

**Recently Deceased:** Ljuba Veznaver, Margaret Surkitt (Cathy Surkitt's mother-in-law).

**Anniversaries:** William (Bill) Keyte

**Lectors**  
**6th /7th February**  
**2021:**  
6pm: M Keyte D Tarquini  
8am: L Boschetti P Guthrie  
11am: JM Mupenda B Carey

## Word of God Sunday - 7th February

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 7 in 2021. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

## Continuing the Journey of Discernment to the Plenary Council

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of 6 Diocesan wide Zoom Discernment Sessions will take place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm**. All are invited to take part in this process of discernment.

*“How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is open to Conversion, renewal and reform?”*

Email [plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) to register and receive the Zoom details. To access the thematic paper head to the Plenary Council Website:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/renewal/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/renewal/)

## Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde (With a Father's Heart)*, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “**Year of St Joseph**”, running from **December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021**.

A number of resources (ie monthly reflections on various aspects of St Joseph's life and character; Prayers for various settings) can be found on:

<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>



## ADULT FAITH EDUCATION PROGRAM 'TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM'

Exploring what the Catholic faith teaches and why.

The WEEKLY Sessions will run on Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, beginning **this Tuesday February 2, 2021**.

Contact Hayden on 0438 071 630 for more information.



**St Brendan's DEBUTANTE BALL is set for 26th March 2021.**



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**SERRA CLUB MASS** - for the Month of February the Serra Club will join in with the Candlemas at Wunghnu (at the Grotto) on 2nd February 2021 - see below for details.

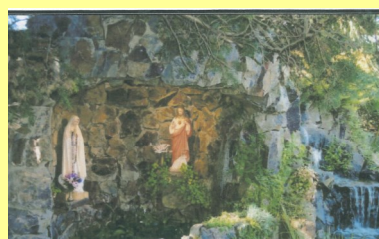
## Celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Candlemas Day - TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

Commencing with the ANGELUS at 6pm, then the ROSARY until 7.30pm.

MASS will then be at 7.30pm.

Candles will be blessed at the Mass.

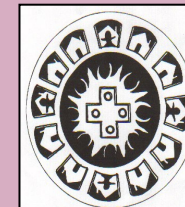
11 Kaarimba Road, Wunghnu  
(200 metres from the highway turn off).



## ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

### Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am,  
Thursday Ave Maria Village 4.30pm.  
Saturday 8.30am Syro Malabar Rite

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm,  
Sunday 8am & 11am,  
Sunday 5.30pm Syro Malabar Rite

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### Sunday 31 January 2021



Readings for this week:  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28



Readings for next Sunday:  
Job 7:1-4,6-7  
1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23  
Mark 1:29-39



### Liturgical Jottings The Sign of Peace

[After the Fraction] follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before receiving in the Sacrament. The local Conference of Bishops in accordance with the culture and customs of the peoples establish the manner for the actual sign of peace to be given. However, it is appropriate that each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace to those who are nearest, cf GIRM 82.

COVID regulations call for a non-tactile gesture. The Indian form of namaste (palms joined together with a simple bow) has proved feasible popular and reverent.

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### Looking at the Readings

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst. © Dianne Bergant CSA.

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## PRAYER FOR REVIVAL + UNITY EVENT

Join us as we have a time of prayer and worship for the communities of the GOULBURN VALLEY. A combined churches and ministers event.

**SUNDAY JANUARY 31ST  
5.30PM - SUPPER  
6.30PM - PRAYER EVENT**

In person at Encounter Christian Church  
155 Verney Road Shepparton

**EVENT WILL ALSO BE LIVE  
STREAMED VIA YOUTUBE**