



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 24 May 2015



Readings for this Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Galatians 5:16-25

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15



Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20



Liturgical Jottings

Pentecost Preface

The preface to the Eucharist prayer this Sunday offers us rich and varied insights to the mystery we celebrate. Firstly it speaks of bringing the Easter season to completion: fulfilling the departing words of Jesus that his spirit will come down and remain in us. We are made his children (by the power of baptism/confirmation). It is the birth of the church and the symbol of unity. It reverses the ancient confusion of languages (Babel) and gives us one language of faith.

Pope Francis Speaks

The Holy Spirit teaches us, reminds us, and — another aspect — lets us speak, with God and with men. There are no muted Christians, mute of soul; no, there's no place for this. He lets us speak with God in prayer. Prayer is a gift that we freely receive; dialoguing with him in the Holy Spirit, who prays in us and allows us to address God, calling him Father, Dad, Abba.

Pentecost Sunday Homily 2014

Focus on the Gospel

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Feast of the Week: Our Lady Help of Christians, May 25

Brief Australian History of this Feast: No priests were sent to Australia in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. The Australian Catholic community remained faithful to Mary and Australia was the first nation to choose her under the title, 'Mary Help of Christians' as principle Patroness in 1844. Australia also became the first country to have a cathedral dedicated in Our Lady, Mary's name. St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney was dedicated by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry who arrived in Sydney in 1820.

On the Lighter Side

A parish pastoral council reported to their parish priest on his return from holidays: "We enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing an excellent homily when Fr Jack supplied last week, and he spoke briefly, much to the delight of the congregation!"



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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.

Readers and Commentators (Lectors)

Old and New

A formation session for all Lectors will be held this 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)

Annual Ecumenical Service

Shepparton InterChurch Council

The Ecumenical Service will be held at the Church of Christ, corner Nixon and Corio Streets on Sunday, May 31 at 5.00pm.

Theme - Jesus said to her: 'Give me to drink'.

Preacher: Fr Des Potter, St Augustine's Church

This year the offering will be for Teen Challenge

After the service light refreshments will be served.

All welcome! Do come & share in the service & fellowship!

Goulburn Valley Hospice Care Service

are holding a Service of Remembrance for family and friends to remember loved ones. This service is non-denominational and will be held on **Thursday 28th May** at 2pm followed by afternoon tea in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

All parishioners most welcome.

MASS COUNT: The next 4 weekends during Mass we are conducting a Mass Count for the Diocese. So if you see people wandering around counting heads, it is for this purpose.

LADIES HIGH TEA

St Luke's Community Group are holding their **Annual Ladies High Tea at Shepparton Football Club Rooms on Sunday 31st May from 1pm - 4pm \$45.** Tickets available from St Luke's 58221834

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 Fundraising Concert.

All proceeds will go towards community projects in East Timor. Throughout the evening there will be a number of performances from many talented students and a special guest performance from **Fr Rob Galea & 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.

All welcome so come and have fun.

St Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program 2015

During the last four weeks our sacramental children along with their parents have been attending a home group in and working through the Steps in Faith booklet in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our children will celebrate this beautiful sacrament for the first time next **Tuesday 26th May at 7.00pm.**

Next weekend, **30th & 31st May, at the 6.00pm and 11.00am Masses** the children will celebrate their Commitment Mass, marking the beginning of preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

Please ensure you arrive early and enter through the main entrance of the church. Children are to wear their green sash to the Commitment Mass.

We ask parishioners to please pray for our sacramental children and their families as they continue on this journey in faith.

Other Upcoming dates to remember
Adult Faith Gathering Wednesday 27th May 7.00pm
Mons Jeffrey Centre (*Parent/s only attend*)
Home Group Week beginning Sunday 31st May

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Annual Focus:

"Jesus Christ: The Way, The Truth and the Life"

Saturday May 30th - Scripture Day

with Fr. Rob Galea in the Mons. Jeffrey Centre.

10am-4pm. Talk starts at 10.30am

All welcome

Cuppa after Mass this Sunday 24th May after 11am Mass.

All parishioners welcome to stay and meet and greet others over a hot cup of tea or coffee.

Notre Dame College will be our hosts.

Bishop Les' Pentecost message is available to view on the home page of the Diocesan website:

www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

This year's Pentecost message was recorded in the church of St Augustine's at Myers Flat, part of the parish of Eaglehawk. St Augustine's is the oldest church still in use in the diocese.

St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group will meet on Sunday 31st May at the Aussie Hotel at 12.30pm. All welcome! Enquiries Pat(58252816) of Graeme (58211269)

SOUP KITCHEN CLOSURE

It saddens me to have to inform our Parishioners that we will not be able to continue to run our Soup Kitchen which has been operating for 8 years at the community house in Parkside Drive. This has been a valuable service to those in need in our community and has been run by many volunteers. The reason for closure is we are now unable to provide a Supervisor. Thanks to our all those workers who helped make it possible for 8 years. ~ Denise.

St Mel's Parish Shepparton Invites you to join **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! All welcome.

May is the month of Mary

FEAST DAY:

Our Lady Help of Christians—24th May

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's.

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau.

The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary.

The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome.

Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.

St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral.

When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

The altar at St. Mary's, with its statue of Mary Help of Christians, was erected as a memorial to Fr. Therry's name.

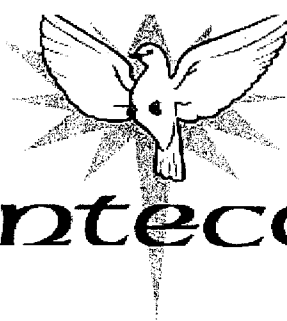
The statue of Mary, Help of Christians, stands in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart in the Cathedral.

The Church has traditionally focussed on two aspects of Our Lady's help on this feast day.

Firstly, upon the role of Our Lady's intercession in the fight against sin the life of a believer.

Secondly, Our Lady is one who assists Christians as a community, through her intercession, in fighting against anti-Christian forces.

Catholic Communications, Sydney Archdiocese



pentecost

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The first Pentecost was a reversal of what happened at the Tower of Babel.

In the story of the Tower of Babel, the diversity of languages prevented people from understanding one another. At Pentecost, the diversity of languages presented no obstacle to understanding. At Babel, diversity prevented unity of hearts and minds. At Pentecost, diversity did not hinder unity of hearts and minds.

Consider the root meaning of the word *catholic*. It comes from a Greek word referring to something that has a universal application. For example, the law of gravity would be a *catholic* principle – it is universal, it applies to all situations.

In Christianity, *catholic* means that the Gospels' teachings and values are universal. They can enrich every facet of human life – for young and old, for every culture, for every unique individual. Everyone doesn't have to be the same in order to be Christian.

The Word of God is meant to be like yeast, like salt, like light – going forth and enriching, affecting all human life. Unity is not achieved by huddling together. It is achieved by letting the Spirit of God blow where it will, letting it shine forth throughout the earth, throughout various cultures and age groups.

The Feast of Pentecost is a feast of catholicity. It celebrates the capacity of the Spirit to reach out to everything, and to unite hearts and minds that come from many places.

~ From 'The Little White Book'

World Youth Day Poland 2016

One Year to Go
5 July 2015

Celebrate the official launch of the Victorian pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland at the World Youth Day One Year to Go Festival (that's Polish for festival)

Fr Robert Galea AND THE Stronger Band

Polish dancing

FOOD BY Pierogi Pierogi

WIN ONE OF TWO \$2000 GRANTS TO World Youth Day POLAND 2016

2:00PM MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP MARK EDWARDS OMI

3:30PM - 5:30PM FESTIVAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE CHR VICTORIA PARADE AND HODDLE STREET EAST MELBOURNE

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 5th July

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

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.

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 30th & 31st May

6pm P Crane, P Chalkley
8am A Kilmartin, T Francis
11am G Jelliff, J Howley



RECENTLY DECEASED: Mark O'Brien (son of Rita O'Brien), Jacquelyn Wait (Grand daughter of Marie Davies) Patrick Dunn.

ANNIVERSARIES: Hilda Holland, Nola Appleton, Marianna Napolitana,

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

When people receive the Holy Spirit, they are empowered to produce what are called the "fruits" of the Holy Spirit.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the fruits of the Holy Spirit are:

Charity

Chastity

Faithfulness

Generosity

Gentleness

Goodness

Joy

Kindness

Modesty

Patience

Peace

Self-control

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.