

One of the joys of 2020 was the opportunity to cross off things on the 'to do list'. One of these for our parish was cleaning out the maintenance shed in the presbytery garden. We unearthed many treasures, the timber Baptismal font cover, now returned to its home in our church entrance, and a very badly damaged large crucifix among them. Initially we were unsure of what to do with the crucifix, its damage was extensive, whole sections of limbs missing, paint gone, chips everywhere. There was also the lack of a home for it if it was able to be restored.

Fortunately we knew of a master craftsman, Alf Seiter, in Wunghnu, who took up the challenge with such love and devotion. Alf says God's guiding hand helped him restore the damaged crucifix which now has a home in the grotto he made thirty years ago. The crucifix is now installed as the magnificent centrepiece of the grotto and was the focal point for a recent Candlemas. If you would like to read more about the restoration, there is an article in the months edition of the Sandpiper. You can also have a look at our Facebook page for photos taken along the way.

~ Kathy Hunt



Come to the Feast of the Divine Mercy this Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

11 April, 2021

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
121 KNIGHT STREET, SHEPPARTON

2:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Time for you to reflect with God

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - in song
Benediction

3:30 pm Holy Mass
Celebrated by
Fr. Varghese Vithayathil



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A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens?

Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees

Information brochures in the narthex.



Sixth Sunday of Lent

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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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.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

28 March 2021

Gospel Jn 12:12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written: 'Fear not, daughter Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

First Reading Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.
The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

- All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
- Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
- They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
- I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.
His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel shorter form Mk 15:1-39

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.
Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowds to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again, 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus

to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Recently Deceased: Rita Casey (mum of Marie Colbert), Otto Vandermeer (brother of Nellie Melis).
Anniversaries: Angela Nicolaci

Readers & Commentators 3rd & 4th March, 2021

7pm	A Kilmartin,	D Sullivan
8am	P Stein,	Sr R Crowe
11am	C Naughton,	P Naughton

Sacristans needed for Easter preparation

All who can help at the following times and dates would be appreciated.
 Thursday 1st April 2.30pm - setup church and Altar of Repose
 Friday 2nd April 2.00pm - setup church
 Saturday 3rd April 10.00am - setup and clean church
 Any queries please phone me.
 Thank you, thank you! Andrea 0407 096440.

Child Safety Notice!

 Thank you to everyone who came along to the Church on 11th and 25th March for our Training on "Essentials of Safeguarding" for Child Safe. A big thank you also to Paul White and Kathy Hunt who led these sessions.
 ALL our VOLUNTEERS (regardless of the Ministry you are involved in within the Parish) are now due to revise their Child Safe Training.
If you are able to complete this on line training at home on your own computer, please contact **Anne McIntosh (Diocesan Child Safe officer) direct** on 0438 951010 or email: anne.mcintosh@sandhurst.catholic.org.au so that Anne can send you the link to undertake the training in your time. We would (ideally) like this to be done by April 30th.
 Thank you everyone for your co-operation!



Betrayal!

Voice for Silent People

have launched a petition asking for the formation of an International Tribunal, under the United Nations, to investigate crimes against humanity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
 A petition event will be held on Tuesday 30 March 2021, at 5:00PM at Africa House; an opportunity to hear about what is happening in the DCR.
<https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN2451>

AFL Tipping Competition

A big thank you to everyone involved in this year's comp. We have a record 36 registrants this season. After Round 1, we had four joint leaders (David T, David K, Brian C, Carole J) on 7 correct tips. Fr. Joe started his season with 5 successes.

Lost Property A pair of glasses were found in the church on 13th/14th March. If they're yours, please contact the parish office on 5821 2633.

"Give and you will receive."

— Luke 6:38

ADULT FAITH FORMATION GUEST SPEAKER FR. DOROTEO

The St. Brendan's Adult Faith Formation program meets every Tuesday night at the Parish Centre, 7:30pm-8:30pm to do an in-depth study of the Catholic faith.
 Next Tuesday March 30th, Fr. Doroteo (the marvellous monk from Dookie) will be our guest speaker. He will be speaking about the problem of 'Pelagianism' and the way it has threatened the Catholic faith throughout history, as well as in our own time.
 All are welcome - come along!

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm
 Sunday 8am & 11am
 Saturday 8.30am *Syro Malabar Rite*, Sunday 5.30pm *Syro Malabar Rite*

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am
Reconciliation Saturday 10am to 10.30am (Church)
 (Note time change)

Holy Week & Easter Masses

St Brendan's Church
 Holy Thursday 5.30pm
 Good Friday 3pm
 Easter Saturday Vigil 7pm
 Easter Sunday 8am & 11am
Reconciliation

Tuesday 30th March 5.30pm to 6.30pm



St Mary's Church, Dookie
 Easter Sunday 9.30am
 Stations of the Cross
 10.30am Good Friday

L'Arche

We are blessed to have 30 L'Arche members visiting our parish/region this week.
 They are coming from Melbourne and Bendigo.



Palm Sunday

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week.
 On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

~ From: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/palm-sunday-of-the-lords-passion-cycle-b/>

Chrism Mass Mass of the Oils



Tuesday 30th March, 2021
 11am Sacred Heart Church, Bendigo
 All welcome to attend this beautiful mass.

HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church of the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from this collection.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday 2nd April.

Envelopes will be available in the Church.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Your donation supports the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing financial assistance to schools, medical centres, parishes, orphanages, welfare projects and poor Christians and it helps to preserve the sacred shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Donations can be made through your local parish or directly at any time to Holy Land Commissariat, 47 Victoria Street, Waverley NSW 2024.

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