



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 1 March 2015



Readings for
this week:

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10



Readings for
next week

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-35



Liturgical Jottings

Autumn Ember Day

The first Friday of March is designated "Autumn Ember Day" in Australia. "On ember days we offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give God thanks (GNLYC 45). A day of penance expresses our solidarity with those who are disadvantaged, and victims of famine and inequitable distribution of the world's goods and people affected by natural disasters. Our prayers are for the productivity of the earth, for human labour, victims of famine and exploitation and for the grace to be good stewards of God's creation. The World Day of Prayer is also celebrated on the first Friday of March each year.

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Focus on the Gospel

We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means.

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Quote of the Week

The Lord never tires of having mercy on us and he wants to offer us once again his forgiveness, inviting us to turn to Him with a new heart, purified of evil, to take part in his joy. Do not let the "favourable moment" pass in vain. *Pope Francis at Ash Wednesday Mass*

Prayer for the Week

God our Father, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word that we may find the way to your glory.

On the Lighter Side

An elderly man says to his wife: "My memory is gone Mildred, so I changed my password to "incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me "Your password is incorrect."



Notices

Stronger Youth – Trivia Night Fundraiser

The Stronger Youth are in the process of planning the Stronger Youth Trivia Night Fundraiser which will be held on **Friday April 17th**. We would really appreciate any donations that could be used as raffle prizes or silent auctions during the evening. If you are able to assist could you please contact Jess Alampi in the parish office. Thank you.

STRONGER YOUTH RALLY

The first Stronger Rally will be in **Wangaratta** on **Friday March 6th** (extra details included on flyers at the back of church). All youth are welcome, especially those who have never been to a Rally before. A bus will be leaving St Brendan's Parish @ 4:30pm. \$10 fee for bus. Please contact **Judi Robinson** on **0419 575 585** if you would like a place on the bus.

Little Black Books are now available in the narthex and the side entrance and contain spiritual reflections for everyday throughout Lent. A great price at \$5 each.

Our **Faith and Light Community** will gather at 11am Mass this Sunday then we will go to Kathy and Andrew Hunt's home for lunch. We will then have the Penitential Rite, the expression of sorrow for our sins, where members will be invited to place their papers, etc representing sins in an envelope for burning. For more information contact Denise on 0432 054 003.

Thanksgiving Program— Envelopes for weekly givers for the period 16th March to 12th July are available in the narthex. Thankyou for your continued support of the parish.

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THE JOURNEY

CATHOLIC/CHRISTIAN RADIO PROGRAM

This week on the Journey Sr Hilda Scott reflects on "Through Absence we journey into the mystery of the hidden God". We also have a reflection from Peter Gilmore on "What is love really?"

Tune into LIFE 105.1 FM Saturday 4pm and if you aren't in the broadcast area or you haven't been able to listen to the program, you can now listen in anytime, anywhere on your computer or mobile device! We are excited to be able to email you our Podcast each week so that you can easily listen to highlights or the full show. Visit www.radio.dow.org.au to subscribe. It takes 30 seconds!

"Autumn Melodies"

2015 Operetta Toni Marchi and Jane O'Toole.

Ave Maria Fundraiser—Saturday March 21st at 6.30pm Italian Social club, Marungi Street. Tickets \$70.00 per person includes 3 course meal and drinks at bar price. Enquiries and for tickets contact Tracey or Sharon at Ave Maria Village 58 313 000 or Shepparton@sccr.org.au

Spirituality in the Pub this 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**. Terminus Hotel 7.30pm meals optional from 6pm. Phone Kerry on 0408 579904.



St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program 2015

~Reconciliation Confirmation Eucharist~

Enrolments will take place over the next two weekends in the Monsignor Jeffrey Centre (behind the church).

Saturday 28th February and 7th March **after** 6.00pm Mass and

Sunday 1st and 8th March **after** 11.00am Mass

If families require an Information Booklet and Enrolment Form they are available from the school office or email Laura at sacramental.coord@bigpond.com

Please note enrolments close on Sunday 8th March

~ Laura O'Sullivan, Parish Sacramental Coordinator.

Secondary School Students SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

St Brendan's Parish would like to provide secondary students with the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2015.

If you would like to be involved in the program, could you please contact Jess Alampi on 0413 242 398 before the end of Term 1 (March 27). The program will begin with a Commitment Mass on **Saturday April 18th at St Brendan's Church at 6pm.**

We would really appreciate it if you could please indicate your interest as soon as possible.

Serra Club

This coming Friday 6th March, the Serra Club, will have Mass at 7pm in the Church for vocations and also for all consecrated people in this "Year of Consecrated Life." Stations of the Cross will follow Mass, and afterwards we will have a cuppa in the Mons Jeffrey Centre and our film this month will be about St. Patrick.

We would love for you to come and join us, all are welcome.



Jesus Christ: The Way, The Truth and the Life "Living our Life in Jesus"

Date: 21st March Guest speaker: Mr John Duiker

Venue: Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre Time: 10am - 4 pm

All welcome to attend this day.

A Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst event.

'Time Out' – A Retreat Day for Lent and Holy Week

FINDING GOD – LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: PRAYING WITH ICONS,*

Michael Crowe, Lyn Breen. SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2015.

11.30 am – 4.00 pm at St Kilian's Presbytery, McCrae St,

BENDIGO. Cost: Donation if / as you can afford. BYO Lunch.

RSVP: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au, 5441 2544.

*Icons are sacred images (or pictures) for prayer.

'WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS HOLY WEEK AND EASTER?', Dr Kevin Messer. SATURDAY 28TH MARCH.

9.30 am – 3.30 pm, St Joseph's Hall, Wedge St, BENALLA.

Cost: \$15 (or gold coin - as you can afford). BYO Lunch.

RSVP: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au 5441 2544

Second Sunday of Lent

Lenten Activities in the Parish

◆ Gospel Discussion Groups

- ~ Mondays during Lent in the small meeting room in the Mons Jeffrey centre at 1.30pm.
 - ~ Tuesday nights during Lent 7.30pm at 42 Bouchier Street, Shepparton.
- **Note change of address****
New members most welcome, phone 5821 5343.

◆ Meditation

- ~ Thursday mornings 7.15am to 7.45am in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

New Parish Pastoral Council Members

Two new Parish Pastoral Council members will be Commissioned at Masses this weekend:
Sr Francis Kennedy at 6pm Mass and
Sally Mills at 8am Mass.

MARY, THE ANNUNCIATION AND SAYING 'YES'

Tuesday 10th March 7.30 – 9.15pm Mons Jeffrey Centre.
Judith Dupré, (from the US and first of our 2015 Helder Camara Series visitors) explores Mary's journey of faith, with its unthinkable joys and sorrows and invites us to examine where we say 'yes' to God in our own lives.

Donation as you can afford. RSVP: Adult Faith Education Sandhurst
adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
5441 2544.

Judith Dupre (US) is the author of "Full of Grace" a vivid portrait of Mary as a biblical figure and beacon of inspiration.



The Horizons of the Year of Consecrated Life

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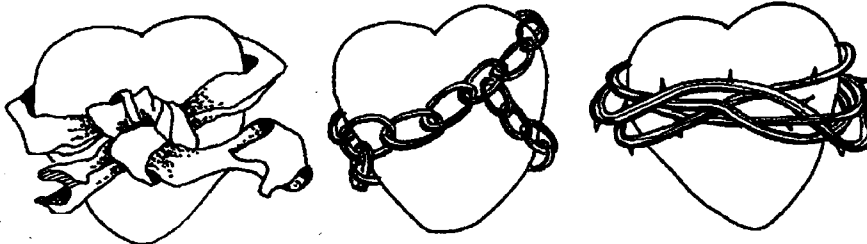
I urge you, as laity, to live this Year of Consecrated Life as a grace which can make you more aware of the gift you yourselves have received. Celebrate it with your entire "family," so that you can grow and respond together to the promptings of the Spirit in society today. On some occasions when consecrated men and women from different Institutes come together, arrange to be present yourselves so as to give expression to the one gift of God. In this way you will come to know the experiences of other charismatic families and other lay groups, and thus have an opportunity for mutual enrichment and support.

By Pope Francis.

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Celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life Can you help?

As you are aware we are planning a celebratory dinner on April 10th, honouring the contribution of the FcJ and Mercy Sisters, Marist Brothers, the Communita' dei Figli di Dio (Dookie). We would like to include in this celebration and men and women from our local Parishes who have joined Religious Orders. If you have any family members or friends who grew up in our Parishes and have since joined Religious Orders, please let us know so we can extend an invitation to them to join us for dinner on April 10th. Names and contact details can either be left at the Parish office, or contact Kathy Hunt on 0416 058 431.



Lord, you have loosened my bonds.

Easter Services at St. Brendan's

Holy Thursday	2nd April	7.30pm
Good Friday	3rd April	3.00pm <i>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i> 8.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Easter Vigil	4th April	7.00pm
Easter Sunday	5th April	8.00am and 11.00am



Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm in the Church.

Stations of the Cross on Friday 6th March will be preceded by Mass at 7pm.

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

Stations of the Cross during Lent Fridays 7.30pm

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

Gospel Discussion Group - each Monday during Lent 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 7pm, Church & Parish Centre

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

Lectors & Commentators 7th & 8th March

6pm M Hicks, E Murphy

8am B Phillips, M Phillips

11am F Scheibel, Maureen Collins



RECENTLY DECEASED: Pauline Boschetti.

ANNIVERSARIES: Marie Barwick, Leo Clurey, Dinny O'Driscoll, Nazzareno Ganino, Thomas Francis, Giuseppe Bassani, John Stein.

REFLECTION

The Season of Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance.

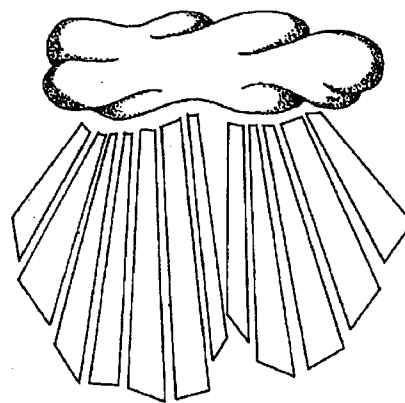
Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, Turn away from sin and believe the good news.

It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.

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The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated before rather than during the Easter Triduum.

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This is my beloved. Listen!

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,