



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Most Holy Trinity

Sunday 31 May 2015



Readings for
this Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20



Readings for
next week:

Exodus 24:3-8
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



Liturgical Jottings

Trinity Preface

This feast's preface is very theological, and densely packed almost like the creed. It is not readily understood and the new translation needs some practice before its public praying. It begins with praise and thanksgiving to the Father and Son and Spirit. Next it expresses the doctrine of three persons but one substance (essence/reality) and finally the equality, eternity and power of the one God.

This preface was used extensively in the liturgy before the liturgical reforms of Vatican II, in nearly every weekday and Sundays after Pentecost. Now it is generally used once a year on this feast day.

Pope Francis Speaks

God is love; God is not distant or insensible to our human affairs." God is close to us, He is always by our side, He walks with us to share our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our struggles."

Angelus, Trinity Sunday 2014

Focus on the Gospel

The feast of the Holy Trinity brings us face to face with the foundation of our faith. The readings for today provide answers to the question: Who is God? They can really only suggest something about the mystery of God, and they can do this only indirectly. They call to mind some of the wonders that God has accomplished for us and in us. It is through reflection on these gracious divine acts that we can get glimpses of God.

The psalm declares that the harmony and interdependence that we see in creation point to a majestic creator responsible for it all. The account of the history of God's people reveals a God who desires to establish an intimate relationship with them, enters their history as protector and guide, and forgives disloyalty. Finally, Jesus teaches that God sent him into the world to save it, has made us adopted children through the Holy Spirit, and will ultimately clothe us in divine glory. It is from his teaching that we hear that the Son was sent by the Father, the Spirit, which was also his Spirit, proceeded from the Father and from him.

From our own experience, we know that God creates, because we are immersed in creation. We know that God saves, because we have been freed from the bondage of our own demons. Our experience tells us that God is with us, and that God is for us. Everything that we know about God declares that God is passionately in love with us, boundlessly so!

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Symbols of the Trinity

St Augustine described the Trinity in terms of the Lover, the Beloved and the Love, which exists between them.

St Patrick reportedly used the three-leaf shamrock to explain the three persons in one God to the pagans of Ireland.

Memorable Memorial: St Justin Martyr, 1 June

St. Justin was born of Greek pagan parents in 100 AD in what is today known as the West Bank Israel. We find in St Justin a rare combination of faith and reason as teacher and writer. Justin is also known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. During a Roman persecution Justin was beheaded in defence of the Faith on 13 April 165.

On the Lighter Side

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Our Father. She finally managed it right to the end of the prayer but then said: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from E-mail. Amen."



Notices

Bulletin notices to be in to the office by 12 noon Thursdays. Thank you

ROSTERS

Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Offertory

The next set of rosters will be compiled very soon.

If you have an email address please advise the Parish office as this is the preferred method of sending out rosters.

Thank you

Congratulations to the

St. Brendan's Feast Day Committee

on a wonderful celebration in honour of our patron saint. Thanks to Irene Garla and her team for a magnificent day, it was very special to see adults and children working at activities together and so many people enjoying the delicious soups and food.

Well done to all!

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.

Serra Club

June - The month of the Sacred Heart.

This Friday June 5th, adoration will conclude at 7.15pm (instead of the usual 6pm). This will be followed by Benediction and Mass for vocations and our priests. Fr Jones will be our celebrant. Afterwards we will enjoy a cuppa together in the Mons Jeffrey centre and our DVD this month is "Sun of Justice : The Sacred Heart."

All welcome. Organised by the Shepparton Serra Club.

Our **Parish Men's Group** will meet in Mons Jeffrey centre next Saturday morning at 7.30am for breakfast and a faith topic for discussion. Our gatherings are an informal way to meet and form friendships with other men, as we share our faith over a meal and conversations.

Any questions call Anthony on 0408 269426.

MASS COUNT: The next 3 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.

The monthly Anointing Mass will be held at 11am on Wednesday 3rd June at St Brendan's.

Bishop Les' Pentecost message is available to view on the home page of the Diocesan website:
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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

Annual Ecumenical Service Shepparton InterChurch Council

This service will be held at the Church of Christ, corner Nixon and Corio Streets this Sunday May 31 at 5pm.

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

After the service light refreshments will be served.

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

St Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program

Welcome to our Sacramental children and their families to today's Commitment Mass. During mass the children will receive their second Steps in Faith booklet and this week they will begin preparation towards celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. A reminder to families that **the Home Group sessions begin THIS week, the groups will continue at the same allocated home, day & time.**

Parishioner Update: Last Tuesday our sacramental children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Joseph led us in our liturgy and it was wonderful to witness the children celebrating this Sacrament for the first time. We ask parishioners to please continue praying for our sacramental children and their families as they travel on this journey in faith towards becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

C.E.O & Parish Office Development

After nearing 10 years of the Catholic Education Office basing their Shepparton office within the Mons Jeffrey Centre (Parish Centre), they have outgrown their space and will be moving to a new premises in Welsford Street on 5th June.

Whilst the C.E.O.'s presence on a daily basis will be sadly missed, their fantastic partnership, support and synergy to the parish and its schools will continue to flourish from their new location.

The return of this space has allowed us to revisit our parish office plans to incorporate it and some additional development to provide the much needed improvements in facilities to continue to support our fantastic Parish. We hope to share these with you all very soon.

~ David Villani, Parish Finance Committee

Annual Service and Breakfast for the Martyrs of Uganda is on Saturday June 6th at 8am.

St Augustine's in Maude Street will host this annual prayer service and breakfast. The morning will commence at 8am with a prayer service in the Church followed by breakfast in the Hall with ecumenical fellowship. All parishioners are invited to attend. *For catering purposes please advise the Parish Office if you would like to attend.*

Ugandan Martyrs were brave Christians from the Anglican and Roman Catholic Church. The Ugandan Martyrs were Christian converts who were murdered for their faith in the historical kingdom of Buganda, now part of Uganda.

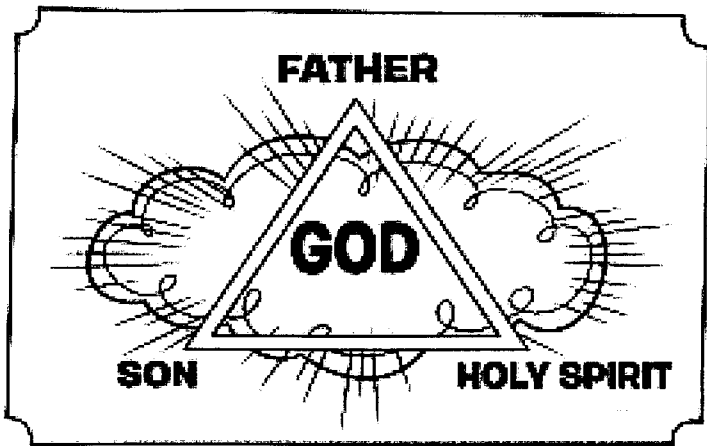
May is the month of Mary

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Join thousands of young Australian Catholics in Adelaide **3rd to 5th December** to celebrate, learn and grow in your faith. For more info visit youthfestival.catholic.org.au or contact Darcy De Losa, Youth Ministry Worker: 0409 777242 or 5445 3616, darcy.delosa@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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.



The Trinity is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Trinity Sunday

Embracing Mystery

The Hunter Valley offers some extraordinarily beautiful vistas. In the early morning the fog rests in valleys and over low lying hills. Recently I watched the sun rise out of the mist – there was a stillness in the air and, all of a sudden, six hot-air balloons emerged from the fog and silently floated across the valley. The next morning offered a repeat performance and, as I watched this beautiful sight, I became aware of about twenty others who were also silently enjoying the spectacle.

Nature offers us similar experiences every day – sometimes they can literally take our breath away. If we let them! We can't always explain why or how we are so deeply moved by sights or sounds or songs or poetry or whatever - sometimes our reactions defy explanation, words can't explain them.

In a recent talk at the Vatican, Noam Chomsky (philosopher, cognitive scientist, logician, political activist and 'not a believer'), spoke about the limits of human knowledge, arguing that a fundamental understanding of the world is likely to remain forever beyond the reach of scientists. He urged his audience to embrace mystery, explaining that he did not share the urge of many of his colleagues to reduce all phenomena to a set of basic building blocks.

It's a good expression – 'to reduce all phenomena to a set of building blocks'. We can't explain everything – we can try but some things defy words. Finding a place for mystery, a place for wonder and imagination is an integral component of having 'life to the full'. It is an integral component of science and of religion, or more accurately, faith.

Exploring the mysteries and wonders of science opens up many more questions than answers. We are discovering almost daily more and more about the vastness of our universe, for example. Some of the 'laws of science' that we have assumed are unchanging are now being challenged by new understandings and discoveries. Often we are too quick to close the questions, too quick to find explanations, to settle for formulas and certainties when we are really being led deeper into mystery. We can be too quick to find answers rather than letting loose the energy and wisdom of the Spirit.

~ By Jim Quillinan, *Along the Track*

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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 Festival

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 6th & 7th June

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



RECENTLY DECEASED: Raymond Hines (uncle of Vanessa Madeira).

ANNIVERSARIES: Cath Naughton, Thomas Francis, Bob Cooper, Teresa Varapodio (1 month mind), Bob Crowe, Nell & Bob Pearce, Alf Biasi.

"In the Mother of Jesus,

faith demonstrated

its fruitfulness;

when our own spiritual lives

bear fruit

we become filled with joy,

which is the clearest sign

of faiths grandeur"

(Pope Francis, Lumen Fidei, paragraph 58)



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.