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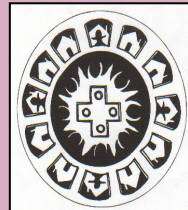
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*Christ in community...the
heart of our faith*

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 October 2020



*Readings for
this week:*

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



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

1 Thessalonians

These last weeks of the Liturgical Year we read from St Paul's first Letter to the Church at Thessalonica which is in modern day Greece. It is the first letter Paul wrote, in fact it is the earliest book of the New Testament, predating the Gospels. It is written about 50-51 AD. It is like a letter home to a friend. Paul started with a greeting to the people: "Grace to you and Peace", and related his travels with Timothy, particularly on their ministry together. He gives encouragement to them and hopes to see them again. His letter finishes with a farewell salutation and the blessing: "the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you (Amen)."

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The Pastoral View. Mary's month of October

I have many memories of the month of October and the special devotion to Mary we had as a family growing up. Our Parish was Echuca, which had a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which during October was shared around different family homes. I remember when bringing the statue home and placing it in a special place in our home, adorned with flowers and candles for the nightly Rosary. I feel Mary was and is someone who we can connect very closely with. She lived a very human life in many ways but was especially chosen by God to take her place in the birth of God's son, Jesus.

Mary suffered, as we do at times, but I am sure she delighted in the joys of married life and parenthood. I think at times we can set Mary so far removed from the life we lead that Mary becomes someone we cannot connect with, which is a great pity. Mary's acceptance and faith for me is what sets Mary with the saints. She opened her heart and mind to God, experiencing his love and care for her, but at times feeling what was being asked of her was beyond her grasp. Mary for me is someone to whom I pray to and with for I know she has lived what I am living in some ways. I love a story I read once about a family whose child was very sick and close to death. The parents were trying to contact the doctor who in the middle of the night, did not pick up his phone. A good friend had the phone number of the doctor's mother, whom she called and asked if she could ring her son and ask him to come to their aid. The doctor picked up the phone when his mother rang. The moral of the story is that a son cannot refuse the requests of his mother. Mary is a faithful friend to us all and a gateway to her son Jesus. Let us use her especially this month of October.

By Anthony Kilmartin, Pastoral Associate



All Saints' Day

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of All Saints, the feast will displace the Liturgy of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. We acknowledge the countless people who have died and entered eternal life that are saints but not formally recognised and placed in the Calendar of Saints. They now pray for us. The day is followed by All Souls Day commemorating those who have died and awaiting entry into heaven. We pray for them.

Quote of the Week

Therefore, love your neighbour; look within yourself to find the source of your love of your neighbour; there you will see, as you may, God, in the measure in which this will be possible for you.
St Augustine, Tractate 17:8 on the Gospel of John.

On the Lighter Side

Counting sheep is touted as a remedy for sleeplessness, However, go beyond the sheep to the Shepherd and talk to him about your day.



Recently Deceased: Bernadette Morriss (nee McLinden).

Anniversaries: Adrian Smyth, Michael O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Ethel Partridge.

Melbourne Cup Sweep 2020 LAST CHANCE TO GET TICKETS!!

**Tickets must be purchased by 30th October
Drawn Monday 2nd November**

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— Saint Brendans Church, 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.

Prizes announced next week.



Discerning the way to the Plenary Council Week 2:

In Sandhurst, we are entering into a period of engaging with the thematic papers that have been written in response to the Plenary Council themes. We are invited into a time of communal discernment.

In 2002, Pope John Paul in Novo Millennio Ineunte observed: 'Let us listen to what all the faithful say, because in every one of them the 'Spirit of God' breathes' (#31)

• What is the Spirit of God breathing into my heart and the hearts of those in my community? 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.

WEEKDAY MASSES - COMMENCING AT 8AM

There have been some modest easing of restrictions for churches which have stated Liturgies (including Mass) may be celebrated outside a church, attended by 1 minister and up to 20 participants.

This is great news and so Fr Joe has decided to conduct **WEEKDAY MASSES** starting **NEXT TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER (with a changed start time of 8am).**

You will need to **BOOK** for **MASS** either via the Parish **TryBooking Site** - <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGBY>

OR you can phone the Parish Office on 5821 2633.

The Masses will be held next to the Bell Tower (between the Parish Offices and the Presbytery).

Please wear your masks and practise social distancing.

God Bless and stay safe!

Diane Teitzel

On sale at all weekday masses:

Columban Calendars \$10

Christmas Cards \$2.50 pack of 8.

2020 Toyota AFL Grand Final October 24

Tim McCallum will perform the National Anthem. A classically trained tenor, Tim had to change his singing technique after his life-changing accident left him as a quadriplegic. You may remember him with his Assistance Dog, Casper, on 'The Voice' in 2015. Tim is keen to inspire people to achieve their dreams, despite the obstacles life throws at them.

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*The **Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter** is looking for a Project Coordinator for 2021. This person will need to oversee the smooth running of a program that provides mobile crisis accommodation involving a number of church venues across the months of June, July and August. If you are interested in this role and would like more information then please visit our website for more details at <https://gswnshelter.wixsite.com/mysite>*

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop We invite you to order your free copy of Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer. The Sisters of St Joseph have ordered a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world. To order, go to www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or phone 02 8912 2777.