



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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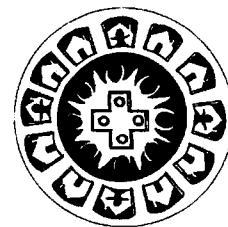
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Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunday 5 April 2015**



Readings for  
this week:

Acts 10:34,37-43

Colossian 3:1-4

John 20:1-9



Readings for  
next week

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 5:1-6

John 20: 19-31



## Liturgical Jottings

Easter Time: The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter.... GNLYC 22-24

## Pope Francis speaks

He invites to all people of good will to celebrate and share with the whole human community, the joy we encounter in the *Risen Christ*. Pope Francis urges all Christians to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, "or at least an openness to letting him encounter them ... to do this unfailingly each day". Without a relationship with Christ as the centre of our lives, we fall prey to despair and disillusionment.

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## Focus on the Gospel

The Gospel of Mark tells the story of the Resurrection in a way that leaves Jesus out of the picture. Three women come to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus for final burial. They find the tomb open and the body missing. They see a young man, dressed in a white robe, who says to them, "There is no need for alarm; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here." How much more satisfying it would be for us if Jesus were standing inside the empty tomb, in all of his resurrected glory, announcing, "Here I am! I have been raised!" What a wonderful picture that would make!

But Easter reminds us that the Resurrection is a *message* not a diorama a message of renewal that can change the lives of people everywhere. Although the Easter tomb is empty, we know that Jesus is in our midst:

- In the breaking of the bread, in worship and in small-group gatherings.
- In a family meal, or a gathering of close friends around a kitchen table.
- In hot meals served to the homeless.
- In a visit to a sick or dying person.
- In an encouraging conversation with an anxious child or young person.
- In a pot of tea being shared with someone recently bereaved.
- In hymns and psalms, sung with joy and conviction.
- In a sermon that provides insight and inspiration, when life is hard and it's difficult to find hope for the future.

In many ways, Jesus is alive and present with us. Through the power of the resurrection, he is moving ahead of us showing us the way to walk as his followers in the world today. Followers who through both our words and our actions testify that he is "Lord of all" bringing a message of peace and forgiveness for all who put their trust in him.

## Easter Fact

St Ambrose baptised Augustine (aged 32), along with his son Adeodatus, at the Easter Vigil 387 in Milan. In 391 Augustine was ordained a priest. In 395 he was made Bishop of Hippo in Algeria. He wrote three books, many papers and over 300 of his homilies survive. He died in 430 and canonised a saint by popular acclaim.

## On the Lighter Side

"A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour." *Anon*



# 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.*

There will be no Communion to the Sick this Sunday as it is  
Easter Sunday.

**CWL Meeting** this Thursday 9th April at 1pm in the  
Mons Jeffrey Centre.

**Blumes Fashions** will be held on Monday 4th May at 10am in  
the Mons Jeffrey centre.  
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.*

Our Parish **Men's Group** will meet next Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
at 7.30am in the Mons Jeffery Centre for breakfast and a  
faith topic for discussion. Our Parish men's group meet to  
share the joy and sadness of their life. Our meetings go for 1  
hour in a very relaxed environment.  
Any questions please call Anthony on 0408 269426.

**Christian Meditation** will not be held on the 6th & 13th  
April. Meditation will resume on Monday April 20th at  
7.30pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. All welcome.

## 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.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Next year, 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](mailto:wyd2016@cam.org.au)

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> in the Church 6pm – 7.30pm.**

Any enquiries please phone Anthony on 0408 269426.

**Little White Books** are now available in the narthex. These  
are six-minute reflections on the Resurrection Narrative  
according to John. This is meant to help you enjoy six  
minutes of prayer each day during the 50 days of the Easter  
season. Cost is only \$5 and this can be placed in the envelope  
provided in the book and "posted" in the mail slot beside the  
Parish office door.

There will not be Mass at Tarcoola next Wednesday the 8th.



PROJECT  
COMPASSION

Remember to bring your Project Compassion boxes  
& envelopes to Mass & place on the collection plate.

## Shepparton Interfaith Network Public Forum: *Is the Just War teaching relevant today?*

In commemoration of the Anzac Centenary 1915–2015 the  
Shepparton Interfaith Network will conduct a Public Forum  
on the "Just War" teaching of Christianity with responses  
from representatives from other religions. There will be a Q  
and A Forum after the presentation and responses.  
Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm at the Harder Auditorium,  
GOTAFE, Fryers Street, Shepparton. For more information  
contact the secretary at [sheppartoninterfaith.org.au](http://sheppartoninterfaith.org.au)

**Gluten Free Hosts** If you would like to receive Holy  
Communion but have trouble with coeliac or food  
intolerances we have a supply of gluten free hosts. Please see  
Father before Mass so a pix can be arranged for you.

You are invited to the celebration of the  
Feast Day of *San Pedro Calungsod*  
second Filipino Saint.  
At St Mel's Church, Hamilton Street on  
Sunday 12th April at 11am.  
*See the flyer on the noticeboard.*

**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.

# Easter Sunday



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## Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April in the Church



- 1.00pm Divine Mercy DVD  
"Tears from Heaven"
- 2.00pm Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and  
Reconciliation (with several  
priests)
- 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and  
Benediction
- 3.30pm Holy Mass celebrated by  
Fr Joe. Veneration of the  
Divine Mercy image after  
Mass.

DVD's, books, leaflets and pictures are for sale  
after divine Mercy Sunday Masses.

*I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that  
will go to Confession and receive Holy  
Communion on the Feast of My mercy.*

*Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this  
day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins  
and punishment.*

*The soul that will go to Confession and receive  
Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness  
of sins and punishment.*

The Priests and Parish house staff would like to  
wish all parishioners many blessings for a happy,  
Holy and safe Easter.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This weekend at the Saturday Easter Vigil, Our  
Parish has eight candidates who will be fully  
initiated into our the Catholic Church.

They have made an amazing journey since  
September last year, we have been inspired by  
their commitment and courage in taking on this  
very counter cultural decision.

Their journey in faith like ours will continue to  
grow and develop, they will need our support and  
love as they settle into our Parish community.  
A big congratulations to them all and also thank  
you to all who have helped them on this journey.

Please continue to pray for them.

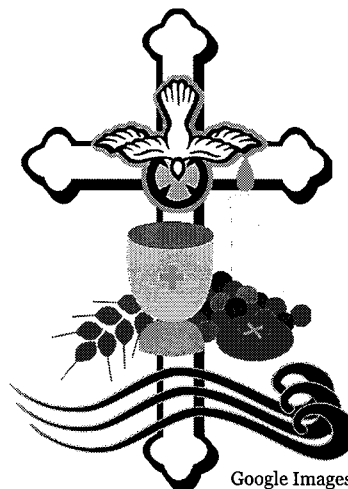
### ***Candidates***

Dani Talarico  
Courtney Wilkie  
Meaghan Ritchie  
Roxanne Lucas

Carmela Fasano  
Irene O'Bree  
Liz Grogan  
Ron Collinson

### ***Sponsors***

Leanne Boschetti  
Erika Collier  
Tina Pelligrino  
Hannah  
Chasemore  
Josie Cortese  
Graeme Quinlan  
Anthony Kilmartin  
Ern Cook



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## **Year of Consecrated Life Dinner Friday 10th April**

Goulburn Valley Hotel, High Street, Shepparton.

The evening will commence with drinks at 6.30pm followed by dinner  
at 7pm. Throughout the evening there will be a tribute to the various  
religious orders by Monsignor Jeffrey as well as stories and a toast.

This will be a night to recognise the great contribution by these  
many devoted people.

If you haven't collected your tickets please phone Kathy on 0416 058431.

Bishop Les has recorded an  
Easter message at the Cathedral.  
This can be accessed through the  
Diocesan website:  
[www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

**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  
(no Mass at Tarcoola on 8th April)

*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. (Not held on 6th & 13th April)

*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* - 2nd & 4th Monday monthly 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 11th & 12th April*

**6pm** C Naughton, P Naughton

**8am** M Sarkady, M Keyte

**11am** D Segafredo, P Stein



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Filomena Nappa, Ilario (Larry) Fiorenza, Anne Shaw, Paddy Heneghan, Naomi De Silva, Moira Hood (Mansfield).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maria Antonina Demasi, Ross Stevens.

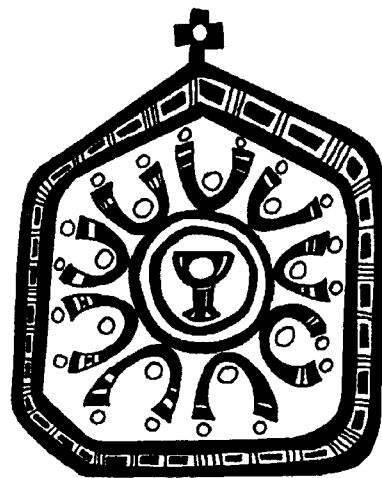
## REFLECTION

### *I am the Resurrection*

*Jesus, your resurrection from the dead is a promise of eternal life for us. We believe in your promise. We believe that through your resurrection you overcame death and won for us the right to enter heaven.*

*Today we pray for all those who have died that they may know the joy of your promise. We pray also for those who face death at this time. May they experience your comforting presence and find peace in the knowledge that you prepare a place for them—a place of peace, joy and happiness with you forever.*

*~ From 'Prayers at your Fingertips'  
By Barbara Bretherton*



### *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.