time to record your attendance. We thank you for your co-operation and patience during these times.



St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program

Due to the current CoronaVirus Pandemic it has been decided the 2020 St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program will commence with Reconciliation later in the year and the 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/9wg7575tCVbKRuNy5>



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FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Footy is back....

We hope that you all have survived the isolation and big changes that have occurred since the season kicked off in March. We have a record number of entrants this year in St Brendan's Footy Tipping Competition, and two of our "Rookies", Clancy and Pat, tipped perfect scores of 9 in Round 1. For all of you who have paid the entry fee of \$25 already, thank you!

For those yet to pay, you can either place your payment in an envelope with your name through the Parish mailslot or call the Office on 5821 2633 to organise payment.

We've extended payment deadline to June 30. Good luck to all! I hope that you footy team has a win!

Thanks! From your league commissioner,
Ashley Madeira