

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We would like to welcome the following people who have now been fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Arina Silum, Michelle Christy, Colin Kalms,  
Melissa Wells, Kelly Fasano and Kirsten Lyons.



### The Pastoral View—The Walking Stick

I have recently taken to carving walking sticks out of rough pieces of wood from the bush. I have used one as I walk for a little while now. I have grown to love the images the stick gives me, connecting my faith and the gentle art of walking. The walking stick has been used for many years from early biblical stories. Moses using his staff to part the red sea comes to mind. The stick was often used in pilgrimage walks, sometimes which took years to complete. It was seen as a time to take stock maybe to consolidate a change of direction in life, or to search for a new direction. It was often the path a significant person had walked sometime in history.

The main image that I take from using a walking stick is the image of walking with God, or walking with others throughout life. By allowing God and others to support me, I do not journey alone. A stick is often taken from a dead tree, I look for a stick that has a good shape, it needs strength but cannot be too heavy and it needs to feel comfortable in the hand. The stick I choose is normally very rough and raw; I need to see the beauty beneath the rough product. This connects me with God's hopes and dreams for me, I need to be refined and shaped to God's plan. The stick will normally have imperfections of some sort, these I see as adding to the beauty of the stick. I incorporate them in to the finished product. I feel this is very important point in my faith journey, God working with my imperfections, he incorporates them in to my life story, they add the flavour.

St Ignatius of Loyola, quote:

*A thick and shapeless tree-trunk would never believe that it could become a statue, admired as a miracle of sculpture, and would never submit itself to the chisel of the sculptor, who sees by her genius what she can make of it.*

This quote speaks of the calling we have to allow God the freedom to pare away those parts of us which maybe holding us back from growing in faith. God sees what we can become and wants us to live fully in this life, using all the gifts he created within us. The letting go of things can be painful at times; our faith in a loving God helps us accept this as part of our faith journey. The walking stick in its finished state is I feel a good image of this journey in faith.

~ By Anthony Kilmartin, Pastoral Associate

## Baskets of Joy

### For the City of Greater Shepparton 2020

In light of the current restrictions we are now living with, we have set up a way for people to make a money donation by purchasing 'virtual' basket items. The value of your purchases will be the value of your donation, which will then be used to purchase Baskets of Joy grocery gift cards for families in need. A safe way to donate, and a bit of fun!

There are two ways you can support Baskets of Joy this year:

Click here ([https://www.greatershepparton.foundation/?page\\_id=932](https://www.greatershepparton.foundation/?page_id=932) OR

Bitly link: [bit.ly/3mODFFa](https://bit.ly/3mODFFa)) to go to our 'virtual' shopping list (payment via PayPal)

If you would prefer to make a straight donation to the appeal please click here [https://www.greatershepparton.foundation/?page\\_id=312](https://www.greatershepparton.foundation/?page_id=312) OR Bitly link: [bit.ly/32ZkJff](https://bit.ly/32ZkJff)

For more information please refer to our Frequently Asked Questions sheet, or contact Katie Huddleston on 5823 7000, Belinda Whitelaw on 5832 9790 or Cheryl Hammer on 5832 8223.

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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.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

22 November 2020



Readings for  
this week:

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28  
Matthew 25:31-46



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37



## Looking at the Gospel

The Last Judgement (Matt 25:31-46) is read in its entirety this Sunday, depicting Christ at his second (final) coming as King and Judge. The scene, being quite descriptive, has been the subject of many paintings, each artist giving their own interpretation. The most well known is a fresco by Michelangelo painted on the altar wall of the Sistine Chapel. 1536–1541. Other artists include Hieronymus Bosch, 1482, Fra Angelico 1425-30 and Wassily Kandinsky 1912. Christ is depicted as High Judge. Our earliest image of this parable is from the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo at Ravenna Italy of the 6<sup>th</sup> century, in it Christ is depicted as a shepherd.

Shepherd-King has been an enduring title for both OT kings and Christ himself. The metaphor of shepherd is very rich in the gospels. The shepherd cares for his flock, knows each by name, feeds and protects them. Certainly Jesus kingdom is not of this world (John 18, Year B) and he welcomes the repentant sinner into his kingdom (Luke 23:42-43, Year C) We are invited to be inheritors of his Kingdom (Matt 25:35 and 5:3, 5:10) and kingdom of justice, love and peace (Today's Preface).

## Clergy Appointments Continued . . .

### Seminarian Placements over December

The academic year at Corpus Christi College is about to conclude, and during December seminarists will undertake the following placements in the diocese:

- Rev. François Baguma: Kerang / Cohuna / Pyramid Hill
- Jackson Saunders: Echuca
- Adonis Peña: Chancery employment, living at St Kilian's
- Ezekiel Hangan: St Kilian's

Dominic Manatad: Chancery employment, living at St Kilian's.

~ Bishop Shane Mackinlay

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## Quote of the Week

It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character, and right judgment. *Marcus Tullius Cicero*

## Pope Francis' Encyclical on Fraternity and Friendship

As I was writing this letter, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident. For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all. Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality. It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. (7&8)

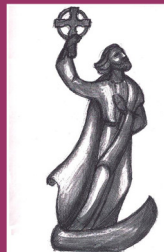
## On the Lighter Side

A man's car broke down. While he was peering under the bonnet a large ewe trotted up to the fence and said "Probably the ignition gone wrong," The man, startled, ran down the road, met the grazier and told him what had happened. "Was it a big ewe with a red ear tag?" asked the farmer. "Yes, I think so," said the man. "Oh, don't listen to her," said the farmer. "She doesn't know anything about cars."





# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

## Mass Intentions for November

These intentions will be prayed for at masses during the month of November. There are yellow envelopes on the table inside the side entrance for you to use for this purpose if you need it.

**Recently Deceased:** Sr Anne Cooney FCJ.

**Anniversaries:** Pat Hickey, Frank Minogue.



## Altar Society Luncheon

Saturday 5th December  
Last Straw Cafe, Keppel Street,  
Shepparton. 12.30pm

RSVP

Kath Smyth - 0409003420 OR  
Andrea Hayes - 0407096440

## Little Books

For the past few years we have ordered Little Books for Advent, Lent and Easter however this year will be a little different. We've been advised: 'Little Books can be ordered directly from the website at [littlebooks.org](http://littlebooks.org). They are available in paper and ebook formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to [littlebooks.org/app](http://littlebooks.org/app)'



## Pastoral Care vacancy

Mercy Health is currently advertising for a Pastoral Carer to work at its aged care home Mercy Place Ave Maria in Shepparton. In this role you will enjoy sharing the lives of older people by helping to nurture their emotional and spiritual wellbeing. This is a permanent part time position.

Applications close 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2020. For a copy of the Position Description and to apply online please see the Mercy Health Careers website.

## Tap n Go

Thank you to everyone who has given to our

### LOOSE COLLECTION

via our Tap N Go device thus far. Each Terminal has cost us \$569 to purchase (so all up our 2 terminals have cost \$1,138). To date we have received \$352 into our Parish funds from our device located within the Piety Store area. When we can hopefully open up our church fully our 2<sup>nd</sup> terminal in the Narthex will be available for all.

Your 'Tap' helps our Parish 'Go' on

Each of our machines are set to \$8 per tap.

One tap = \$8; Two taps = \$16 etc

Either Credit Cards or Debit Cards can be used. **No receipt** can be issued from these devices. We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to St Brendan's Catholic Parish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



On sale at all masses in the west side entrance:

Columban Calendars \$10

Christmas Cards \$2.50 pack of 8

Daily Mass books \$25



## Remembrance Book

For the month of November the Remembrance Book will be on the table inside the west side entrance of the church. You are invited to enter the names of your loved ones at any time throughout the month. Our special Remembrance Book for Babies is also located in this side entrance near the beautiful enclosed Remembrance Garden.



## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 8am & 11am  
Saturday 8.30am Syro Malabar Rite  
Sunday 4.30pm and 6pm Syro Malabar Rite

## Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 8am and 9.15am,  
Friday 5.30pm Syro Malabar Rite



## PLANNED GIVING

### MISSION MINISTRY MAINTENANCE

Over the past week we have tried to deliver as many as possible **NEW ENVELOPE PACKS** to all our planned givers. Thank you to those who have been our 'Parish Posties' – you have saved us a lot of money in postage.

Our **NEW PACKS commence on 6<sup>th</sup> December**. This will complete our first year within our 3-year Stewardship Programme MISSION MINISTRY MAINTENANCE. Enclosed with the PACKS are your Statements which basically cover the past 12 months of your giving. 2020 has certainly been a year we never expected however your financial contribution has enabled the Parish to continue to move forward.

The Parish Finance Team work hard at making your dollar go as far and wide as possible. Their efforts to support our Clergy, maintain our Parish assets, provide opportunities for pastoral growth and to address any workplace health and safety issues are always at the forefront of their decision making process. All parishioners who contribute to the planned giving programme via **DIRECT DEBIT or CREDIT CARD** should have received their statement this week **via email**.

Those WITHOUT an email address should have received their Statement via our 'Parish Posties'. If you have ANY questions/queries regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633.

I cannot thank everyone enough for your commitment. May God Bless you and your families.

Fr Joe Taylor

## Mass in the Church 'TRYBOOKING' for MASS TIMES

Following Government Guidelines allowing 20 people plus one (1) faith leader.

Click on this LINK on the TryBooking Site to make your booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMKWT>  
Follow the **YELLOW** boxes when booking. When you get to "Transaction Successful" you're finished. No need to print a ticket. **WEEKDAY Mass Times** for now are 8am **AND** 9.15am.

For all these Masses you must make your booking prior to 2pm the previous day.

If you can't utilize TryBooking site, contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633 to record your attendance.

## Possible Christmas Masses

As Christmas draws closer each week so does the hopes to be allowed to have more parishioners partake in our Liturgies.

The Covid Steering Committee and some members of the Parish Christmas Liturgy Team met through the week to strategize just how our Christmas Masses would look like.

We are planning some outdoor as well as indoor liturgies on Christmas Eve and indoor liturgies only on Christmas Day.

More information will follow in the coming weeks so stay tuned. This is dependent on government regulations.

**GARAGE SALES 8am —12 noon**

**FAITH AND LIGHT COMMUNITY**

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**

**UNIT 2/16 BARKER AVENUE, SHEPPARTON**

**SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER**

**20 CLAUDE STREET, SHEPPARTON**

We would invite people to contribute any items they may have towards our up and coming

**GARAGE SALES.**

Prior to dropping any items off to the above address please contact Denise Crawford on 0432 054003 or Gail Jelliff on 5821 1315.

All proceeds to go towards the St Brendan's Faith & Light Community.

Thank you for your support. ~Denise