

October—The month of the Rosary



Marian Festival - Sunday, October 11th

For the last 45 years, the Marian Festival has been celebrated every year in the Bendigo area as a special day of prayers and devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. This year, because of the lockdown restrictions, the festival will be streamed online so people can participate from the comfort of their home. It will take place at St Liborius Church, Eaglehawk on Sunday, October 11th.

To watch online or to find out more, go to www.bendigofatima.com.



PLANNED GIVING

In the next week we will be **placing an order** for **NEW WEEKLY ENVELOPE PACKS** for our **WEEKLY GIVERS**.

We are asking all those who usually receive these envelope packs to **CONSIDER a change in their giving to a Direct Debit or Credit Card system**. This would help reduce printing costs.

Our current number of planned givers in our parish are **321**. The breakdown is as follows:

- 94 people who give through Credit Card
- 73 people who give through Direct Debit
- 89 people who receive WEEKLY ENVELOPE PACKS
- 65 parishioners give either on a monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly basis through CASH or CHQ

We sincerely **thank everyone** who have so generously and regularly given to planned giving in all our different ways (above) especially through these changing times. During the past 6 months (when COVID came to town) there has been a 93.71% of promised pledges received into the Parish. This is a fantastic and humbling result!

If you would like to **come onto our Planned Giving Programme** please call the office on 5821 2633 and the staff will be more than happy to chat with you!



Feast of St. Jerome 30th September. A "living and tender love" for the written word of God: this is the legacy that Saint Jerome bequeathed to the Church by his life and labours.

Pope Francis' latest apostolic letter on Sacred Scripture: A copy is available on the Vatican website.



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Examinations

The Pastoral View—Self Love.

I think we can sometimes carry the wrong idea on "self love". Sometimes you might hear the words "oh that person loves themselves". I feel that real "self love" is very different from the feelings we get when we hear these types of words. We need to take time to check in with ourselves, listen to the words we speak to ourself. Are these words of understanding and forgiveness towards ourself.

God's commandment "To love our neighbour as ourselves", gives us an example of how God would like us to live. It tells me he would like us to accept all that lies within our own being and in doing that, we can love our whole self, warts and all.

We begin to believe in the understanding that God has made us, he understands us and loved us into being. Our journey to self love comes from knowing and feeling God's unconditional love for little old me. We often come to knowing this in times of difficulty and distress, in the storms of our lives. This self love is freeing, humbling and very gentle, it is needed for us to connect ourselves as God's children. Maybe we need to check in with ourselves more often, how are we feeling about ourselves? As we bring this image to God in prayer, we allow God to speak the truth to us, to speak of the image of self love that we need to bring into our life.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are offering a 7cm high x 5cm wide space in our bulletin to advise your business. You can choose from the following:

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| 12 months - \$500 + GST | 6 months - \$250 + GST |
| 3 months - \$125 + GST | 1 month - \$50 + GST |

Electronic copies are sent to St Luke's Primary School, St Brendan's Primary School and Notre Dame College. If you would like to assist the Parish in this way, please contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633. Thank you!

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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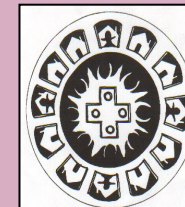
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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 October 2020



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 25:6-10

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Looking at the Readings

There are two lessons in today's Gospel. We must heed both lessons with renewed minds and hearts to avoid a wretched end and to be received into the divine vineyard: the Kingdom of Heaven.

Again Jesus addresses another parable to the priests of the Temple and the elders of the people. They are aware of the social situation of the day where absent landowners reap considerable wealth from their underpaid servants. With whom do they side? Here is a lesson on social justice, just wage, and care for the poor.

The parable also contains a lesson on the way to salvation. The first reading shows the vineyard as God's house and the people as the vine and grapes. Responsibility for good yields rests with the owners and the workers: indeed a shared responsibility with the Creator and God's People. Jesus challenges his hearers to be just, fair and dutiful, honest and trustworthy. Owners and workers both may come to a wretched end. All must be worthy of the gift of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Feast of the Week: St Francis of Assisi 4 October

Because this feast falls on a Sunday, it may only be celebrated in places that observe it as a Solemnity. Celebrations of St Francis may also be remembered on another suitable day.

Season of Creation 5

GREETING: We gather recognising all creation. We recall St Francis relationship with the Sun. Earth, Moon, Water and all living creatures as brothers and sisters.

REFLECTION: St Paul urges us to keep on doing good things and the God of peace will be with us. St Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. His motto: Pax Et Bonum ... Peace and Goodness.

SEASON OF CREATION WHAT CAN WE DO?



YOU ARE INVITED to a 'Zoom' gathering **THIS FRIDAY 9th October 2.00-3.00 pm**

to discuss suggestions for action to 'Care for Our Common Home', This invitation is for parish leaders, parishioners, community groups & networks, families and individuals.

To receive zoom link email:

adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au OR
caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

Lord, may your love and light shine in and through me today in a way that no mask can hide.

May my eyes dance with laughter and joy, replacing my hidden smile. May my actions of care and concern speak louder than my muffled voice ever could. And may the generosity of my heart radiate out through who I am and how I respond to the world around me, so that others may not see my mask but your image shining out, moving in and through me today. AMEN

Written on the first day masks became compulsory in Metropolitan Melbourne, by a teacher on bus supervision, who noticed how much is lost from our encounters when our faces are hidden.



Editors note—in case you cant read it—the mask says "Hello darkness, my old friend."