



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 23 August 2015



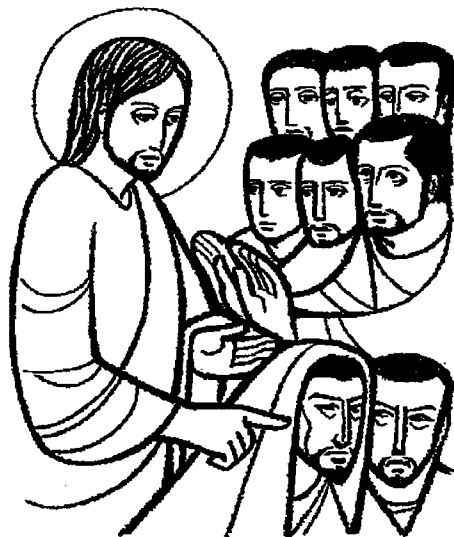
Readings for this Sunday

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69



Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Liturgical Jottings

Sanctus

This acclamation, Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus! (Holy, Holy, Holy!) constitutes part of the Eucharistic Prayer itself, and is pronounced by all the people with the Priest. This acclamation, by which the whole congregation, joining with the heavenly powers, is preferably sung but may be recited by all.

GIRM 79

Laudato Sì:

On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the "first day" of the new creation.

Para 237, Pope Francis 2015

Focus on the Gospel

"This is a hard saying and who can accept it". In last week's Gospel reading from John, Jesus spoke of himself as the Bread of Life: "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever". Many of the disciples murmured at this; they found his words hard to understand and hard to accept. Many turned away from him and returned to their former way of life.

Their turning away may have been for a variety of reasons. They may well have been afraid of what the following of Jesus might ask of them. We, too, can be swayed by that fear, forgetting that God's grace will always be with us.

The words which Jesus then offered to the crowd and now offers to us are an invitation and a challenge; they also however, give an assurance that it is the Father who invites and who gifts us with the grace to follow: "... no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father...".

Jesus tested the loyalty of his closest followers with the question: "Do you also wish to go away?" Peter answered for them all: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God". What a wonderful profession of faith!

"Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life". Let these words resonate in our hearts as we make our choices this week.

Feasts of the Week

St Monica, (27 August) patron of married women and mothers, died 387 AD and was mother of ...

St Augustine (28 August), bishop, philosopher, theologian, doctor of the Church, author and, *inter alia*, patron saint of brewers (!) died 430 AD

Quotable Quotes

"Nothing is far from God." *St Monica*

"God judged it better to bring good out of evil than to suffer no evil to exist." *St Augustine*

On the Lighter Side:

The Children's Liturgy helper asked the children just before she sent them back into the church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping!"



Notices

Bulletin notices to be in to the office by 12 noon Thursdays. Thank you

Rite of Christian initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Do you or someone you know have an interest in becoming a Catholic?

In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus gives a wonderful example of what the Kingdom of heaven is like. *"The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, a man finds the treasure covers it up and goes and sells everything he owns to purchase that field."* Mtt:13:44. The RCIA process tries to uncover the treasure of our Catholic faith.

The Parish of St. Brendan's invites those interested in becoming a Catholic, to come along to our first session being held on **Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm** in the Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre.

If you have any questions please call the Parish office on 5821 2633.

St Brendan's MacKillop Faith & Light Community are working on a special project and we need red bottle tops, black buttons and icy pole sticks.

If you can help, we would appreciate it if you could drop these into the Parish house and we are grateful for your support. For information ring Denise 0432 054003.

A **Father's Day** collection will be held on the weekend of 5th & 6th September. This is a Diocesan collection to assist our retired Priests who have given so much of their lives caring for the people of the parishes of the Diocese.

Stronger Youth Retreat 25-27th September Harrietteville. If you're interested in going along to this year's Stronger Youth Retreat, registrations are open now! To register, visit the stronger website and follow the link: <http://www.strongeryouth.com/retreat2015/> Registrations close on September 13. If you have any questions or want to find out more please see Jess Alampi in the Parish office or you can also contact the Sandhurst Youth Workers: Darcy or Mary-Anne on 5445 3616.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – KRAKOW (POLAND) 2016

Next year young people aged between 16-35 years will have the opportunity to take part in World Youth Day Pilgrimages. There are four separate Pilgrimages that youth can be involved in starting from July 16 – August 6 (2016). The length and cost of each of the Pilgrimages vary. Please see the WYD Victoria Website for more details:

<http://www.cam.org.au/wydvictoria/Pilgrimages>

Registration will open in September.

If you are a student at Notre Dame College – please collect and fill-in an internal Expression of Interest Application form. These can be collected from Student Reception or the Faith & Ministry Office.

Goulburn Valley Filipino Community invite you to the celebration of the

Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila
first Filipino Saint and Martyr.

Sunday 27th September at St Mel's Church, 18 Hamilton Street. 9am Mass followed by procession. 12pm Lunch and fellowship with program and entertainment at St Mel's Hall. Please bring a plate to share.

See flyer on the noticeboard.

"If I have a thousand lives to offer, I will offer them all to God." ~ St Lorenzo Ruiz

Gluten Free Hosts If you would like to receive Holy Communion but have trouble with coeliac or food intolerances we have a supply of gluten free hosts. Please see Father before Mass so a pyx can be arranged for you (via sacristy door in the west entrance).

Office Closure The Parish Office will be closed next Wednesday 26th August from 11.30am to enable staff to attend a funeral.

Fr Doroteo from the CFD will be speaking on Holy Orders at St Mel's Parish, 18 Hamilton Street, Shepparton on **Saturday September 12th**. Starting at 10am with a cuppa, 10:30 prayer during the day and talk, 11:30 Q & A, 12pm shared pizza lunch.

For more information contact Peter Wright on 0418 589083.

Gifts for Sacramental Children and other gifts

There is a fantastic range of beautiful cards and gifts in our Piety Stall suitable for gifts for the children receiving the Sacraments at the end of August including invitations to their special celebrations. Rosary beads, crucifixes, statues, plaques, bracelets, medals, candles are some of the many beautiful items available. The **Piety Stall** is located in the western entrance to the church.

St Mel's Parish in Shepparton South have a vacant position **Pastoral Associate** 10 hours per week. A copy of the position description is available at the Parish office. All enquiries to Mrs Tonina Romeo, Parish Secretary, St Mel's Parish, South Shepparton. Phone 5831 2194.

GARABANDAL We invite you to come along to Mass followed by a report and short film about Garabandal events. Francis & Patricia Seymon will be visiting.

Also a film about a visit to Ukraine by Dr Michael and Mrs Helen Rozeluk showing miracles taking place through intercession of Our Blessed Mother. A crucifix kissed by our lady during the reported apparitions will be available for veneration. **When:** Tuesday 15th September

Where: St Brendan's Church. **Time:** Beginning with Mass at 10.30am. All welcome. For enquiries phone Ellie on 58216359. See details on the flyer on the noticeboard.

St Brendan's Friendship Group will be meeting for lunch on Sunday 30th August at 12.30 at the Eastbank Café in Welsford Street. There will be a free concert starting at 2pm at the venue. Come along for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of music. All welcome. Enquiries to Pat on 5821 1269 or Graeme on 5825 2816.

The **new trees** have been planted this week and are already looking beautiful. Many thanks to Damian Preston and his team for all their work.

St Brendan's Debutante Ball Expressions of Interest form for the 2016 St Brendan's Debutante Ball are now available from the Notre Dame College Student Reception. Forms are due in on Monday 17 August. If you have any queries please email stbrendansdeb@live.com

Tax Time . . . ! If you have not yet collected your end of financial year statement of giving please call at the parish office to collect it. **Please help us save costs on postage as this can be quite expensive.** Weekly givers also have their next set of giving envelopes included. *Thank you to all parishioners who have supported the Parish throughout the year. Your support in all its forms is very much appreciated.*

**St. Brendan's Parish
Sacramental Program**

~Reconciliation Confirmation Eucharist~

Reconciliation: St. Brendan's Church, Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am. Sacramental Candidates are to attend Reconciliation by Saturday morning 29th August.

Please pray for our Sacramental Candidates who will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on Friday 28th August at 6.30, on Saturday 29th August at 6pm Mass and on Sunday 30th August at 11am Mass and at 2pm.

We would sincerely like to thank you all for the ongoing love and support shown to us on the death of our beloved daughter and sister, Bonnie Wiltshire.

What amazing support we have received from parishioners, schools and parishes. We are grateful for the continuing support and prayers.

*~ From the Kilmartin Family
Anthony, Rosey, Darcy, Kirby, Beth, Nick,
Geordie, Elijah and Ollie.*

*Your Word is the light to
feet and the lamp to my path.*



Bread of Heaven

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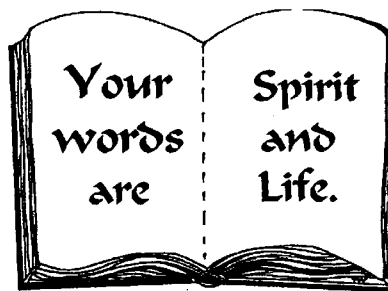
**Rosary Crusade in support of Natural Marriage
Call on Mary, Help of Christians,
to come to our aid!**

We need to take action urgently.

The Rosary is one of the most powerful prayers of Christians, used many times in need.

Let us join in prayer across Australia. Pray to our Lady Help of Christians and join us in offering one, million rosaries across Australia for the intention of retaining natural marriage. You can register your rosaries at rosarycrusade.org.au

Pick up a flyer in the narthex/porch.



Jn 6:63

Choose Today Who You Wish to Serve

Jack Williams (not his real name) was a foreign news correspondent for a major TV channel. He loved the buzz of excitement every time he ventured into a dangerous war zone. He enjoyed travelling to countries where tourists rarely ventured and sampling the real lives of the people who lived there, often sharing their meals and sleeping places. In short, nothing could separate him from this job of his dreams, for which he had studied and worked hard for years.

That is, until he met Sophie. She was not his first girlfriend, but she meant something to him in a way that no other girlfriend ever had. He was deeply in love and wanted to marry her. Sophie felt pretty much the same way about him, but did not want to hold back his career. For Jack's was a job never given to married people, only to single people with no dependants. He had known that from the beginning, but it had not bothered him before.

One day Jack was called to the office of his programme producer and given a new assignment. Decision time. He decided to give his life over to Sophie, told the boss and was offered a safe desk job. That was several years ago. He has never regretted the decision he made, his wife and family mean more to him than anything.

When Jack made his choice he was not merely contemplating Sophie's qualities – her generosity and kindness, her good humour and ready smile and so on. He did not just put her at the head of a list of likeable girlfriends. He wanted to commit his life to her, to share good times and bad with her. In short, to love her as Christ, love the Church, loves all of us.

When Peter (speaking for the twelve apostles) affirms his belief in Jesus, it is in terms of staying with him, following him, committing himself to him completely. So often the word "*belief*" can mean just accepting statements or doctrines as true, a mere matter of opinion. Yet what this week's Gospel tells us about belief is that it is about travelling along with Christ, following him no matter where, being committed to listening to his words and acting upon them.

~ GPBS eNews 18/8/2015

Parish Office Hours Phone 5821 2633
Tuesday to Friday 9am -4pm
(Closed Mondays & Public Holidays)

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am and 11am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am
Thursday at Ave Maria 4.30pm



Other Mass Times

Mass of Anointing, Wednesday preceding the first Friday of each month 11am
Mass at Tarcoola, second Wednesday of each month 10.30am
Syro Malabar Mass, third Sunday of each month 5pm

Reconciliation

Saturday mornings 9.30am-10.30am
Before 9.15am weekday masses

Holy Hour Thursdays 7pm to 8pm

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays 3pm to 6pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word 11am Mass during term

Sacraments

Baptism, 4th Sunday of each month except December which is the 3rd Sunday.

For information and bookings Contact the Parish Office.

First Eucharist and Confirmation, contact the Parish office.

Weddings, for information/bookings contact the Parish office.

Parish Schools

St Brendan's Primary School 5821 1926
St Luke's Primary School 5822 1834
Notre Dame College 5822 8400

Regular Meetings

Altar Society - Morning coffee & get together 1st Friday monthly

Catholic Women's League (CWL) - 2nd Thursday monthly
1pm, Parish Centre

Charismatic Prayer Group - Tuesdays 7.30pm, Parish Centre
***in recess until 8th September.

Christian Meditation - Mondays 7.30pm, Parish Centre.

Faith and Light Community - 1st Sunday monthly

Friendship Group - Last Sunday monthly for lunch, 12.30pm

Garabandal - 3rd Monday monthly 1.30pm, Parish centre

Gospel Discussion Group - 2nd & 4th Monday monthly at
1.30pm in the small meeting room in the Parish Centre

Mens Group - Saturday fortnightly 7.30am in the Parish
centre. Contact the Parish office.

Serra Club - 1st Friday monthly 7.15pm, Church & Parish Centre

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (St. Brendan's Conference) -
2nd Thursday monthly 7pm.

Lectors & Commentators 29th August & 30th August

6pm J Howley, H Chasemore
8am G Quinlan, T Francis
11am M Sarkady, D Segafredo

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bonnie Wiltshire (daughter of Anthony and Rosey Kilmartin), Sean Flood, Kamundala Watuta (cousin of Declo & Shukura Bisimwa), Leonardo Ligresti (Italy—brother of Nancy Grasso).
ANNIVERSARIES: Concettina Ganino, Rose Clurey, Eliza Dunne, Rocco Mammone (one year mind), Francesco & Domenica Mammone, Eric Harrison, Maree Vasterink, Terry Kennewell.

Reflection

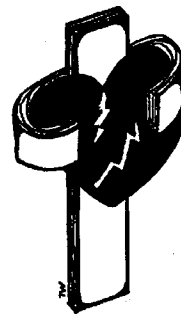
A moment of silent prayer

*I have received the Gift, the grace,
I have listened to the Word of the
Lord, now I do not wish to murmur,
I do not wish to be scandalised,
nor do I wish to be confused by
incredulity .*

*I do not wish to betray my Master,
I do not wish to withdraw and not
walk with him any longer... I wish to
remain with the Lord at all times! In
the silence of my heart, I repeat
endlessly to him: "Lord to whom shall
I go if not to you??!"
Behold, Lord, I come...*

~ From <http://ocarm.org>

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God is close to the
broken hearted.

Ps 34:18

Mass times in neighbouring Parishes

St. Mel's Shepparton South, Sunday 9.00am & 5.30pm,
Monday to Thursday 8am, Friday 9.15am,
1st Friday Devotions Holy Hour 5pm Mass 6pm,
Saturday 9.00am, 1st Saturday 9am followed by Devotions.
Reconciliation, Saturday morning after 9am Mass.
St. Mary's Dookie, 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays 9.30am
St. Bernard's Katandra West, 2nd Sunday 9.30am
St. Mary's Mooropna, Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass,
Sunday 10.00am Mass, Monday No Mass,
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 6pm Mass,
Friday 10am Mass. Saturday 10.30am - 11am Reconciliation.