



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 14 June 2015



Readings for
this Sunday

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



Readings for
next week:

Job 38:1,8-11
2 Corinthian 5:14-17
Mark 4:35-41



Liturgical Jottings

From the ORDO

Zeal for the promotion and restoration of the liturgy is rightly held to be a sign of the providential dispositions of God in our time, a movement of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Art 43

Year of Consecrated Life Marist Brothers

Marist Brothers is an International community begun in 1817 by St Marcellin Champagnat. The goal for the Brothers is education, especially of the poor and neglected. Most of the worldwide community do work in education based ministries and school settings. Other ministry include work with young people in parishes, community need, religious retreats, and spiritual direction, in at-risk settings and young adult ministry and various world settings.

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Focus on the Gospel

This week in our Church's liturgical year we see a return to the Season of Ordinary Time and the return of St Mark's Gospel. The Major Seasons of Lent and Easter are finished for this year and we, as a community continue our journey with Jesus through the ordinary times of our lives. Our ordinary comings and goings, our day-to-day possibilities and distractions, the things that make up our lives and relationships. I have an Almond tree in my backyard, which like all things in a garden demonstrate the passing of an ordinary life, one that flourishes in Spring, lies dormant through Summer, sheds its leaves in Autumn and shows its beauty in Winter. I happily share the Almonds with the Corellas that visit the tree each year. The birds arrive knowing the fruit will be there, then they move onto the next place of nourishment. I expect the birds each year, it is part of our ordinary lives. Our readings are suggestive of the nature of our God who travels with us. Ezekiel suggests the help we will get so our lives can flourish, God as a gardener is very generous. Our Psalm response reminds us that it is good to give thanks to God, and it is fruitful to have God as our companion.

The letter of Paul to the people of Corinth was written to reassure both the Corinthians community but also our community here. Like the Corellas in my yard there is a continuing care and beneficence from God.

In Mark's Gospel the providence of God is assured. Jesus speaks in parables to the listeners, about things they know – crops, shrubs, local animals. But the continuing journey with Jesus through the ordinary things that will come to us through the next 22 weeks.

So like my Corellas know the fruits will be there to sustain you, and the ordinary things of life are a gift from God that can help us to flourish and be dormant, but always to travel with God as companion.

Quotable Quotes:

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. *Helen Keller*

From Today's Readings

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. *2 Corinthians 5:6*

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

To view at home you must register first.

Bookings: 5821 2633 or

email: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

See notice on the noticeboard in the narthex.

Men's Group: Our Parish men's group have a special guest Br Massimo. He will be speaking at our breakfast on **Saturday 20th June at 7.30am in the Mons Peter Jeffery Centre.**

He will give some insights into understanding scripture. Our men's group is always looking for opportunities to grow and develop our faith so we are very grateful for Br Massimo's acceptance of our invitation. Br Massimo has a wonderful way of explaining and opening the scriptures for the everyday man. This is a great opportunity to hear a great speaker, so please consider coming along for the breakfast. Phone Anthony on 0408269426 for any enquiries.

"LOOK TO THE LORD - AND BE RADIANT" - Ps 34:5

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

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.

Are you interested in joining Teams?

Team 4 is looking for 2 or 3 more married couples.

What is a Team?

Generally, a Team is a community of five to seven married couples and perhaps a spiritual counsellor, which meets one evening each month in the home of one of the couples.

They meet to share prayer, a simple meal, their life stories and events, their attempts to grow together as a couple in union with God, their thoughts on agreed discussion topics, and importantly, support each other in good times and in bad.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact Robyn and Bill Daunt on phone 58 219616.

Advertising If you wish to advertise an event or function in the Church please refrain from placing flyers on any surface other than the notice boards or bench in the narthex in the Church. There are 2 notice boards provided for this purpose.

All advertising is at the discretion of the Parish Priest.

Mass will be held at Banksia Lodge

15 Waranga Drive, Kialla every Thursday and Sunday at 11am (commencing from 18th June) in the Banksia Chapel.

Celebrant is Fr Frank Jones.

Also Fr Frank is happy to see visitors at his home at Banksia Lodge any time.

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

TRANSPORT TO CEMETRIES

Every 3rd Saturday of each monthly.

People interested in going please ring: Vilma Ondrus (volunteer co-ordinator) 58313607

Visita ai Cimiteri

Ogni Terzo Sabato

Del Mese chi desidera transport ai Cimiteri

Puo rivolgersi a Vilma Ondrus 58313607

Embracing Mystery

Continued from last week...

In a real sense, creation is still unfolding. So is the work of the Spirit, continuing to reveal to us its mysteries and wonders. The gift of modern technology has offered us so much, it has been an extraordinary vehicle to aid further research and discovery. It has helped us to describe more accurately so much about our world, our universe and how it works. It has been spurred on by one of the other gifts of creation, one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit – curiosity, our innate desire to wonder and to question, to seek further understanding. We might even say, one spurs on the other! Albert Einstein remarked: "Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind." Pope John Paul II asserted this same fundamental point when he said: "Science can purify religion from error and superstition. Religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes."

Religious dogmas and ethical principles should not stifle thinking any more than scientific formulas and definitions stifle the thinking of the scientist. They do not "spare us the trouble of thinking" but, on the contrary, they help us to think in a structured way, providing us with the very categories we need in order to be able to enter more deeply into scientific reality. Similarly, religious dogma and sound ethical teaching give us tools and language to enter reasonably into a discussion of the ultimate questions that every person faces, questions of purpose, morality and human destiny.

Albert Einstein suggested: "The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible." So let's embrace some mystery in our lives and, out of that experience, we might discover more of the wonders of this world and its Creator.

~ Along the Track, By Jim Quillinan.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM:
This week on "The Journey" Jude interviews Kate Freeman and Fr Chris Ryan, at Downpour 2015, Sydney's first ever Pentecost Youth Rally, celebrating faith, music and the power of the Holy Spirit. We also hear from Sr Hilda Scott, Trish MCathy and songs from amazing artists. Tune into LIFE 105.1FM on Saturday at 4pm or go to www.jcr.org.au where you can listen in and subscribe to weekly shows.

A Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

Loving Father,

*In this year of Consecrated Life,
we give you thanks for the great gift of vocation that
you bestow on those you have called to religious life.*

*We give you thanks for the lives of religious sisters,
brothers and priests, who are living your gospel in so
many different ways in every country on earth.*

*In a special way, we give thanks for missionaries
living in Consecrated life around the world, walking
with the poor and marginalised, often in places far
away from their own home and family.*

*We pray that you will continue to bless missionaries
everywhere and to sustain them in a joyous living of
their vocation, that they may bring the joy of the
gospel to all people, to the ends of the earth.*

*Father, we thank you also for any many lay
collaborators and partners in mission, who, by their
very presence in our lives, help us to live out our
calling more fruitfully. Please bless them in their own
vocations.*

*May the year of Consecrated Life be a time of
renewal, thanksgiving and joyous praise.*

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

*Reprinted from "Society Matters", newsletter of the Divine Word
Missionaries, Epping NSW*



Ministers of Communion

We are having a formation session for **ALL Ministers of Communion** (formerly known as Eucharistic Ministers, Special Ministers) on Tuesday June 23 between 6pm and 7pm in the Church. We are having this very practical session for existing Ministers and for those who wish to be Ministers of Communion, to go through changes to procedures and practices, to discuss any issues and ensure that we are all following Fr. Joe's preferences. For example, are you aware that the two gold plates used for the Hosts are NEVER to be stacked on top of each other, or have anything else put on them? This is because they have been recently 'redipped' and will help to preserve the finish. So if you are, or would like to be, part of this very special ministry, we will see you in the church on the 23. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hunt on 0416 058431.

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 21st & 22nd June

6pm V Fox, A Leahy

8am K Demase, J M Mupenda

11am Sr R Crowe, B Carey



RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Zurawski (one month mind)

Each day is a new beginning Lord

And it's good to be alive.

Help me to be positive and strive

To see the good in everyone I meet.

Let this day bring me and others closer

to you in everything we do

So that the world will

be a better place

For all your people

Whatever their colour, creed or race.

Amen



Mass times in neighbouring Parishes

St. Mel's Shepparton South, Sunday 9.00am & 5.30pm,

Monday 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.