



ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Weekend Mass times: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am and 11am

Weekday Mass times: Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Saturday mornings 9.30am to 10.30am and before 9.15am weekday Masses

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm (Closed Mondays & Public Holidays)



Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18 January 2015



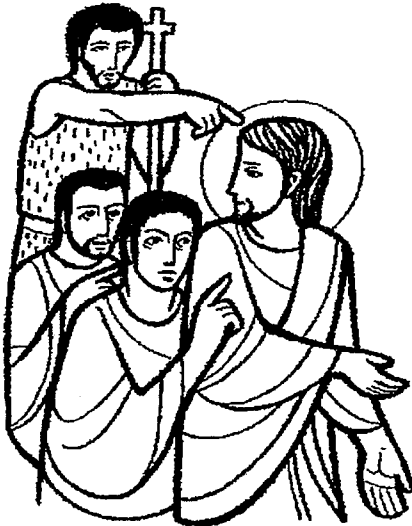
Readings for this week:

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
John 1:35-42



Readings for next week:

Jonah 3:1-5,10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20



Liturgical Jottings

The entrance procession

When the people are gathered, the Entrance Song begins and the ministers and Priest enter. Its purpose is to open the celebration, and foster the unity of those who have been gathered. They process in this order: the thurifer, if incense is used, servers with candles and between them one with the cross; reader, who may carry the book of the Gospels, lay ministers of Holy Communion and the Priest. When they reach the altar, the Priest and ministers bow. The cross is placed next to the altar. It is a praiseworthy practice for the book of the Gospels to be placed on the altar.

Cf GIRM 47, 120-122

Prayer for the week

Lord, help me to open my ears to your call and by your grace fulfil my destiny here on earth, so that I may rejoice forever in eternal life.

Focus on the Readings

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer, reflection and interaction with others.

Quote of the Week

A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar.

St Francis de Sales

Feast of the Week: St Francis de Sales 24 January

Born in 1567, Savoy, he gained a doctorate in law but his real love was theology and his heart set on devoting his life to God. He was ordained and preached and taught strenuously winning many back to the Church. He became bishop of Geneva and renowned in spirituality and his works: "Introduction to the Devout Life" and "A Treatise on the Love of God". He also wrote many pamphlets and letters earning the title patron of journalists.

On the Lighter Side

In RE, the students were asked to find a scripture text for each sacrament. For Baptism, one child answered: "Unless you are baptised with water and the Holy Spirit you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." For Reconciliation, another replied: "Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven." For marriage: after a long pause one of the children said: "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do."



Welcome to St Brendan's Parish

Grandparents—Great Presence

"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family. Children and the elderly build the future of people: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives."

"A people that does not care for its grandparents, a people that does not respect their grandparents, does not have a future, because they do not have a memory, they have lost their memory."

"Grandparents are a treasure."

~ Pope Francis

Websites:

www.acmfc.org.au

Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council

www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com

The Catholic Grandparents Association



St Brendan's Parish and Friendship Group will be meeting for lunch on Sunday 25th January at Café 257, 257 Wyndham Street at 12.30pm after Mass. Everyone is welcome!
Enquiries Graeme (58252816) or Pat (58211269)

MEALS FOR CHURCH FREEZER— containers are available at the back of the church if you are able to provide meals for the freezer.

PIETY STALL—Columban Calendars will only be available for purchase until the end of the month.

Church Money Counters

The new roster will be completed Monday 19th January. If you are unable to continue on the roster or alternatively you wish to help with this ministry, please contact the Parish office. If your counting group does not have sufficient numbers, please let the Parish office know on 5821 2633.

Recently Deceased: Sheila O'Brien (Fran Gleason Sister in law). Laurie Gleason.

Anniversaries: Jean Clare Deane, Bill Quilty, Carmela Leo, Domenico Leo, Aileen Mary O'Dwyer.

Holy Hour

Thursdays 7pm to 8pm

Regular Meetings

Charismatic Prayer Group—Tuesdays 7.30pm
Mons Jeffrey Centre re-commencing 27th January.

Friendship Group—Last Sunday monthly for lunch 12.30pm—25th January venue to be advised

Lectors & Commentators 24th & 25th January

6pm V Fox, A Madeira

8am M Frizzell, S Pivac

11am A Ferguson, I Garla

Celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus (Candlemas Day)

Monday 2nd February at Seiter's Grotto, 11 Kaarimba Road, Wunghnu (200 metres from the highway). Beginning with Angelus at 6pm then Rosaries and hymns until Mass at 7.30pm (beginning with the Blessing of Candles). Cuppa afterwards. All most welcome.

Enquiries to Alf Seiter on 5862 1740.

Please see the photograph on the noticeboard.

Rosters for Lectors, Offertory & Ministers of Communion

The next roster period, 1st March to 28th June, 2015 is to be prepared very soon. If you know you will be unavailable during these dates, please advise the Parish office as soon as possible.

Year of Consecrated Life: Diary Date—April 10th

To give thanks for the presence of The Marist Bros. and Mercy and F.J.C Sisters

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be held over the school holidays and will resume when school begins.

For the month of January, the weekend bulletin will be produced in this smaller one page A4 version.