

**A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings.** Pope Francis Laudato Si' #91

### WHAT CAN WE DO? – TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME.

You are invited to join a 'Zoom' gathering Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> 2.00-3.00 pm . To receive zoom link email: [adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) OR [caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au).



A very grateful thanks to everyone who made my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations so exciting. I am still overwhelmed and

embarrassed by all the kind wishes and gifts. It was surprise after surprise. I cannot thank you all enough. Also, thanks to you all for your support, prayers and kindnesses at the sudden death of my niece, Maree, in Sydney. She will be buried in Heyfield this Thursday at 11.00am. I am truly blessed to be in the midst of this great faith community of St Brendan's. Fr. Joe



### Spirituality in the Pub

has morphed into Spirituality on the Sofa - SOS! Sydney's Paddington SIP group have invited us to join them online for SOS on **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30 – 9pm** . See the attached flyer for further information about guest speakers and how to join.

### International Week of the Deaf.

Theme: Sign Language Rights for All.

The aim of this annual celebration is to promote human rights of deaf people.

**Holy God, Open our ears to the deaf and hard of hearing. Open our communities to be sacred listening places where all are heard. Amen.**

### 2020 Live Streamed March for the Babies October 10 @1 p.m.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Annual March for the Babies 2020 will be a Live Streamed event online [www.mftb.online](http://www.mftb.online)



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### ONLINE RETREATS AND RESOURCES FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

are offered by Australian and overseas spirituality centers, and spiritual Directors Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia (JISA) – Campion: 3 to 8 Day Online Individually Guided Retreats - During Isolation: Skype, Zoom, FaceTime or telephone:

5– 12 October 2020; 9–16 November 2020; 7–14 December 2020.

Contact: 1300 EXAMEN (1300-392-636) or [info@jisa.org.au](mailto:info@jisa.org.au)

- ♦ Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow (search for the centre online)
- ♦ St Beuno's Spirituality Centre, Wales UK (search for the center online)
- ♦ Sandhurst Diocese Spiritual Directors in your region:

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**Recently Deceased:** Frank O'Brien

**Anniversaries:** Lina Villani, Margaret Dolan,

### HERITAGE GRANT APPLICATION 2020 FROM COUNCIL

We have recently submitted a Grant Application for the Greater Shepparton City Council Heritage Grants 2020. Allocation of Grant monies are capped at \$15,000.

This is for work to be carried out on the **Presbytery Veranda**. The damage to the timber flooring and its foundations have been caused not only by water and sun exposure from the elements but also from water ponding under the veranda. Most boards are weather effected and are either peeking/lifting upwards, or have cupping from swelling. This is posing an increasing health and safety risk to everyone utilizing the veranda.

Advice on whether we will be successful or not **won't be available till the end of November.**

**AFL Footy Tipping** - The home and away season has ended, with Damien Preston becoming the second member of the Preston family to win the Parish Footy Tipping competition (Dad Leon won in 2018). Damien pockets the first prize of \$250, having successfully tipped 113 winners, finishing two ahead of Vanessa Madeira (2nd - \$125) and Matthew Bridges (3rd - \$75). Fr. Joe, much like his beloved Blues, struggled in the last few weeks of the season, finishing on 95 (29th of 37). We want to congratulate Damien, Vanessa and Matthew, and thank all the tipsters for participating in the 2020 Tipping Competition. The PROFIT made by the PARISH in this Fundraiser was \$425.



## ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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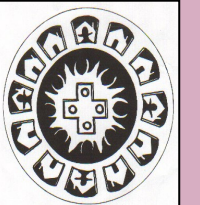
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*Christ in community...the heart of our faith*

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 September 2020



Readings for this week:

Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Philippians 4:6-9  
Matthew 21:33-43



Right now, we're all facing the same storm, but we're all doing so in different boats... Some have yachts, others are in tinnies. Some have a substantial crew on board, others are rowing alone. Some have life jackets (higher resilience, stronger relationships, more optimism, use their strengths and more positivity), others don't even have a working rudder...

I have been using this boat analogy a lot this week (after hearing it from @janewundersitz) to explain why some people are handling the current crisis better than others..

"We are not all in the same boat. We are all in the same storm." That summation of our current situation originally came from Damian Barr (the illustration is by Barbara Kelley), who suggested that some of us will sail through this pandemic with our health and jobs intact, yet others will lose one or both, or potentially more.

So if you're wondering why others are fairing better or worse than you at the moment, perhaps it's worth considering what type of boat they are in....

Today, we celebrate with the universal church,

## Refugee & Migrant Sunday.

On this occasion, Pope Francis says "In the light of the tragic events that have marked 2020, I would like this Message to embrace all those who are experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalisation and rejection as a result of COVID-19... This is not a time for self-centeredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons. To preserve our common home and make it conform more and more to God's original plan, we must commit ourselves to ensuring international cooperation, global solidarity and local commitment, leaving no one excluded."

**We give thanks for the variety of gifts with which our migrant & refugee brothers & sisters have enriched the tapestry of Australian life.**

**We pray that Australians will work together to "welcome the stranger".**

