



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 19 April 2015



Readings for this week:

Acts 3:13-15 17-19  
1 John 2:1-5  
Luke 24:35-48



Readings for next week:

Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 20:19-31



## Liturgical Jottings

When preaching takes place in the context of the liturgy, it is part of the offering made to the Father and a mediation of the grace which Christ pours out during the celebration. This context demands that preaching should guide the assembly, and the preacher, to a life changing communion with Christ in the Eucharist.

*Evangelii Gaudium* (2013) 138

## Pope Francis Speaks

"True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others. The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness."

*Evangelii Gaudium* 88

## Quote of the Day

The tomb of Christ is famous because of what it does not contain. Sam Morris

## Focus on the Gospel

Basil Pennington (1931- 2005) Trappist monk and priest, spiritual writer, speaker and teacher tells of a trip he took to Japan, where he paid a call on a noted Zen master, Josha Sasaki Roshi: "I went in to see the Roshi. He sat there before me smiling from ear to ear and said, 'I like Christianity. But I would not like Christianity without the resurrection.' Then he added: 'Show me your resurrection. I want to see your resurrection.' In his simplicity and clarity, the master had gone straight to the heart of things. With his directness, he was saying what the world implicitly says to us Christians: "You are a Christian. You are risen with Christ. *Show me, and I will believe.*" If we, as a congregation, fail to demonstrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, if we fail to live renewal in our daily lives then our Christianity is meaningless to the generations to come. To those who have been tagged as "digital natives" (as opposed to "digital immigrants" — those of us who didn't grow up with a smart-phone in our hand) a question that comes easily to mind and is applied to all sorts of experiences -is it virtual, created or enhanced on the motherboard of some special effects computer— or is it real?

It's the same question, incidentally, that the younger generations are asking of the church: *Is it virtual, or is it real?* When you people come together to sing all about how much you love God, do you do it for any reason other than habit? When you sit for 15 minutes to listen to the word — longer than any segment between commercials on TV; that's hard to do! — do you really listen to the words? When you share the one bread and drink of the cup do you do it for any reason other than duty?

In today's Gospel Luke takes great pains to demonstrate that the resurrection is *real*. The risen Christ eats a piece of fish. He invites his incredulous followers to touch his hands and feet.

He invites us, this day, to reach out and touch him, to experience his love, to see that he is no mere allusion but a living presence in our midst.

## From the Gospel of the Day

Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. Luke 24:48

## On the Lighter Side

"Never be afraid to laugh at yourself, after all, you could be missing out on the joke of the century."

Dame Edna Everage



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# Notices

**Estela Hutchings, a Clinical Psychologist** is available at St Brendan's Parish for private and confidential consultation on a wide variety of issues. Estela will normally be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There is a charge of \$60 for a 60 minute consultation. For further information contact the Parish office 5821 2633.

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

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



**Parish Footy Tipping Competition** If you haven't paid your \$25 entry fee yet please do so as soon as possible at the office. For more information, call Ashley on 0412 475 290.

Two excellent courses offering training and formation for Pastoral Care of the Ageing.  
**Certificate IV or Diploma in Pastoral Care and Ageing**, sent to us by Mercy Health – an ecumenically based program.  
**Graduate Certificate in Ageing (Ethics and Pastoral Care)**, from **Catholic Theological College** – founded in the theological, spiritual, ethical and pastoral care traditions of the Catholic Church.  
 Both courses are offered on campus at Catholic Theological College in East Melbourne.  
 \*\*Please see the flyers on the noticeboard for information.

## Six Minutes a day. That's all it takes!

**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.

Our MacKillop **Faith and Light Community** are heading to Camp Currumbene for our retreat this weekend. The cost is around \$2500. We are doing our own cooking to keep costs down. We are currently running a chocolate fundraiser to help alleviate some of our costs. If you could sell a box we would be very grateful. Contact Denise on 0432 054003 to organise a box. Fr Joe will celebrate Mass with us on Saturday. *Please keep us in your prayers.*

Our Parish **Men's Group** will host a film night with Pizza and a few drinks next Sunday 26th April at 6 pm in the Mons Jeffery Centre. The film "Of Gods and Men" will be the film for the night. So come along for a great social night out. Any enquiries please call Anthony on 0408 269426.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DVD** from Good Friday night is available for \$30. Please place money in an envelope with your name, address, phone number & leave it at Parish office.

## 'Reasons for Hope: A Conversation about the Good News and the Faith of Ordinary People'

with **Cardinal Wilfrid Napier OFM**

**Monday 18th May**, St Mel's Hall, Hamilton Street, Shepparton South **7.30 – 9 pm.**

A warm, compassionate and down-to-earth man with a ready sense of humour, Franciscan Cardinal Napier is a servant leader with a passion for the mission of the Church to the lowliest. He is on the newly established Council for Economic Affairs and appointed one of the four Presidents of the Synod on the Family by Pope Francis. Donation as/if you can afford. RSVP: [adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) 'Ph 5441 2544 OR message [www.facebook.com/lyn.breenministry](http://www.facebook.com/lyn.breenministry)

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

There will be "**Holy Hour**" next Sunday, April 26th, following the 8am Mass. This Holy Hour gives us all a chance to pray in a special way in this "*Year of Consecrated Life*" for :

- \* more vocations to the religious life
- \* for our seminarians, on their journey to priesthood
- \* for our priests, as they bring Jesus to us in our lives
- \* for our retired priests, that they feel loved and supported
- \* for those priests, who have gone to their eternal rest, that were apart of our faith journey
- \* and for all religious who give their lives in the missions, and in monastic life.

Your support would be gratefully appreciated.



**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.

**Sacramental Program** This weekend at 6pm & 11am Mass  
**Commitment Mass for Reconciliation.**

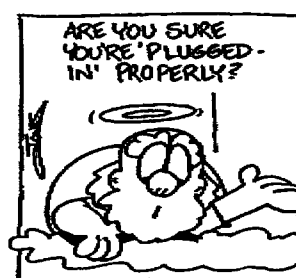
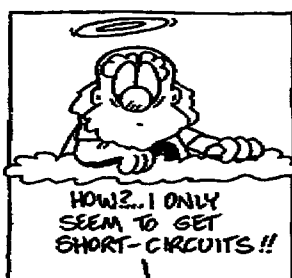
**Completed Profiles:** A reminder to families to return profiles before next Wednesday 15th April. **Profiles need to be left at the Parish house.**

For further information please contact Laura at [sacramental.coord@bigpond.com.au](mailto:sacramental.coord@bigpond.com.au) or ring the parish house 5821 2633 Wednesday mornings.

**"The Challenge of being a Disciple today: An introduction to the Gospel of Mark"** Fr Brian Boyle (Priest of Sandhurst Diocese & Bishop's Vicar for Education; Lecturer in Scripture at Catholic Theological College).

**Monday May 11 7.30 – 9 pm** De Campo Hall (CEO Buildings) 120 Hargreaves St, **BENDIGO**  
**Thursday May 14 7.30 – 9.00 pm** St Brigid's Centre (CEO / Parish Buildings) 71 Ryley St **WANGARATTA**

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## Take the Stand and Witness!

Witnesses to the Resurrection? Yeah, I've met them, especially in hospital.

There was the patient with extreme hip pain who prayed for the people with more serious medical problems. There was the older patient who almost died but said she doesn't fear death because Christ had comforted her in prayer. There was the patient with cancer who was looking for a parish to join because he always kept "Jesus in my heart" – even though he felt rejected by the Church in the past.

I look back on the faith of those people and I say, "Christ is risen!"

Are you a convincing witness to others?

That is this Gospel's challenge. Your faith might be the only "Gospel" the some people read. They'll read it in how you treat friends, family, and even enemies. They'll read it in your attitude towards poor people. They'll read it in how you use money and choose goals.

~ Excerpt from GPBS eNews 14/4/15

### **Applications open for Youth Ministry Worker:**

Applications are invited from people of varying ages and experience for this full time position with the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst.

The successful applicant will require excellent communication skills and the ability to relate to a wide range of people. They will be able to demonstrate a keen sense of networking and marketing, promoting the values, principles and ideals of Jesus Christ and of the Catholic Church to the young people of the Diocese. It is also desired that the successful applicant will have previous experience in active youth ministry leadership, or in working with young people in schools.

To download a copy of the position description, visit [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

For any other queries please contact Sally Holmes on 03 5445 3601 or via email [sally.holmes@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:sally.holmes@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)  
Applications close Thursday, April 30, 2015.

A warm welcome to all our **Sacramental** candidates and their families. During 6pm & 11am Masses this weekend the children will make their commitment to the Sacramental preparation. After mass the families will gather in the Monsignor Bones Hall to share a meal together.

*Parishioners are asked to pray for these young children and their families as they begin preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

**A reminder to parents that our first Adult Faith Gathering is on this Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in the Church starting at 7.00pm.**



**Lectors** If you would like a copy of the relevant reading for your rostered weekend, we can email a copy to you. To arrange it, send us an email or phone the office.

## Easter Calls Us to Cultivate New Life

Easter is the name Christians give to the Sunday that celebrates Jesus' resurrection. East is the direction where the sun rises each morning. The word *Easter* means *dawn*, the awakening of a new day. Mary Magdalene discovers Jesus' tomb empty at dawn.

For Christians, Easter is a new day of creation, an eighth day beyond the seven days in the creation story in Genesis. By raising Jesus to new life, God creates a promise of life beyond death and summons us to a future beyond human imagination. At Easter Jesus breathes the spirit of peace upon his followers and sends them forth to continue his healing mission, to be co-workers of new life with him.

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**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

**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 25th & 26th April**

**6pm** M. Sarkady, M Keyte

**8am** D Segafredo, P Stein

**11am** C Naughton, P Naughton



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Eileen Crozier, Madge Allen,  
Naomi De Silva (Mother of Sonali Jayasundera),  
David Sinnott (Benalla).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Thomas Francis, Bill Love,  
Joan Zanelli, Elizabeth Dullard.

**REFLECTION**

*Heavenly Father,*

*Help all people to know their  
vocation in life.*

*Call many people to be priests and  
religious.*

*Give those whom you call  
the grace to respond generously  
and to persevere faithfully.*

*We ask this through Christ our  
Lord.*

*Amen.*

*Mary, Mother of the church,*

*Pray for us.*

GIVE THANKS TO THE  
LORD FOR HE IS GOOD...HIS  
LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!



**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 Mooropna**, 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.