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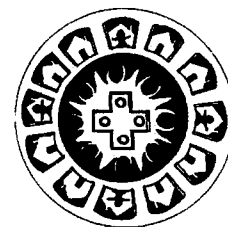
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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Our Lord (Corpus Christi)

Sunday 7 June 2015



Readings for
this Sunday

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



Readings for
next week:

Ezekiel 17:22-14
2 Corinthian 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34



Liturgical Jottings

From the ORDO

The Liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church's power flows.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy art. 10

Year of Consecrated Life Mercy Sisters

The religious institute began with inherited wealth by Catherine McAuley in a house in Dublin providing education and social services for poor women and their families. The initial community of lay women were incorporated as a religious group. The local Church hierarchy permitted the formation of a non-cloistered institute of women to go out into the wider community wherever the need was seen and serve the poor outside their convent. Education and pastoral work is still a large focus of the Mercy International Association.

Focus on the Gospel

The readings this week, speak of the gathering for meal. This was the way that Jesus chose to gather his friends together in order to say goodbye. Within the ritual of Passover, the acknowledgement of faith, was the action of eating and drinking together. It is rare that we sit down to eat with strangers. When we eat together we share our lives, we nourish each other in body and soul. When we gather we are community, whether it is large groups, friends or families. Good meals are never rushed, good meals take time. We begin with the invitation, we consider our food, we prepare, we eat, we talk, we share and we connect with others. Food makes us comfortable, it gives us a point of gathering.

Recently a group of friends and I gathered to remember one of our birthdays. I was responsible for the beginning of the meal and proceeded to make a soup containing ingredients that two of the people were not fond of. Good start! But I do not think it diminished our gathering, because it was not so much the food we gathered for, but the desire to be in "communion" together.

Jesus gathered with his friends, he ritualised the action of eating and he chose to spend his last free time with these people. I do not believe he gathered these people just so they could have something to eat, but rather because He wanted to be in communion with them.

I do not believe that any of us gather here because we yearn to taste this wafer or love the flavour of this wine, but I think we gather because we are a community, who yearn to be together, and yearn to be closer to Jesus in the action of gathering and eating together. Certainly the amount of bread and wine we get cannot sustain us through the week, but the Body and Blood of Jesus can sustain us through life. That Body and Blood is available in the elements of the Eucharist, in the people we gather with, the Word we are fed with and the presence of Jesus at our table.

So, enjoy the feast of the community.

Quotable Quote:

"When Christians take counsel together, their purpose should not be to ascertain what is in the mind of the majority, but what is in the mind of the Holy Spirit – something which might be quite different." – Margaret Thatcher

From Today's Readings

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? Psalm 116:12

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Notices

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

'RELIGION Catalyst for Violence or Peace?'
Probing the Abrahamic Traditions for Answers

eConference 23rd June 10.00 am - 2.30 pm.
Come to a gathering in the Mons Jeffrey centre.
BYO lunch, gold coin donation.
Or view at home: eConference@bbi.catholic.edu.au
Bookings: 5821 2633 or
email: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
See notice on the noticeboard in the narthex.

*May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, loved, honoured
and praised throughout the whole world, now and forever,
amen.*

Come and have a heart to heart talk with Jesus.
Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday 3pm to 6pm
or during Holy Hour Thursdays 7pm to 8pm.
A truly beautiful way to finish the day.

Save the date . . . Would you like to
experience a gentle Sunday stroll through the
local country side?

Our Parish **Men's Group** are planning
a **walk /pilgrimage** from the Cosgrove
silos to St Marys Church in Dookie on
Sunday 19th of July finishing with Mass
and lunch at St Mary's.

The distance is about 8 kms and should take
about 2hrs, the pace will be gentle and
support will be available if needed. We would
like the Parish to take this opportunity to
walk together and experience a small taste of
the very popular pilgrimage walks.

More details will follow, if you have any questions phone
Anthony on 0408 269426.



Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset.....

Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the
closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you
together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore
the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to
share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in
ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

*There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the
weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of
all faiths are welcome.*

2015 Melbourne weekend dates:

19-21 June, 21-23 August and 23-25 Oct

*Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation
and all meals provided.*

For information & bookings phone Marianne & Marcel on
97330997 email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
Website: www.wwme.org.au

MASS AT TARCOOLA Mass will be held at Tarcoola this
Wednesday June 10th at 10.30am.

*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 information phone Echuca Parish Office on 5482 1127.

Are you a Carer?

Do you need support and maybe some useful information to
keep you humming through the darkness of the sometimes
difficult role of Caring.

St Brendans Parish, along with Southern Cross Care, are
offering a day to refresh your spirit. We will share our
thoughts on the gift of Hope. Where as Christians does our
hope come from and how can we nourish and grow our hope.

The day is set for **Wednesday 24th of June** in the
Mons Jeffrey Centre commencing with a warm cuppa at
10am and will conclude at 3pm.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. We would appreciate
it if you could ring the Parish office to confirm your
attendance as this would help with catering.
Any questions phone Anthony 0408269426 or Liz 58313000.

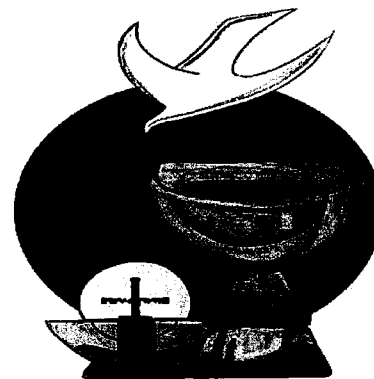
Shepp Stronger DGroup and Youth-Led Mass

The next Stronger DGroup will be next **Saturday June 13th**
at 7pm after the Youth-led Mass at 6pm.

This DGroup is our Mission Night and we will be joined by
Geoff Woodhouse who will be sharing stories about his
volunteer experiences in East Timor.
We look forward to seeing you all there!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

*The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th June at 1pm
in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. All welcome.*



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.*

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Join thousands of young Australian Catholics
in Adelaide 3-5 December to celebrate, learn and
grow in your faith. For more information visit:
youthfestival.catholic.org.au or contact Darcy De Losa,
Youth Ministry Worker, on 0409 777 242 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.

Corpus Christi

Today, in the Catholic tradition, we celebrate Corpus Christi (the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). It is a feast of the Saviour's Paschal Mystery and it flows from Easter and Pentecost. It is God's gift, coming direct to us from the divine life of the Trinity, which we celebrated last week. But it is also our movement toward God. We are invited to 'take and eat', 'take and drink', (Gospel) and to do this in memory of him.

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The booklet "Don't Mess With Marriage,"

A Pastoral letter from the Catholic Bishops of Australia to all Australians, is available in the narthex and west side porch. Please take a copy with you today. The letter can also be viewed online at www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au and www.catholic.org.au

Embracing Mystery

Continued from last week....

There is a graphic image of the work of the Spirit in the opening to the book of Genesis at the dawn of Creation.

In the beginning the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep and the wind (spirit) of God swept over the waters. God said "Let there be light" and there was light.. (Gen 1: 1-3).

The story illustrates just how integral to the work of Creation the Spirit really is. Some writers suggest that the point of this section of the Creation story is that it is the Spirit who casts light on Creation, the Spirit who reveals the joys and wonders, the mysteries of Creation, the wonders of the presence of God. But much of creation is also invisible. Love and compassion, creativity, generosity, awe, wonder, curiosity also belong to this world. Such activities help us to explore physical creation and to look beyond to see and experience this deeper level of life, to experience the goodness and beauty of the God who lies deep within each of us and all of creation.

We can also 'reduce' our faith to a set of building blocks, limiting it to a set of formulas and doctrines. Just like scientific formulas, they do help describe our understanding, but they are limited. They don't tell us all. If they don't lead us to wonder and to question, if they don't lead us to want to discover more about God and God's ways, they have not achieved their purpose. As the Catechism puts it: We do not believe in formulas, but in those realities they express, which faith allows us to touch. (CCC #170) They allow us to express our understanding of some of the mysteries of our faith and help to pass it on, to celebrate it. We could say the same for scientific discoveries too. But there is more to understand and discover and both science and faith lead us on to greater understandings, deeper into greater mysteries.

~ Along the Track, By Jim Quillinan.

To be continued next week...

In view of the sad facts that have emerged from the Royal Commission in Ballarat, we may like to pray this prayer for healing for all parties concerned.

Here we stand in silent witness,
To the Church we love and name
Hearing pleas of children's voices,
For our part in sin and shame.

Father we have hurt so deeply;
Trust betrayed, dark secrets kept
Now the truth cries out in daylight
Tears of old now freely wept.

Stir in us a deep compassion
Firm resolve to heal the past.
Help us understand the darkness,
Lest again it comes to pass.

Lord, we pray for those so wounded
Hear the cry of victims' pain.
Help us seek the path of justice
Help us see the light again.

Finding hope in Jesus' promise,
'I am with you, do not fear',
Striving on through storm and struggle
Knowing still our God is near.

Loving God, your mercy send, and
Like the fires that rake this land
May new life in wondrous colour,
Through the ashes bloom again.

Michael Herry 2014

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 13th & 14th June

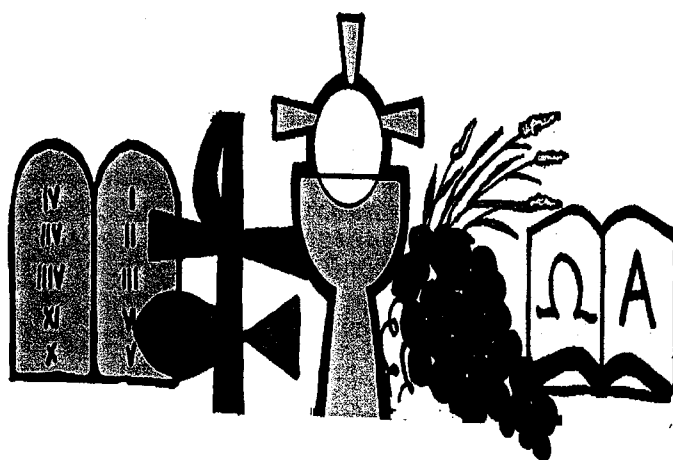
6pm Youth Group, Youth Group
8am B Carey, Sr R Crowe
11am A Leahy, V Fox



RECENTLY DECEASED: Tom Nunan (Benalla, Brother -in-law of Jim Pelly)

ANNIVERSARIES: Pauline Restall, Paige Mackenzie, Tessa Fitzgerald, Joe Cobbledick, Elisa Maria Rigoni, Timothy McCart, Kathy Keyte, Anne Donnelly, Maree Gawne, Frank Minogue, Beverley Crudden, Shali Jason.

*O God, who in this wonderful
Sacrament have left us a
memorial of your Passion, grant
us, we pray, so to revere the
sacred mysteries of your Body
and Blood that we may always
experience in ourselves the fruits
of your redemption.*



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.