



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 1 February 2015



Readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28



Readings for next week

Job 7:1-4,6-7

1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39



Liturgical Jottings

The Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament. As for the actual sign of peace to be given, the manner is to be established by the Conferences of Bishops in accordance with the culture and customs of the peoples. However, it is appropriate that each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest. GIRM 82

Quote of the Week

Authenticity is a collection of choices that we have to make every day. It's about the choice to show up and be real. The choice to be honest. The choice to let our true selves be seen. — *Brené Brown.*

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Focus on the Gospel

In today's gospel we hear the impact of Jesus as a teacher amongst teachers. We hear that 'they were astounded at his teaching' and that this was due to the fact that 'he taught them as one having authority'. What does this actually mean – to teach with authority?

It was not simply an impressive depth of knowledge of the scriptures or that Jesus was not from an academic background but was a carpenter. These would have evoked admiration but not endowed him with authority. His young age for a teacher in the synagogue would have also been impressive but again not commanding authority. So what was it that came through his teaching that the listeners identified as 'speaking with authority'?

Certainly people would have identified Jesus' unequivocal belief in his message. He was just as certain of his Father and his relationship with the Father. The people in the synagogue could sense these invisible issues and assess that Jesus was indeed not only genuine but authentic in his teaching. He not only believed the things he taught about God but lived them out in his daily life.

As if on cue the powers of evil also recognise Jesus' authority and identity and acclaim him as 'the Holy One of God'. Jesus dismisses them and in doing so demonstrates that he is 'walking the talk' and confirming his authenticity. He does not seek their affirmation or a position of celebrity to tell people of God's kingdom. However, in today's jargon the events at the synagogue went 'viral' and his 'fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region'.

Our mission is to spread the news of the Kingdom. How do we go about this in our lives? Do we speak about our faith with conviction, knowledge and commitment? Do people see us as those listeners at the synagogue saw Jesus – as a person of authority and authenticity? We have a much better chance of achieving this if our lives and choices are founded in Jesus just as his was in the Father..

On the Lighter Side

An irate priest phoned his newsagent at midday, and demanded to know where his Sunday newspaper was. "Father," replied the newsagent, "today is Saturday. Your Sunday Times will be delivered tomorrow as usual." There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by the sound of a penny dropping in Norman's brain. At last he said ... "Ah well, that explains why only two were at Mass this morning."



Notices

"Daily Mass Books" are available and can be purchased from the Piety Stall at a cost of \$20. Please place money in envelope and place in the mail slot at the parish office (left side of the office door).

Celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life

On Friday April 10 we will be hosting a dinner to celebrate the call to religious life of the Marist Brothers and Mercy and fcl Sisters who are or have been in our Parish. This will be an opportunity to give thanks to all those who have been part of all of our faith journeys, both past and present. If you would like to help organise this event, please contact Kathy Hunt on 0416 058 431.

Tickets to the dinner will be available to purchase in the near future.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

ANNUAL DINNER 2014 (RESCHEDULED)

If you had purchased tickets for this event with Bishop Vincent Long at 'The Vault Restaurant' Shepparton in November, you would know that it had to be postponed due to the sudden death of Bishop Long's father. The new date is **Thursday 26th March**. Those who already have tickets will be issued with new tickets. Please let us know if that date is not possible and we will refund your money. **Additional new Dinner tickets are available for others if you missed out previously.** For bookings phone Kerry Stone 0408 579904, Jen Frisardi 5822 4064 or Marg Purcell 5821 4362. See flyer on the noticeboard.

Attention: Altar Servers

If you are an existing Altar Server or would like to join this very special ministry, please complete your details on the A3 form in the narthex & side foyer. We are currently in the process of updating roster times and looking for new recruits so it's important to include your preferred Mass times and contact details on the form. As we are updating rosters in the coming weeks, can all altar servers attending Mass please check to see if they are needed to serve. Thank you to our existing list of servers. We appreciate your commitment and dedication to this great service. *Thank you. Patricia Chalkley, Catholic Identity Coordinator, St. Brendan's Primary School.*

On the weekend of 14th/15th February, *Sister Marie Bourke (ex Nathalia)* who has worked in Zambia and Nigeria for 26 years, will be speaking at all Masses. We will hold a leaving collection for her great work.



Pathways of St Paul Join parishioners from Holy Innocents on a 20 day Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey departing Monday 20th April 2015. walk in the footsteps of St Paul. Also visit island of Patmos where St Paul wrote the book of Revelation, Basilica of St John. For information, itinerary & booking form contact Fr Peter Krigovsky 02 9747 4291 or email admin@holyic.org.au or download from www.holyinnocentscroydon.org.au/news-and-events/parish-pilgrimage

SHEPPARTON STRONGER YOUTH DGROUP REUNION

The Shepp DGroup will be having their first gathering for 2015 on Saturday February 7.

Where: Monsignor Peter Jeffery Centre

When: 7pm (after 6pm mass)

Please come along for some pizza, popcorn and a movie.

*For 2015 event details please follow us on Instagram@sheppstrongerdgroup.

STRONGER YOUTH RALLY:

Wangaratta, Friday March 6th 2015.

6-9pm at St Pat's Church Hall, Ford St, Wangaratta.

It is a time where young people meet together for dinner, music, testimonies etc. An opportunity to be nourished, encouraged and equipped on your walk with Jesus.

For more info email Darcy at Sandhurst@strongeryouth.com

Children's Liturgy will start again on the 8th February.

St Brendan's St Vincent de Paul Society

First meeting for 2015 will be 12th February at 7pm at 109 Benalla Road.

Mass of Anointing next Wednesday 4th February at 11am.

Owen Mohan, Funeral Directors, will be holding a "Funeral Information Evening" Wednesday February 11th. 6pm-8pm at St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Orr St, Shepparton.

Guest speakers: Richard Corby - Forsters Friendly Society, Carmel Smith—GV Hospice Care, Glenn Wilson— Shepparton Police, Beryl Krake -Wills, Estates and Probate. Pine Lodge Cemetery

CLOSING DOWN...

Radiant Star Bookshop will be closing after 45 years of business in the Shepparton Community. From February, stock will be sold at discounted rates.



LAST MINUTE! LAST CHANCE - to apply for limited places remaining in the next Graduate Certificate in Theology course presented in the Sandhurst Diocese by Catholic Theological College (CTC, Melbourne). 2015 Units: **Sacred Scripture - Foundation for Pastoral Ministry:** Mar 14-15 (Note date change) & May 9-10. **Foundational Theology for Pastoral Ministry:** July 18-19 & August 15-16; 2016 Units: **Christian Moral Life & Liturgy and Sacraments of the Catholic Church.** Email: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

**Life is Hard
PRAY HARDER!**

The Questionnaire for the **Ordinary Synod of the Church** to be held in October 2015, in Rome is now on line at the Diocesan website. I encourage all parishioners, to access the website and respond to the questions. Responses will be collated here in the Diocese before being sent on to the Australian Bishops' Conference in Canberra. Please note the date by which all responses must be submitted. The two bishops elected by the ACBC to represent them and Australia at the Synod are Bishop Eugene Hurley, Bishop of Darwin & Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane.

~ Bishop Les Tomlinson

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Click on 'Synod 2015 Survey'



The housing project is progressing well for East Timor time. The project is designed to have the community help each other, materials supplied but labour and time given freely by the community. New projects take time and patience is needed in breaking down old habits, the house project might seem slow but the bigger picture is for people to learn to watch out and care for their neighbour.

St Brendan's raised approx. \$1500 towards the cost of the project.

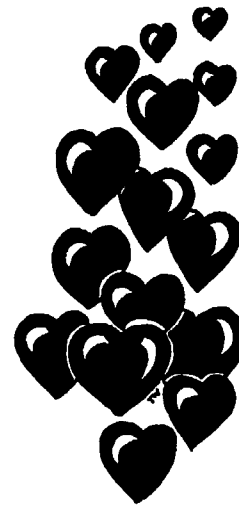
"LOOK TO THE LORD - AND BE RADIANT" - Ps 34:5

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you.

Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

~ Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated life
and Vocations
www.usccb.org/cclv www.usccb.org



*Help us to love you
with all our hearts.*

Stewardship Reflection

"Brothers and sisters; I should like you to be free of anxieties" 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this—use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.

~ From Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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

** re-commences on 6th February, 2015

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

Faith and Light Community - 1st Sunday monthly

Friendship Group - Last Sunday monthly for lunch, 12.30pm

Garabandal - 3rd Monday monthly 1.30pm, Parish centre

**re-commences 16th February, 2015.

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

**re-commences 9th February, 2015.

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

Serra Club - 1st Friday monthly 7pm, Church & Parish Centre

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

Lectors & Commentators 7th & 8th February

6pm P Cooper, J Pilkington

8am MA Demase, Z Tong

11am R Kennedy, G Quinlan



RECENTLY DECEASED: Pamela Burgmann (nee West).
ANNIVERSARIES: Jim, Rosa & Brian Mullins,
Ann Gervasoni, Teresa Paul, Renzo Piroli (one month
mind anniversary)

REFLECTION

**He comes to us One unknown,
without a name, as of old,
by the lake side, He came to those who
knew Him not.
He speaks to us the same word:
"Follow me!"
And sets us to the tasks which He has
to fulfil for our time.
He commands.
And to those who obey Him, whether
they be wise or simple,
He will reveal Himself in the toils,
the conflicts, the sufferings which they
pass through in His fellowship,
and, as an ineffable mystery,
they shall learn in their own
experience Who He is.**

Albert Schweitzer

PRAY for
One
Another

Mass times in neighbouring Parishes

St. Mel's Shepparton South, Sunday 9.00am & 5.30pm,
Monday 7am, Tuesday 6pm, Wednesday No Mass, Thursday 9am,
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 5pm Adoration, 5.40pm Rosary, 6pm Mass,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8.40am Rosary, 9.15am Mass.
Saturday 9.30 - 10.30am Reconciliation.
St. Joseph's Undera, Sunday 8.45am