



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Palm (Passion) Sunday

Sunday 29 March 2015



Readings for
this week:

Entrance: Mark 11:1-10

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Passion of Mark 14:1-5:47



Readings for
next week

Acts 10:34,37-43

Colossian 3:1-4

John 20:1-9



Liturgical Jottings

The Branches

Palm Sunday liturgy refers only to branches. "... and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields" (Mark 11:8) We use various types of branches: palm fronds, olive branches, cypress and woven crosses. The branches are distributed on Palm Sunday to commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Their purpose is to honour Christ's glory and Kingship, as did the inhabitants of Jerusalem who met Him. Carrying branches, etc. in procession goes way back into the Old Testament. After the harvest, when the people gathered for the Feast of Tabernacles: "You shall take to you on the first day the fruits of the fairest tree, and branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook: And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God." Leviticus 23:40.

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Focus on the Gospel

In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us. © Dianne Bergant CSS.

Quote from the Saints

Come; let us run with Christ as he presses on to his passion. Let us imitate those who have gone out to meet him, not scattering olive branches or palms in his path, but spreading ourselves before him as best we can, with humility of soul and upright purpose. So may we welcome the Word as he comes, so may God who cannot be contained within any bounds, be contained within us... *St Andrew of Crete c. 660 – 740*

On the Lighter Side

It was Palm Sunday but because of a bad cold, 5 year old Sammy stayed at a neighbour's place. When the family returned home from Mass carrying palms. Sammy inquired what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his elder sister said. "Drats" Sammy complained, 'the one Sunday I don't go and Jesus shows up.'



Notices

Stronger Youth – Trivia Night Fundraiser

Friday April 17th at Mons Bones Hall @ 7pm \$20 per person.
Available from the Parish office or please contact
Judi Robinson on 0419 575 585. BYO food/drinks.
Raffles and silent auctions throughout the evening.
All welcome to join in for a fun night.

Altar Society Helpers If you are available to help over Holy week and/or Easter could you please add your name to the white board in the Sacristy, or phone me for further details. Thank you for all your support. ~ Andrea

St. Brendan's Friendship Group will meet this Sunday 29th March at the Sherbourne Hotel at 12.30pm. Call Pat Simpson on 0423 343 711 if you have any queries. *All most welcome.*

Day of Prayer and Spiritual Formation 'Becoming little again: the Little Way of St Therese'

Saturday 18th April in the Mons Jeffrey Centre
commencing at 10am with a cuppa, 10.30 Prayer During the Day, 10.45 Reflection by Br Massimo CFD, 11.30 Exposition and time to reflect on talk, 12.00 Mass, Celebrant Fr Doroteo CFD, 12.45 Lunch, 1.30 Q & A and concluding with Afternoon Prayer at 3.00. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch to share. All welcome. Enquiries to Peter Wright on 0418 589083.

*Biographical Profile: Br Massimo was born in the US in 1972. As a youth he studied physics and after receiving his degree in physics in 1994 and Ph. D. in 2000, he worked as a research scientist in the US and later in Italy. In 1999, he was received into the Church; and after he had moved to Italy in 2001, he met the **Community of the Sons and Daughters of God**, a monastic community based in Italy founded by the Florentine Priest, Divo Barsotti. In 2005 he joined the Community and in 2006 he felt called to become a consecrated religious with vows in the same Community, making his profession in 2008. In 2009, under the invitation of Bishop Joe Grech, he came to Australia together with two other monks to establish a monastery in Dookie where Br Massimo has lived since.*

Sacramental Program Profiles of the children need to be returned to the Parish office by 10th April. You can "post" these any time in the mail slot beside the office door if this is more convenient.

ST. BRENDAN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2015.

This year St. Brendan's Day will be celebrated on the 17th May beginning with 11am Mass. The Theme this year is "Families of the Parish."

This will include our school children, Mums and Dads, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles as well as our Parish family. The Committee has met just recently and plans are on the way. We are short of committee helpers and would welcome anyone who would like to join us in preparing for this special day. If you can help in any way, please contact Irene Garla 5823 1311 or 0407 532 163. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th April at 7pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

ALTER SERVERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE Easter Celebrations. Only trained servers will be accepted for these celebrations.

Holy Thursday: 6 servers required,

Good Friday— Celebration of the lords Passion at 3pm: 4 servers.

Easter Vigil Saturday Night: 6 servers.

All servers to be at the church one hour before commencement of the celebration. If servers fail to turn up at required time, they will not serve. Other servers who turn up will not be permitted to serve.

Sunday Liturgies will be as normal. Any servers who turn up may feel free to serve at that Mass

Ministers of Communion Holy Week Ceremonies

As there will be no special rosters for the Holy Week Triduum, if you are attending any of these ceremonies at St Brendan's please volunteer to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.
THANK YOU!

Ministers of Communion

Our Parish yearly review for ministers of communion will take on a different look this year. We have asked Dan Murhpy to come to the Parish and run a short reflection and nourishment session for us. Dan has great skills and knowledge in bringing us to a deeper awareness of the special gifts we bring as special minister both in our Church and as we visit those sick and home bound Parishioners. Dan will encourage us to look deeply at what we can bring to this ministry while also opening up new and different ways to grow and develop this important ministry. The Parish is very grateful for your commitment as special minister, so hopefully you will be able to join others from the Parish and let Dan nourish your soul at this session.

Monday April 13th in the Church 6pm – 7.30pm.

Any enquiries please phone Anthony on 0408 269426.

RAFFLE– Catholic Church Insurance Community Assist Program:

St Brendan's is conducting an Easter Hamper Raffle (1st and 2nd prize) with proceeds going to Stronger Youth Ministry and the Faith and Light Community. Tickets are \$2 each and will be drawn after 11am mass on Easter Sunday.

CCI has kindly donated both hampers to the value of \$150 each. As the Church's own insurance company, CCI provides support to the Catholic Church and it's community. Home & Content, Car, Landlord, Personal Accident, Travel, Caravan.
For information call 1300 655 003 or visit:
www.catholicinsurance.org.au

Little Black Books are available in the narthex and the side entrance and contain spiritual reflections for everyday throughout Lent.

Anointing Mass next Wednesday 1st April at 11am

Calling all Footy Tipsters! The Inaugural Official St. Brendan's Parish Footy Tipping Competition is here for the 2015 AFL Season. All you need is an email address and access to the internet to enter via the AFL website. Only \$25 to enter (payable to the Parish Office by 17 April) there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last. The competition is open to all parishioners and friends of St Brendan's, so test your footy knowledge against your family and friends. All entrants will go into the running for over \$30,000 of prizes supplied by the AFL. The website for registration is: <https://tipping.afl.com.au> and the competition name is "St. Brendan's Parish Shepparton" - passCode "brendans15". For more information, call Ashley on 0412 475 290.

Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service

This Sunday 29th March. Services starts at 6.15pm at Mount Major, Dookie. Gates open at 4pm. BYO everything—chair, rug, coat, food thermos water, torch, insect repellent. All welcome. In case of wet weather meet at Dookie Memorial Hall. For information phone Heather on 0427 286207.

Palm Sunday



Quotation from Lumen Fidei

“The clearest proof of the reality of Christ’s love is to be found in his dying for our sake. If laying down one’s life for one’s friends is the greatest proof of love (cf. Jn 15:13), Jesus offered his own life for all, even for his enemies, to transform their hearts.”

(Pope Francis, Lumen Fidei, paragraph 16)



PROJECT COMPASSION

Remember to bring your Project Compassion boxes in over Easter.

Christian Meditation continues this Monday 30th March at 7.30pm in the Mons Jeffrey centre but will not be held on the 6th & 13th April. Meditation will then resume on Monday April 20th at 7.30pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. All welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

We acknowledge World Youth Day on Sunday March 29th.

Next year, 2016, young people are invited to join the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Krakow in Poland. If you are interested and need more information contact the Archdiocese Office for Youth at wyd2016@cam.org.au

The Feast of the Divine Mercy: Preparations for Divine Mercy Sunday will begin with a nine day Novena commencing Good Friday 3rd April at St Mels Church at 4.30pm (after 3pm Ceremonies). The Novena will continue in your own home until 6th April.

Last Chance for Tickets!!!

You can purchase tickets at the office on Tuesday from 10.30am to 1pm.



Tickets must be ordered or purchased by the end of next Tuesday 31st March.

Don't miss out on the dinner to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life!

We owe so much to the many priests and religious who have given so much to our community through schools, hospitals, parish life and the many other organisations they have established.



Come and celebrate their great contributions!

Friday 10th April 2 course Dinner at the GV Hotel at 6.30pm \$40 per head. Tables of 10 or book individually. Pick up an invitation (yellow A4 flyer) in the narthex & side porch. This has all the details. Fill it out & leave at the parish office or phone Kathy on 0416 058431.

Easter Services at St. Brendan's

Reconciliation	31st March	6pm
Holy Thursday	2nd April	7.30pm (Please note there is no 9.15am morning Mass on Holy Thursday)
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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please continue to pray for the candidates as they journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 4th April.

Candidates

Dani Talarico, Courtney Wilkie, Meaghan Ritchie, Roxanne Lucas, Carmela Fasano, Irene O'Bree, Liz Grogan and Ron Collinson.

Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April St Brendan's Church

1.00pm	Divine Mercy DVD "Art speaks Unto Heart"
2.15pm	Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3.00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction
3.30pm	Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Rob.

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

Christian Meditation - Monday nights in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

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 7.15pm, Church & Parish Centre

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

Lectors & Commentators 4th & 5th April

6pm S Quilty, P Howard

8am Michael Collins, D Sullivan

11am L Boschetti, J Barkla



RECENTLY DECEASED: Ian Macklan, Kathleen Beer, Pauline Fitzpatrick,
ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Coppinger, Marie Coppinger, Francisca Collier, Stan Bicknell, Angela Nicolaci, Carmelo Tripoli.

REFLECTION

*Merciful God,
Teach us to forgive
those who hurt or harm us.
It is difficult when we are
angry not to hit back,
Not to return the hurt,
not to sulk and
make everyone pay.
Teach us to let go of anger,
bitterness and resentment.
Help us to forgive,
to be reconciled and
to make peace.
We make this prayer to you
merciful God,
through Jesus Christ your Son
who shows us how to forgive.
Amen*



Mass times in neighbouring Parishes

St. Mel's Shepparton South, Sunday 9.00am & 5.30pm,
Monday 7am, Tuesday 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, Wednesday & Thursday 6pm Mass,
Friday 10am Mass. Saturday 10.30am - 11am Reconciliation.
St. Joseph's Undera, No Mass.