



ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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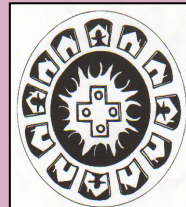
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*Christ in community...the
heart of our faith*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 July 2020



*Readings for
this week:*

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-48 or 44-52

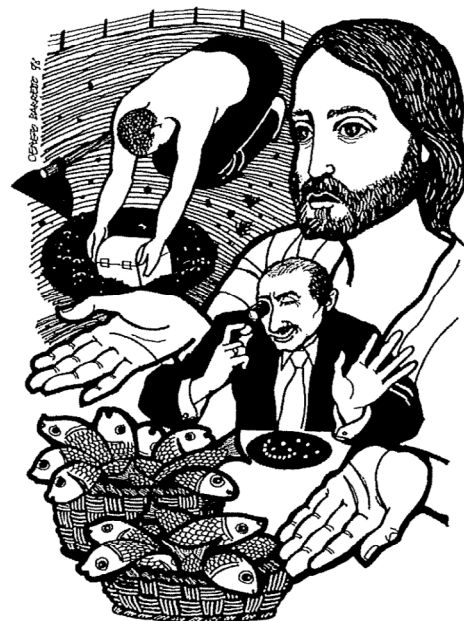


*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35,37-39

Matthew 14:13-21



Liturgical Jottings Gospel Sequence

This Sunday we complete the parable section in Matthew's Gospel and next week begin the section known as the Church Narrative. It is centred on the community of disciples who will form the new community of the church after the Lord's resurrection and the feast of Pentecost. Sundays 18th-20th relate the faith of the disciples at the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the calming of the storm, walking on water and the cure of the Canaanite's daughter in response to prayer.

Doctor of the Church

is a title the pope grants to saints who have made significant contributions to spirituality or theology through their studies or writings. To date there are 36 Doctors of the Church who include four women; 18 bishops, 12 priests and one deacon.

Looking at the Gospel

The Gospel for today is short but may be made shorter by omitting verses 49-52. The Lectionary gives us the option of shorter reading when they are exceeding long or difficult to understand. We have three short "Kingdom of Heaven" parables in the first section and a commentary and a fourth "Kingdom of Heaven" parable in the latter. The treasure seeker and pearl trader are searchers for joy and good value. They will use their own resources to achieve these ends. Note that it is not "all that it takes" which may include ill-gotten means, but from their own assets. Treasure and pearls are but metaphors of the value and joy of attaining eternal life in God's kingdom. Therefore it is not just assets but the will and wisdom that are also required. Solomon was given choices in life. In the first reading he prayed for wisdom and God was pleased to grant it. St Paul's letter to the Romans teaches "all things work together for good." We are called to goodness, wisdom and joy.

Like the fisherman we must know good from bad and like the householder we must discern what is the true treasure and then ready to search for it in most unlikely places and under disguised appearances.

News from Bishop Shane

Ezekiel Hangan is to become a seminarian for the Diocese of Sandhurst. Ezekiel is currently a third-year student at Corpus Christi College, Carlton. While he grew up in Melbourne, his father's family is from Bright, where Ezekiel has been a regular visitor. On leaving school, Ezekiel undertook a Bachelor of Education & Bachelor of Arts at ACU, which included a teaching placement at Galen College, Wangaratta.

Jackson Saunders

As you will be aware, Jackson returned to Australia just before Easter and has completed his academic year by remote studies while resident at St Patrick's, Wangaratta. In light of the uncertainties for international travel and study over the coming months, I have decided that instead of returning to Rome, Jackson will resume studies at Corpus Christi College, Carlton.

~ Excerpt from letter from Bishop Shane this week

On the Lighter Side

A pirate captain followed a treasure map to a faraway island. The map led him to a swamp, he waded in slowly then reaching knee-deep his leg hit something hard. He pulled up a treasure chest, pried it open to discover gold and gemstones. The Captain turned to his first mate and said, "Arrrrr, matey, that just goes to show ye, that booty is only shin deep!"



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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.

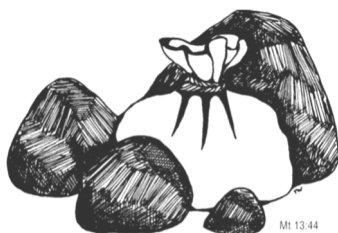
Please contact the Parish Office
if you need help.

Week Day Masses -

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

Recently Deceased: Tina Altamore (sister of Berni Magee, daughter of Fran Brown), Zelia Dryden.

Anniversaries: Michael Carey, Maria Giuliani, Brendan Moylan, Rosina Care.



The kingdom of heaven is like
a treasure hidden in a field.

Feast days this week:

22nd July St Mary Magdalene

26th July Saints Joachim and Anne

Parents of

Our Blessed Mother Mary

Quiet Prayer -

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

No need to book

Footy Tipping Update

We have a record number of 37 entrants in the AFL tipping comp this year. After Round 7, the leader is Damien Preston on 44, with his dad and former winner Leon one behind on 43 along with Katherine Coppinger. Father Joe is not far adrift on 40. This year the winner will receive \$250.

Deacon Francois has returned to the seminary in Melbourne. We wish him well with his studies.

The 'Sandpiper' is
available on the
Diocesan website:
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

The latest 'Caritas
News' is now available
online: <https://www.caritas.org.au/about/publications-and-reports/caritasnews>

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.

Phone Lyn or go to TryBooking to register by 31st July and leave your email address for Zoom meeting link to be sent to you.

Phone 5441 2544 or email
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Examinations

St. Brendan's Parish recently submitted an application to the Department of Justice and Community Safety, for a Community Crime Prevention Grant.

It is hoped that if successful in this grant, we can improve and upgrade the Church's security to prevent criminal activity around the Church and grounds, to keep those individuals working in the Parish safe and to make the Parish precinct a safe and welcoming place for parishioners and visitors.

The submission included requests for funds for:

- **Lighting:** Upgraded security lighting around the Church, Parish office, Mons PJ Centre and Parish grounds. Installation of new and improved lighting in the carpark.
- **Fencing:** Installation of security fencing around the carpark, Parish House, office and Church.
- **Security System:** Installation of a 24 hour monitored back-to-base security system in the Parish office, and in part of the Church.

We hope to hear the outcome of this submission in September.

Karen Goodger, Parish Pastoral Council