



Fr. Joe will be on leave from the 2nd of July to the 30th of July. We wish him a restful and relaxing safe holiday.



LITURGY in CURRENT TIMES

We will continue to open St Brendan's Church for -

QUIET PRAYER on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 1 hour (4pm – 5pm)

WEEKDAY MASSES – you will need to book—phone the office to register your name and phone number.

WEEKEND MASSES – you will be required to continue to book online through our Trybooking site:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJTDL>

Bookings for each up and coming weekend Mass on the TryBooking site –

- * **OPEN Mondays at 9am**
- * **CLOSE Fridays at noon.**

For any clarify/questions on any of the above please ring the Parish Office on 5821 2633. We are happy to help.

Refer www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-restrictions-covid-19 for further information.

We encourage you to come 15 minutes early for Mass so that our ushers can be given ample time to record your attendance. Also to ensure our ushers can clean after each Mass in a timely manner, parishioners are asked to please leave the Church as soon as they are finished praying. We thank you for your co-operation and patience during these times.

Anniversaries: Raymond Barwick, Fortunato Cortese, Maria Francavilla, Malcolm Madeira, Eileen Keyte,

The latest '**Sandpiper**' is currently not available in its usual format however can be read from the Diocesan website: www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Cost: FREE

Registration: Open now

Event Program: Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020

Go To: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Voice for Silent People

Fundraising to assist with the education, medical needs and shelter of Congolese orphans.

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Plenary Council Update:

As some parts of the country return to something closer to normal, there's a sense of relief that the two assemblies of the Plenary Council previously postponed due to COVID-19 -- are locked in. We will gather in Adelaide in October 2021, 12 months later than we had planned, for the first assembly. The second assembly will be held in Sydney in July 2022.

We've also been trying to adjust within the Plenary Council Facilitation Team to the loss of Fr Noel Connolly SSC, whom some of us have known for many years. Indeed, he's been a major contributor to the life of the Church in Australia and beyond for decades. He leaves a hole in our team and our hearts. For more information visit the webpage www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



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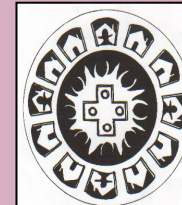
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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 July 2020



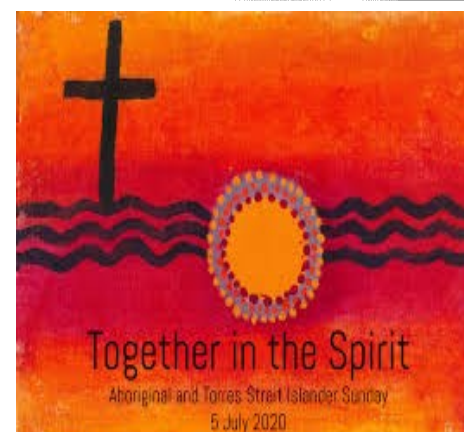
Readings for this week:

Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23



Today is Aboriginal Sunday with the theme,

Together In The Spirit.

This is a day when we're invited to celebrate, with Aboriginal peoples across the nation, their spirituality, identity, culture and survival and to reflect on our journey towards reconciliation.

"We are truly grateful for our Church leaders who have challenged the country concerning the racism, injustices, disadvantage & poverty experienced by Indigenous people.

You can join in the National ATSI Mass live-streamed from St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Adelaide at 11.30am on Sunday 5th July at www.natsicc.org.au/2020-atsi-sunday.html

Looking at the Gospel

The Gospel, today, begins with Jesus praying to the Father. The Gospels give us eleven prayers that Jesus said, nine references (without text) of him praying and four or five times of grace before meals. Here he is thanking God for revealing the mysteries to children and the childlike. Again he calls God, Father, expressing the intimacy he has in prayer and inviting us to the same intimacy. The second section of this passage is a call to be a disciple and offers comfort to the weary and heavily burdened. The hard demands Jesus makes in the earlier chapter 10 (last week's Gospel) are not negated or considered light. We still take up the cross but have Christ with us to ease the heavy burden and the hard demands.

This gospel passage also gives us an insight into the person of Christ: he is teacher and master, servant and close to the Father, meek and humble of heart. He prays in thanksgiving for his disciples who believe in him, but he does not curse those who had rejected him in the earlier scenes.

The Prophet Zechariah

Zechariah lived and wrote in the sixth century before Christ. His book, mostly devoted to the coming of the Messianic Age, is in two distinct sections, chapters 1-8 and 9-14. The latter section was written about 200 years later by other authors. From this section we have only two passages in the three year Sunday cycle, today and the 12th Sunday in Year C. In the two year weekday cycle we have three passages from the first section. Despite its rarity in our Lectionary, it is the second most quoted book of a prophet in the Gospels, second only to the Prophet Isaiah.

Quote of the Week

Let all guests who come be received like Christ. *Rule of St Benedict*

Saint of the Week St Benedict Saturday 11 July

Benedict and his twin sister Scholastica were born in 480 in Nursia, Umbria. By forming communities of monks and writing a rule of life he is considered the father of Western monasticism. His practical life and examples of prayer have helped many in their Christian lives. Note: Bishop Daly was born on the feast of St Scholastica and ordained Bishop of Sandhurst on the feast of St Benedict.

On the Lighter Side

A ghost walks into a bar and orders a double scotch.

The barman says, "Sorry, we don't serve spirits here."

A steak sandwich walks into a bar. The barman says, "Sorry, we don't serve hot food here." E-flat walks into a bar. The barman says, "Sorry, we don't serve minors here."

