

WELCOME TO

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

5 May 2024

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God

and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

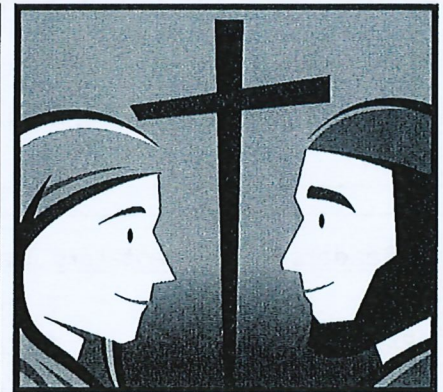
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Recently Deceased: Val Rossignoli, Rita Hickey

Anniversaries: Judy Burns, Maria Fiore (1 month mind)

Readers & Commentators May 11 & 12, 2024

6pm	L. Annett	F. Smullen
8am	TBC	D. Keenan
11am	L. Schenker	M. Amankwaah

Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, May 8

at 1.30 pm in the MacKillop Room.

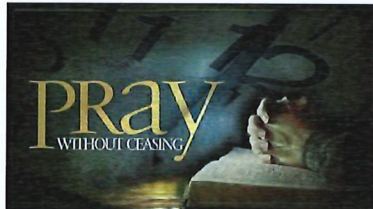
All are welcome—come and join us.

Enquiries to: Lorelei Goodall 5798 5331.



The Upper Room Prayer Grid

Greater Shepparton unites in prayer for 24hr continuous prayer for 9 days.



Starting with a Worship Night at Life Church, Mooroopna on THURSDAY MAY 9 @ 6pm and finishing on Saturday MAY 18th @ 6pm

For enquiries, contact Mrya Thorne on myra@thorne.com.au OR phone 0400 058 573

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.

Look what's happening in the month of May



- Alpha gatherings – every Monday night
- Holy Hour in Marian Chapel – every Thursday, 7pm
- Adoration in Marian Chapel – every Friday, 5pm
- Baptism Formation Meeting – Wednesday, May 8
- Young Adults gatherings – every Thursday, 6pm
- Parish Cuppas – every Thursday morning, 10am
- Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 14
- Charismatic Prayer Group – Wednesday, May 8
- Earthcare Meeting – Thursday, May 16
- Men's Group Breakfast – Saturday, May 18
- 50th Anniversary of Ordination celebrations – Fr Joe Taylor – Sunday, May 19
- Garabandal Prayer Group – Monday, May 20
- Sacramental Adult Faith Evening – Tuesday, May 28

2024 Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Candidates have been preparing to celebrate their First Reconciliation later this month.

We keep them in our prayers as they prepare.

There will be a practice for the Reconciliation Candidates straight after the 11am Mass this Sunday, May 5.



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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am



Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm, Saturday 8.30am, Sunday 5.30pm

Rosary— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 7pm to 8pm and Fridays 5pm to 6pm

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

Inspiring Stories: A Veteran's Journey of Courage and Kindness

Fred was a student at St Brendan's primary school, and his story was told on a recent TV program called project 100.

Born in Wangaratta and raised in Shepparton, Fred's decision to join the Army during World War II would shape his life in unimaginable ways. Fighting alongside a 25 pounder gun in New Guinea, he faced the horrors of war head-on, surviving a near-fatal encounter with a Japanese sniper.

After the war, he dedicated himself to helping war widows and contributing to the Weary Dunlop Foundation, ensuring that those who had sacrificed so much received the support they deserved.

His remarkable acts of kindness and commitment to his community were recognized when he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) as part of the Governor-General's Kindness in the Community Awards.

Age in Video: 102 years

Date of Birth: 13th June 1921

Place of Birth: Wangaratta, Australia

This can be viewed online by searching:

Centenarian profile for Fred Cullen •

The 100 Project

St Brendan's Feast Day and Parish Expo Celebrations

Sunday, May 5, 12.30—2.30pm

We will celebrate the parish's many parish groups and activities, including those for friendship, prayer, faith formation, music, men, adults, married couples, liturgy, social outreach, youth and children.

It's hoped that people, young and old, as well those who have become disconnected from the Church will join in the celebrations. To be held in the Mons Bones hall! It's a party. It's a celebration. It's a community event. It's a family picnic all rolled into one.

There will be a barbecue lunch available on the day, as well as soups and slices, as well as musical entertainment by parish school groups and the Faith and Light Community.



ST BRENDAN'S PARISH

Youth Mass

SATURDAY
MAY 11, 2024
6.00PM

YEARS 7 - 12 JOIN US FOR
FOOD AND GAMES IN THE
MONSIGNOR PETER JEFFREY CENTRE
AFTER MASS

RSVP TO ELLA.BATHMAN@NOTREDAME.VIC.EDU.AU
BY MAY 9 FOR CATERING PURPOSES

Please join us on
Thursday mornings
after Mass for a
cuppa and a chat.



May is a month
devoted to the
Blessed Virgin Mary



The Presbytery renovations are almost finished, Kirk and his team have done a fabulous job.
Fr Joe, Fr Jackson and Fr Joseph are very grateful and excited to move back in.



Above: Ensuite, before and after
Below: Laundry

