



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 8 February 2015



Readings for this week:

Job 7:1-4,6-7

1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39



Readings for next week

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45



Liturgical Jottings

[After the Sign of Peace] the Priest breaks the Eucharistic Bread. The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper, which in apostolic times gave the Eucharistic Action its name, signifies that the many faithful are made one body by receiving communion from the one Bread of Life, which is Christ, who for the salvation of the world died and rose again. The Priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious. GIRM 83

Pope Francis

All must be free to express their concerns, their needs, their aspirations and their fears. Most importantly, they must be prepared to accept one another, to respect legitimate diversities, and learn to live as one family. (Sri Lanka 2015)

Focus on the Gospel

There is a clear picture in today's gospel of Jesus undertaking another role in his ministry, that of healer. The story starts with Jesus being attentive and responsive to the needs of those closest to him but through his healing of Simon's mother-in-law, he is drawn out into the wider needs of the whole neighbourhood. He does not withdraw from the 'whole city gathered around the door' but generously and willingly gives himself to healing them. Nor does he do it for any sort of personal celebrity as again he silences the demons who knew his whole identity.

In the last several years professionals in medical practice (paramedics, nurses, doctors) have featured prominently in the polls of the most trusted people in Australia (according to Readers Digest). It is a very difficult, demanding and personal field in which to work and yet out of pain and suffering can come such trust and appreciation. These health professionals and care givers can also attest to the physical and mental demands this work requires. There is a constant need to monitor one's own personal well being. So it also was for Jesus the healer.

How does Jesus maintain his energy for his ministry and mission? 'he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.' He was aware of the demands that faced him each day and that he would have little time for his own needs – so he prioritised what was important and made time to attend to the life giving relationship with the Father.

The healing ministry of Jesus goes out from him to all people and he will not turn them away. He uses his gifts for their benefit not his own and draws on prayer and his relationship with God to sustain his ministry. These are essential elements for all those disciples who take Jesus as the model for their lives.

Quote of the Week

Love one another and help others to rise to the higher levels, simply by pouring out love. Love is infectious and the greatest healing energy. Sai Baba

On the Lighter Side

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Nana, look what I found," he called out. With astonishment in his voice, the boy said, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"



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 10th we will be hosting a dinner to celebrate the call to religious life of the Marist Brothers and Mercy and fCJ 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.

Ash Wednesday 18th February, 2015

Mass times

7am, 9.15am and 6pm.

Mass at Tarcoola: 11th February at 10.30am

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Will be meeting at 1pm on Thursday 12th February in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

Children's Liturgy will re-commence at 11am Mass this Sunday.

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.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP will meet next Saturday morning 7.30am in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. The group meets for breakfast, reflection and friendship. Our last meeting was spent reflecting on how we portray authentic manhood in our lives, as we strolled around the lake. We were amongst a group of local runners, who questioned what we were doing. We hopefully gave an example of local men looking after their spiritual well being, as others exercised their bodies. Any questions call Anthony on 0408269426.

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

St Brendan's St Vincent de Paul Society

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

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

COUPLES FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA Presents

Fr. ROB GALEA

Live & Share Jesus, through worship, prayer, scripture & The Sacraments

Saturday 21st February at 1pm at Moonee Valley Racing Club

Ticket price \$30 per person (with food)

\$40 per person (with food & reserved seating)

Call: G. Walsh :0421 021 061, M Nazareno 0433 987 215

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, www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Click on 'Synod 2015 Survey'

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

St Valentine's Day—14th February

February 14th is a popular day for those who are romantically minded. In our secular society, many people are unaware that St Valentine's Day is based on a legendary saint who was believed to have been a priest living in the third century in Rome under Emperor Claudius II. It is said that St Valentine was martyred for performing secret weddings against the decree of the Emperor. It was his compassion for young couples in love that earned him the title of patron of lovers.

We celebrate today not only the love shared by those couples among us, but also the love of the Great Lover, Jesus Christ, our Bridegroom, invites us to join him in an everlasting covenant, an eternal love union that is reflected in the love of each and every dedicated married couple.

***Booklets available for **Couple Fun!** in the narthex & side entrance.



Be Quick! Last Day!

Apply before midnight February 8 to obtain your \$200 subsidy from the Australian Government for a relationship education course. Couples have until June 30 to complete a course of their choice but they must apply for the subsidy from the government this week.

Courses include many options from diocesan agencies, SmartLoving (live seminars) and The Stick Kit (online).

For more information, visit www.smartloving.org/stronger-relationships-trial/ | 02 9319 6280

Spirituality in the Pub Monday 2nd March with Dr Aoife McGrath who was brought to Australia for the Helder Camera Lecture Series last year to speak on **Being Faithful – Opportunities for Co-responsibility in Today's Church**. Details to follow.

St Valentine is one of many great reminders that as a Sacrament, married couples are also called to witness to the liberating nature of God's Law as they reach out to others on the margins of faith. But it won't be an effective witness if it's not joyful. And that's where couple fun is a serious endeavour!



Annual Diocesan Marriage Celebration

Bishop Les Tomlinson will celebrate the annual Diocesan Marriage Day Mass to be held at the 11am Mass on Sunday 15th February 2015 in the Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo.

An invitation is extended to married and engaged couples and families to gather and celebrate the gifts marriage provides. The celebration provides a unique opportunity for our community to share and proclaim our beliefs in a way that is affirming and life-giving to deeply held values shared by many in our wider community. Couples attending are invited to bring along a wedding photo to place on the altar rails at the front of the cathedral.

SmartLoving because every Marriage Matters

Consisting of seminars, workshops, blogs and multimedia resources, the SmartLoving series provides flexible options for you to choose according to your needs. Honouring the unique strengths of both men and women, the SmartLoving experience allows you to freely and confidently engage with the material to transform your intimate relationships. With tailored resources for dating, engaged, newlywed, established and empty-nester couples, SmartLoving sets couples up for success with practical strategies for emotional, sexual and spiritual happiness. Visit us at www.smartloving.org or phone 02 9319 6280.

World Day of Prayer and Reflection and Action

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) and Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) support His Holiness Pope Francis in declaring **Sunday 8 February 2015**, the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita,

as World Day of prayer, reflection and action against human trafficking.

In his message Pope Francis invites us 'to practice acts of fraternity towards those kept in a state of enslavement. Let us ask ourselves, as individuals and as communities, whether we feel challenged when, in our daily lives, we meet or deal with persons who could be victims of human trafficking, or when we are tempted to select items, which may well have been produced by exploiting others'.

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
Ash Wednesday 18th February 7am, 9.15am, 6pm.

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

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 14th & 15th February

6pm G Quinlan, R Kennedy

8am J Pilkington, P Cooper

11am Z Tong, MA Demase

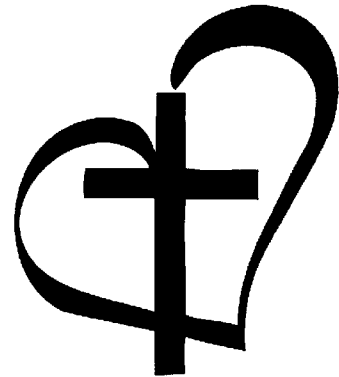


RECENTLY DECEASED: Daniel Kerlin,
Aileen Holford (Mooroopna).
ANNIVERSARIES: Beryl McLeod

REFLECTION

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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 Mooroopna, 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