



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3 May 2015



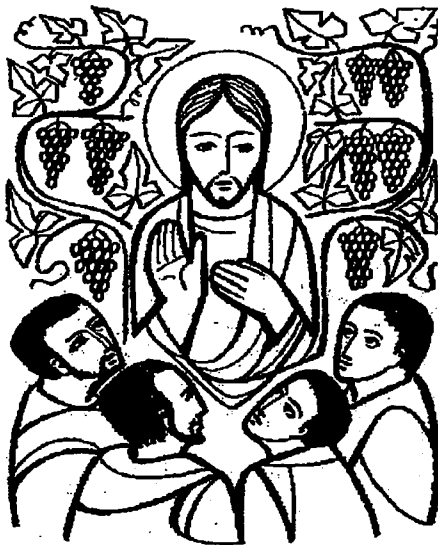
Readings for this week:

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8



Readings for next week

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
1 John 4:7-10 or 4:11-16
John 15:9-17 or 17:11-19



Liturgical Jottings

Feasts of the Lord

During and after the Easter Season we celebrate several Feasts or Solemnities of the Lord, namely: Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity, Corpus Christ (the Body and Blood of Christ) and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These days highlight a mystery of God or a significant Christian event of our Salvation. They are truly feasts of joy and praise for the wonderful works of God through Jesus our Saviour.



Prayer for the week

Father,
unite us in love with your Son
and with our brothers and sisters.
May we not only talk about love,
but also live it in deed.

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Focus on the Gospel

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings a church community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance. © Dianne Bergant CSS.

Quote of the Day

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." Pope John Paul II

Mother's Day (second Sunday of May)

Next Sunday, 10 May, our society celebrates motherhood and the special gift of each mother. The Christian Churches joins with them in the Easter liturgy by special intentions, prayer cards, décor, hymns, gestures and symbols.

On the Lighter Side

A vineyard hoping to break into the market with a special vintage sent a sample to the laboratory for quality analysis. After three weeks the report arrived stating: "Dear sir, We have thoroughly analysed the sample you sent us, and we regret to inform you that your horse has diabetes."



Notices

Fr Michael Morley 40th Anniversary of Ordination
Sunday 24th May, 10.30 followed by lunch, St Augustine's,
Kyabram. RSVP by 11th May on 5852 1026 or
Email: kyabram@cdos.org.au.

Father Joseph Alluri is celebrating his 10th
Anniversary of Ordination on the 3rd of May.
There will be a "Cuppa" after the 11am Mass on
Sunday May 10th to celebrate.

NOTRE DAME COLLEGE ANNUAL OPEN DAY
FRIDAY 8th May Tours commence from the Admin
building, Knight Street Campus 9.15am to 4pm.
Emmaus Campus—Year 9 Programme Grace Road,
North Shepparton 2pm and 4pm.

Faith & Light Community are raising funds by selling
Cadbury chocolates after Mass this weekend @ \$1 each.

St Mary's Parish, Echuca, will be hosting a "menAlive"
weekend on **3th & 14th June**.
menAlive is a National Catholic Ministry and its purpose is
to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to
encourage them to become active force within the Church.
For more information please phone Echuca Parish Office
on 5482 1127.

'The Word Among Us' is a great daily opportunity to
give everyday inspiration from the Scripture of the day. The
daily page focuses on everyday language, giving
encouragement to continue to seek Jesus throughout our
day. *The Word Among Us* is offering discounts to Parishes
who order bulk copies. If you would like to receive a
monthly copy please call 58212633 and add your name to
the list. Thanks. ~Anthony Kilmartin.

**ROSTERS: Lectors, Ministers of Communion,
Offertory.** The next set of rosters will compiled very soon.
Please advise if there are dates you would prefer **not** to be
rostered on. Also if you have an email address please advise
the Parish office as this is the preferred method of sending
out rosters. If you would like to be a Lector, Minister of
Communion or take up the Offertory please phone the office.

GOULBURN VALLEY HOSPICE CARE SERVICE
Are holding a Service of Remembrance for family and friends
to remember loved ones who have died and to draw strength
from each other and foster hope for the future.
This service is non-denominational and will be held at
St Brendan's Church on Thursday 28th May
starting at 2pm followed by afternoon tea in the Mons Jeffrey
Centre. All parishioners most welcome.

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



Sacramental Program

Parents are reminded to drop off completed profiles
to the Parish House as soon as possible.

**Parishioners are asked to please pray for
our young candidates and their families as they
continue on their faith journey towards celebrating
the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on
Tuesday 26th May.**

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 'Ph 5441 2544
OR message www.facebook.com/lyn.breenministry

The new Feathertop Chalet website is now active. The
address is www.feathertopchalet.org.au It may be necessary
to press ctrl and F5 in your browser if the page is not
displaying correctly. Bookings at Feathertop can now be
booked online through the new website.

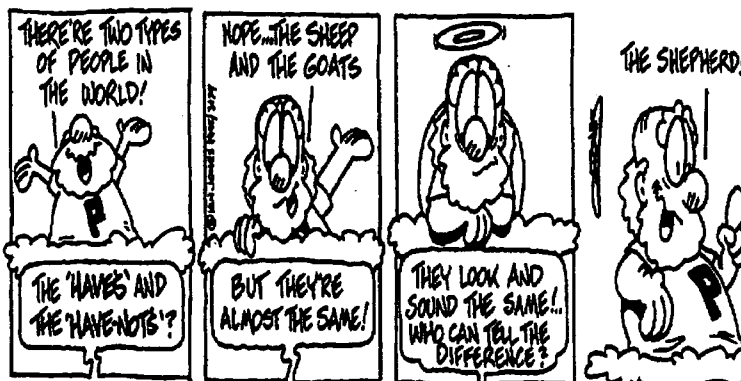
Our Parish Men's Group will meet Saturday 9th May at
7.30am in Mons Jeffery centre. We meet to share breakfast
together and then a faith topic for conversation. Normally we
are finished by 8.30 am so people can move on with their day
afterwards. Newcomers always welcome, any questions call
Anthony 0408269426.

STRONGER DGROUP & YOUTH MASS

The next Stronger DGroup will be on **Saturday May 9th**.
We will be having an afternoon gathering for our
topic on 'Action'. Youth will need to meet the Stronger Team
at **Ave Maria @ 2:45pm**.
We will return to St Brendan's together for activities in the
Mons Peter Jeffery Centre and then Youth Mass at 6pm.

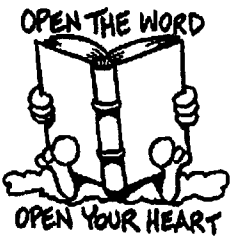
Mother's Prayers is a world wide non-denominational
organisation bringing together women of all ages. Small
groups of 4 to 8 mothers unite in prayer for only 1 hour each
week to follow the same format regardless of country, religion
or language. We currently have 2 groups meeting in private
homes and our prayers are for the well being of our children
and their children plus anyone known to be requiring prayer.
We invite mothers interested in joining us or forming their
own group to contact Marita on 58215343 or 0411027735 or
Trisha on 58315301 or 0411354331.

**"The Challenge of being a Disciple today: An
introduction to the Gospel of Mark"** Fr Brian Boyle
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
No cost. RSVP: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
Ph 5441 2544 OR message [www.facebook.com/
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CARITAS AUSTRALIA - NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL Our prayers and thoughts are with the communities in Nepal, and neighbouring countries, devastated by a 7.9 magnitude earthquake on 25 April 2015. Caritas Australia staff are currently on the ground working with local partners to respond to immediate needs. We urgently need your help to provide food, shelter and clean water and to support the long-term recovery. To donate call 1800 024413, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepalearthquake or post to PO Box 130 Numurkah 3636

I thank you all for your great commitment to God and Parish. I will keep you all in my heart especially in the next 3 months!
~ Fr Joe



BIG News!
 The Catholic Education Office will be moving to a new premise in Welsford Street at the end of May. The Parish will re-develop the office into a suitable Parish office.

The latest edition of the *SandPiper* is now available.

What are human rights; where do they originate; what part does the law play in defining what human rights we enjoy; what protection of human rights does the law currently provide?

In the context of abortion laws and potential euthanasia laws that restrict freedom of conscience in health care, the legislative attempts to allow same-sex marriage, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity laws that encroach on freedom of religion, thought, belief and conscience, these are pertinent and pressing questions for those of any faith.

Neville Rochow SC, Adjunct Professor at the University of Notre Dame and Associate Professor of Law at Adelaide University, will address these questions this **Monday 4th May at the Australian Catholic University in Fitzroy.**

You are cordially invited to attend. You can register by ringing Terri Kelleher on 9816 0800. Entry is free but a donation to cover the cost of the venue would be appreciated.

Loving God, we pray for all those affected by the earthquake in Nepal as we offer the words of the psalmist, "Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord" (Psalm 31:25)

May those who are paralysed by fear...
 Be strong and take heart

May those who have lost or are still searching for loved ones... Be strong and take heart

May those who remain trapped under rubble...
 Be strong and take heart

May those rescue workers who provide relief and recovery... Be strong and take heart

May those who are moved with compassion to help...
 Be strong and take heart

God, whose love knows no bounds, fill all those who suffer with your comfort and peace.

We ask all this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

With thanks to Catholic Relief Services (Caritas USA) for the prayer

Something special is stirring in Melbourne . . .

Catholics young and old.
 United as one.
 Calling on God's promise of power.
 Set a fire for the sake of the world.

Featuring
 Fr Rob Galea
 Fr Dan Strickland MGL
 and a commissioning by Bishop Mark Edwards.

Sunday 24th May *Pentecost Sunday*
 Collingwood Town Hall
 140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford.
 3pm Mass, 4.30pm BBQ, 5.30pm Rally

Contact: team@onespiritaustralia.org
 Tickets: Adults \$15 Students \$10

Available at: www.ticketbo.com.au/onepentecost
 Limited tickets available at the door.

All ages welcome.

See flyer on the noticeboard in the narthex.

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 7th & 8th May

6pm M Hicks, E Murphy
8am B Phillips, M Phillips
11am F Scheibel, Maureen Collins



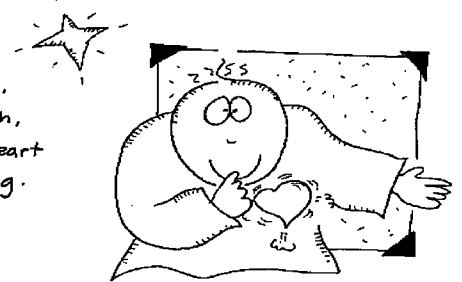
RECENTLY DECEASED: Jayne O'Callaghan, Noelene McGrath, Nathan Moylan, Mr Thomas (India).
ANNIVERSARIES: John Raleigh, Albert Mori, Filomena Nappa (1 month mind), Carmela Leo, Domenico Leo, Lucia Rossi, Nell Gledhill, Neil Allowings.

REFLECTION

May he support us all day long.
Till the shades lengthen
And the evening comes,
And the busy word is hushed, And
the fever of life is over,
And our work is done!
Then in his mercy,
May he give us a safe lodging, And
a holy rest
And peace at the last!

Cardinal Newman

Dear God
Open my ears,
Shut my mouth,
and let my heart
do the talking.
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.