



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Ascension Sunday

Sunday 17 May 2015



Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
Galatians 5:16-25
John 15:26-27, 16:12-15



Liturgical Jottings

Eucharistic Prayer

The Prayer consists of several main elements. The thanksgiving element (expressed especially in the Preface), in which the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to him for the whole work of salvation or for some particular aspect of it, according to the varying day, festivity, or time of year. (GIRM 79)

Easter Season has five Easter, two Ascension and one Pentecost Prefaces. The Easter prefaces focus on the Paschal mystery, Christ as Passover, our new life in Christ, Christ interceding for us, restoration of the universe, Christ as Priest and Victim. Ascension prefaces focus on Christ's mediation between heaven and earth to share his life and glory with us. The Pentecost preface focuses on the completion of the Easter mystery by the Holy Spirit coming on us and the church and on the unity of faith.

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Focus on the Gospel

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ. © Dianne Bergant CSS.

From the Readings

Why are you men from Galilee standing here and looking up into the sky? Jesus has been taken to heaven. But he will come back in the same way that you have seen him go." (Acts 1:11)

Memorable Memorial St Christopher Magallanes, 21 May
Christopher with 21 other priests and three lay were martyred from 1915-37, in Mexico. His last words were: "I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico".

Quote of the Week

"Today Jesus Christ our Lord went up to heaven: let our hearts go up with him. ... Just as he ascended without leaving us, so too we are already with him in heaven, although his promises have not yet been fulfilled in our bodies." St Augustine

On the Lighter Side

In a religious education class students were asked to list the Ten Commandments in any order. So one student wrote, "3,6,1,8,4,5,9,2,10,7."



Notices

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.
- **Could all Lectors please advise their preferred Mass time.**
- 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.

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 1pm - 4pm \$45
Guest Speaker: Suzanna Sheed
Tickets available from St Luke's Catholic Primary School



Our **Parish Men's Group** will meet **Saturday 23rd May** for breakfast and a faith topic for discussion. We meet in the Mons Jeffery Centre at 7.30am for about 1 hour. I recently read an old African Proverb which spoke of the fruits of unity. It read: "If you want to go faster travel alone if you want to go further travel together." I think this speaks of how our men's group can help us to travel together as men on the journey of life. Queries: please call Anthony 0408 269426.

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 Jeffery Centre. All parishioners most welcome.

Please pray for Mary Wright (Mother of Peter Wright) who is currently unwell. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

WORLD YOUTH DAY - KRAKOW (POLAND) 2016

Where will you be in July 2016? Feel like heading overseas to share in a faith filled experience..

Check out the Victorian WYD website for more details: <http://www.cam.org.au/wydvictoria/>

One Year to Go FestiWal

When: Sunday July 5

Where: Catholic Leadership Centre (Cnr Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street) East Melbourne

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Fr Rob and Stronger Band playing.

All are welcome!!

See flyers in the Church

'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
See flyers in the narthex and side porch.

Father Joe Taylor is celebrating the 41st Anniversary of his Ordination on the 18th May.

STRONGER RALLY BENDIGO

Huge night of Fun, Faith & Entertainment

St Therese's Parish Hall, cnr Albion & McMillan Streets, Kennington.

You're not going to want to miss this next rally... Check out the line-up of events for the night! The night will begin with a BBQ dinner and entertainment from **DJ Miggy Podoski**. There will also be **Giant Jenga, Hungry Hippos, LipSync Competition** and much much more. As the evening begins there will be Praise & Worship with **Fr Rob, Jason Giuliani** and the **Stronger Band**, a talk from Fr Rob and a testimony shared by our very own **Grace Holland**.

Friday May 22nd in Bendigo 6pm -9pm.

Transport available - bus leaving from St Brendan's Parish @4.15pm. Contact **Judi Robinson** on **0419 575 585** for a place on the bus.

For more info follow @StrongerYouth or contact Darcy on 5445 3616 or darcy.delosa@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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.

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.

St Mel's Parish Shepparton

Invites you to join our

St Anthony's Feast Day Celebrations

'La festa di San Antonio'

Sunday June 14, 2015 Mass 9:00 a.m.

Procession following Mass and the Blessing and distribution of St Anthony's Bread. You are then invited to a Shared Lunch commencing at 12 pm in St Mel's Parish Hall, Hamilton Street. B.Y.O. food to share. Tea, coffee and drinks available BYO wine and beer. Pig on the Spit and BBQ - at a cost.

And then song, dance and music!

Feast of the Ascension

"The Parish, Youth and Family"

St Brendan's Feast Day Celebrations

This 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!



Welcome

*May is
the month
of Mary*



*We warmly welcome Cardinal Wilfrid Napier,
his secretary, Mrs Carlene Mettler, Br Mark O'Connor
and Fr Brian Boyle to St Brendan's Parish.
Cardinal Napier is here to speak on 'Reasons for Hope':
A Conversation about the Good News and the Faith of
Ordinary People' on Monday 18th May.*

EAST TIMOR FUNDRAISING CONCERT TICKETS NOW ON SALE

The Notre Dame College East Timor Immersion Group would like to invite the St Brendan's Parish community to come along to the East Timor Benefit Concert.

All proceeds will go towards community projects in East Timor, particularly assisting with the re-development of the Abafala Catholic Primary School in a rural community outside of Baucau.

Throughout the evening there will be a number of performances from many talented students and a special guest performance from **Fr Rob Galea and Jason Giuliani.**

Thursday May 28th @6pm in Mons Bones Hall.

Pre-purchased tickets \$5 (available at Notre Dame College - front reception) OR \$8 at the door.

The following items will be auctioned and/or part of the raffles on the evening:

- A signed Melbourne Victory FC soccer ball.
- An official Sherrin Football signed by Essendon FC.
- A Jobe Watson signed & framed Essendon FC jumper.

Family Connection

It can be very important whom we sit next to. Any family that has tried to sit down to a family dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children argue at least once about who should sit where. To sit next to someone, especially if that person is important, is to have a place of honour. Jesus has this place of honour seated at God's right hand, but there's more to this metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God. To be in the place of honour is also to be in a place of power. Knowing people in powerful places can be helpful. Our children remind us of this each time we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus, honoured at God's right hand, is a powerful ally for us.

As you gather as a family, recall a time when there was a discussion, or perhaps even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. Observe that in today's Gospel we will learn about Jesus' place in heaven. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 16:15-20. Talk about what we might learn about the relationship between God and Jesus from today's Gospel and what we learn about Jesus' relationship to us. Observe that one of the things we learn is that Jesus continues to help us from this place of honour in heaven. Pray together the Apostles' Creed.

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Readers and Commentators (Lectors) **Old and New**

A formation session for all Lectors will be held on
Monday 25th May at 6pm in the Church.

This session is for **all Lectors** and we welcome
new people to this important Ministry.

For information please phone Kathy on 0416 058431.

Note: If you would like to join this Ministry you must attend
this formation before your name is placed on the roster.

(New rosters to be prepared soon)

Five world renowned speakers are presenting at
Mission: one heart many voices 2015 conference
this coming Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 May.

You are invited to watch them online.

Tune in to live streaming at www.mohmv.com.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
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 18th May)

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 23rd & 24th May

6pm T Francis, A Kilmartin

8am J Howley, G Jelliff

11am P Chalkley, P Crane



RECENTLY DECEASED: Teresa Varapodio,
John Wilson (brother of Sr Peter Wilson), Maria Zurawski.
ANNIVERSARIES: Lillian McCart, Newrie Kingham
(Mother of Jenny Madiera), Tom Carey.

REFLECTION

*“Whatever you do,
And wherever
you go,
I will always
be with you”.*

Matthew 28:20



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.