



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10 May 2015



Readings for this 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



Readings for next week

Acts 1:1-11  
Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13  
Mark 16:15-20



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The centre and high point of the entire celebration of the Mass is the Eucharistic Prayer, that is, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Priest calls upon the people to lift up their hearts towards the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving; he associates the people with himself in the Prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. The meaning of this Prayer is that the whole congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. GIRM no 78



### Prayer of the Week

Lord, it is easy to hold on to hurts and disappointments. Teach me to move beyond these and develop more relationships characterised by your selfless love.

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## Focus on the Gospel

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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## Memorable Memorial (St Pancras, 12 May)

St Pancras was born in 289 AD in Phrygia, now in modern Turkey. He was orphaned at an early age and taken to Rome by his uncle, Dionysius. Aged 14 he converted to Christianity after meeting Christians. Roman Emperor Diocletian mounted the fiercest persecutions of the early Church. Pancras announced his Christian faith publicly. He was arrested and then beheaded. St Pancras is now proclaimed the Patron Saint of Children.

## Quotable Quote

There is a wonderful line from the musical, *Les Miserables*, when the hero, Valjean, is told, **'To love another person is to see the face of God.'** As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God.

## On the Lighter Side

At the end of a Lenten homily the priest said: "to be a follower of Christ each person must take up one's own cross and embrace it. Immediately a man in the front pew turned to his wife and embraced her."



# Notices

**Fr Michael Morley** Parish Priest at Kyabram and Tatura Parishes is celebrating his 40th Anniversary of Ordination Sunday 24th May, 10.30 Mass followed by lunch, St Augustine's, Kyabram. RSVP by 11th May on 5852 1026 or Email: kyabram@cdos.org.au.

## Bequests/Donations

From time to time we have requests from parishioners to make a once off financial bequest or donation to the parish (separate from our Thanksgiving Program) to assist with our operating commitments or a special project or intention. If you or anyone you know may be contemplating this, here is the Parish's bank account details for you to deposit into: BSB 083543 Account number 483593006 reference "Donation" and your name. *Thank you.*

*St Mary's Parish, Echuca, will be hosting a "menAlive" weekend on 13th & 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.*

## LADIES HIGH TEA

St Luke's Community Group are holding their **Annual Ladies High Tea** Shepparton Football Club Rooms **Sunday 31st May** from 1.00pm – 4.00pm \$45

Guest Speaker: **Suzanna Sheed**  
Tickets available from **St Luke's Catholic Primary School**



**ROSTERS: Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Offertory.** The next set of rosters will be compiled very soon. Please advise if there are dates between 5th July and 1st November **you would prefer not to be rostered on.** **Could all Lectors please advise their preferred Mass time.**

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.

**All updates to be advised to the Parish office on 5821 2633 or emailed by 22nd May.**

## 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.

## FAITH AND LIGHT RETREAT

Our Retreat was awesome. We had a great weekend. Thanks to Fr. Joe and you, our parishioners for your on going support. We fund our own retreat and don't draw on Parish funds. We have raised \$311 so far from our raffle and we are still selling chocolate frogs. There is a photo of the Retreat in the narthex. Check it out. *Thankyou, Denise*

**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)

The new Feathertop Chalet website is now active. The address is [www.feathertopchalet.org.au](http://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.

**CWL Annual WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation)** meeting will be held on Thursday 14th May at 11.30am before the monthly meeting at 1pm. Please bring April Horizon and a small plate of finger food to share.

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

**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.

**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"

By **Fr Brian Boyle**

**Monday May 11th** 7.30pm BENDIGO  
**Thursday May 14th** 7.30pm WANGARATTA  
No cost. 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)

There will be **NO Christian Meditation** on 18th May. It will resume on the 25th May

**Mark your Diary** The next eConference will be held on Tuesday 23rd June in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. Details in later bulletins. *See poster on the noticeboard.*

# "The Parish, Youth and Family"

## St Brendan's Feast Day Celebrations

Next Sunday 17th May, 2015  
after the 11am Mass

Share the festivities on the Parish lawns  
for fun, food and entertainment for the  
whole family - hot soup, BBQ's, sweets, lollies.



Fun and games for the kids.  
The Stronger Youth Group will provide light entertainment.  
Bring along your family and friends and have a great day out!

## Blessing for Mothers

*Let us pray:*

*Holy God,*

*You compare your own love  
for your people  
to the love of a mother for  
her children.*



*Look with kindness on these mothers,  
give them comfort in moments of sorrow,  
and joy in their work for their families.*

*Listen to their prayers,  
and bless them in all they do for you.*

*Let them share with Jesus your Son  
and Mary our mother  
in the everlasting happiness of heaven.*

*Father, we ask this grace through  
Christ our Lord.*

*May is  
the month  
of Mary*



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**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](mailto:team@onespiritaustralia.org)**

**Tickets: Adults \$15 Students \$10**

**Available at: [www.ticketbo.com.au/onepentecost](http://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 16th & 17th May*

**6pm** P Guthrie, A Bush

**8am** M Taverner, P White

**11am** D Tarquini, *Volunteer required*



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kathleen Dando (Sister of Martin Casey & Anne Magee), Nina Caminiti, John Wilson (brother of Sr Peter Wilson).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Carmen McCart, Kath Hutchinson, Ian Kennewell, Martin Hickey, Marie Hitchens, Mitchell Hilton, Brendan Farnan, Barry Connolly, Lucia Rossi, Piero Rossi, Francesca Leo, Jim McCluskey, Peter O'Brien, Anne Lowe (O'Brien).

## *REFLECTION*

*How wonderful are your  
works O God  
This world which you have  
made.*

*How wonderful the sun,  
the stars and planets  
How many other worlds  
yet undiscovered!*

*Let me never forget the  
source of it all  
You, the God of all  
beauty and life.*

*Today I praise and  
thank you with joy  
I sing of your glory O God!*



### *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.