



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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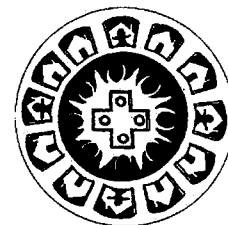
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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 21 June 2015



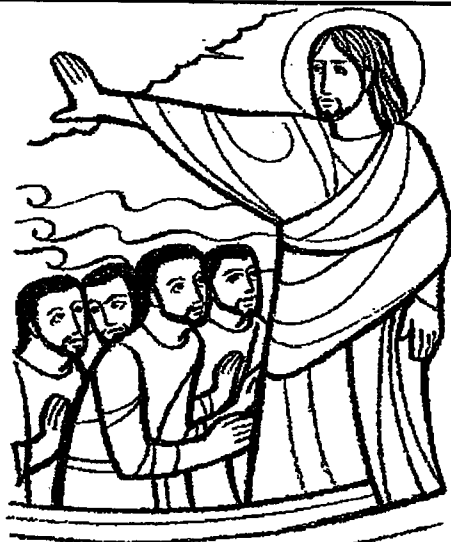
Readings for this Sunday

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



Readings for next week:

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24  
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mark 5:21-43



## Liturgical Jottings

The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" (1Pt 2:9) is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy art. 14

## Year of Consecrated Life The Augustinians

Begun in the spirit of St Augustine (354-430), the order provided the Diocese of Sandhurst with its first two bishops and several priests. Augustinian Fathers and Brothers serve parishes and schools across the world, providing spiritual and pastoral care and sacramental support. They embrace their apostolic life while living in a semi-monastic life and living the ideas and hospitality of St Augustine.

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## Focus on the Gospel

According to seasonal calendars today is the Winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, so Winter is well upon us. With the darkness of Winter our reading from Job may seem very appropriate, as the story of Job can be seen as very dark indeed.

However our Gospel reading shows that Jesus can control the storm, and its darkness and its dangers. No matter how dark and stormy things can get in our world, Jesus can help if given trust and faith. The doubt shown by the disciples reflects our human tendency to be overawed by storms. In Australia we have respect for the power of storms and their abilities to shake everything in their path. History and recent events have reflected the power of storms.

During the time of Jesus being able to control nature was a sign of God. Controlling the natural elements come from all of the ancient creation stories. We see it in our Genesis story, where from the chaos God created the heavens and earth. The people listening to the calming of the storm story in the early Church knew what controlling storms meant, it meant Jesus had a direct connection with God. The disciple's livelihood depended on kind natural elements that allowed them to fish in safety, and travel safely. With small boats it was dangerous so control of the danger was awe inspiring and a mystery beyond understanding. In their darkest times it is faith and trust that gave the disciples their ultimate control.

In the middle of Winter, some things may seem like a storm to us. With a lack of sunlight it is hard to feel lively. We can get overwhelmed by darkness, but it is faith and trust that allows us to know that all things can pass. Light will return and in the light God can be more clearly revealed. Trust and faith can be in greater demand at the moment. But come tomorrow the shortest day is over and the light is slowly returning, and that is something to have faith and trust in.

## From Today's Readings

The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all. So that those who live might no longer live for themselves.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

## Quotable Quote:

Forgiveness does not change the past but it does enlarge the future. *Paul Boese*

# Notices

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

## **This Tuesday**

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

eConference **23rd June** 10am - 2.30pm.

In the Mons Jeffrey Centre. BYO lunch, gold coin donation  
or view at home: [eConference@bbi.catholic.edu.au](mailto:eConference@bbi.catholic.edu.au)

To view at home you must register first.

5821 2633 or [shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

**Speakers:** Emeritus Professor Terry Lovat, The University  
of Newcastle—'Reconciling the Abrahamic Traditions:  
lessons from Convivencia.'

Rev Professor Dorothy Lee, The University of Melbourne,  
'Violence or Peace? The Perspective of Jesus in the Sermon  
on the Mount.'

Professor Imam Mohamad Abdalla, Griffith University Islamic  
Research Unit. 'Interconnectedness of Traditions in the  
Islamic Civilisation: The Abrahamic Faiths in the Service of  
Knowledge.'

Professor Amy-Jill Levine, Vanderbilt University.

'Jewish Dialogue with Christians and Muslims: Neighbours or  
Strangers, Reconciliation or Respect?'

All welcome to attend.

## **Ministers of Communion**

We are having a formation session for

### **ALL Ministers of Communion (Old & New)**

(formerly known as Eucharistic Ministers, Special Ministers)  
on **Tuesday June 23rd** 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 23rd. If you have any questions,  
please contact Kathy Hunt on 0416 058431.

## **POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL "LAUDATO SII: ON THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME"**

was published Thursday 18 June! Pope Francis has given the  
Latin title, 'Praised be to you,' from St Francis' 'Canticle of  
the Sun' praising God for all God's creation, and he says  
"This encyclical is addressed to all". Learn about it from  
these sites: [www.catholicclimatemovement.global](http://www.catholicclimatemovement.global);  
[www.ecojesuit](http://www.ecojesuit); [www.catholicearthcare.org.au](http://www.catholicearthcare.org.au) (from the  
Bishops Commission for Justice, Ecology & Devt) and  
[www.catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org).

Read "Laudato sii" in full at [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

**St. Brendan's Friendship Group** meet for lunch on  
Sunday 28th June at the Billabong Café, Numurkah Road at  
12.30. Anyone new to the parish is most welcome to join us.  
Enquiries Pat 5811 269 or Graeme 5825 2816

The Stronger website has changed, and is now live at  
[www.strongeryouth.com](http://www.strongeryouth.com) The previous address,  
[stronger.org.au](http://stronger.org.au), will still direct you to the new site, but could  
I please request that you update the address in your contacts  
and bookmarks to the new address.

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 at Banksia Lodge**

15 Waranga Drive, Kialla every Thursday and Sunday at 11am  
in the Banksia Chapel celebrated by 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](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au) and  
[www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

## **World Youth Day:**

One Year to Go 'Festival'

July 5, Mass from 2pm, Festival from 3.30-5.30  
Concert with Fr Rob Galea, Pierogi's and  
Polish Dancers.

Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne  
For more info visit [wydvictoria.org.au](http://wydvictoria.org.au) or contact  
Darcy De Losa, Youth Ministry Worker: 0409 777 2424,  
5445 3616, [darcy.delosa@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:darcy.delosa@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## APPRECIATING & GROWING FROM DIFFERENCE

We live in strange times. While more and more people are claiming atheism or agnosticism, there is a rise in fundamentalist activity everywhere with horrifying consequences at times. We tend to attach the term 'fundamentalist' to people of certain religious beliefs but there is also a rise in fundamentalist behaviour among those who profess atheism or those who espouse 'no religious belief'. When there are 'no religious beliefs', there can be, in some, a tendency to justify one's stance by belittling the beliefs of others. That is not just insensitive but displays arrogance - it is just as intolerant and provocative as religious fundamentalism.

Spirited discussion about sport or politics or religion is part of our culture. That's not the same as sneering at others' beliefs, their faith - they are part of who they are, their essence, their spirit, what motivates their deepest actions. Putting down other's professed atheism doesn't help either. Questioning that, seeking to understand where they are coming from, and why, is healthy - derision is not. It's simply being judgemental about something we don't fully understand and feeling superiority (or perhaps insecurity) because of that. We are all on a journey of discovery, we are all seeking to go deeper, to find meaning in life.

If we do profess to have faith, it isn't a bad thing to have one's beliefs questioned, challenged even. It makes us think, it makes us reflect on why these beliefs and traditions are dear to us, why they motivate us, how we live them out for the betterment of other people. It helps us to be honest with ourselves. Religious beliefs are not just something we 'hold' - they have a purpose, firstly to try to describe what we have come to understand about God and how God relates to us and we to God. They will never sufficiently describe God - we don't have the language for that, for a start. But they also serve to motivate us to action. In Jesus' words, the litmus test for following him is best described in how we treat others. His description of the Last Judgement is very clear on that (Mt 25: 31-46).

But because I may hold a different point of view from others, or I may see the world or the purpose of life from a different perspective, that doesn't give me the freedom to mock or deride others' beliefs. And vice versa. Being unfamiliar or ignorant of another's beliefs is not a license to offend. Constructing our identity, particularly our religious identity (or lack of) on the basis of opposition to others and needing to forever protest our own uniqueness and truth against what we perceive others may believe is unhealthy, to say the least, perhaps even basically dishonest.

What's familiar is comfortable and offers us security. We feel safe and secure and we all need that at times. But if we stay there, we don't grow or deepen our faith, we become like the person in Jesus' parable who buries his talent. After all, boats are safe in the harbour, but that is not what they are made for.

*Excerpt from Along the Track by Jim Quillinan*

PRAY for  
One  
Another →



### SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL BENDIGO

Cathedral Administrator Fr Tony Shallue invites you to be moved by the sacred geometry of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo, Victoria.

The cathedral is part of the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst and is the largest neo-English Gothic Cathedral in the Southern Hemisphere, with construction spanning 1896 to 1977.

Visitors are welcome to come and pray, or to simply enjoy the magnificent architecture and craftsmanship of this beautiful building.

View the clip by visiting the Cathedral homepage

<http://www.sacredheartcathedral.org.au> or  
<http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/index.php/news-a-events3/news2/item/1079-an-invitation-from-bendigo-s-sacred-heart-cathedral>

Congratulations go to  
**Margaret & Joe Farrell**

who are celebrating their  
60th Wedding Anniversary

on June 22nd. They are  
renewing their vows at  
11am Mass today.



Since 1986 Australians have celebrated Refugee Week to coincide with World Refugee Day, this year celebrated on Saturday 20 June. Archbishop Philip Freier, Primate of the Anglican Church in Australia, has proposed that all churches mark **Sunday 21st June as Refugee Sunday** observing it as a day of prayer and fasting.

For all who believe in the power of prayer, the combined prayer of Christians from all churches is surely most powerful. This, combined with fasting - prayer in action - is surely a witness both to Christians responding to the Gospel call to welcome the stranger and to our desire to express our desire for unity through common action.

**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 27th & 28th June**

**6pm** B Carey, Sr R Crowe

**8am** A Leahy, V Fox

**11am** J M Mupenda, K Demase



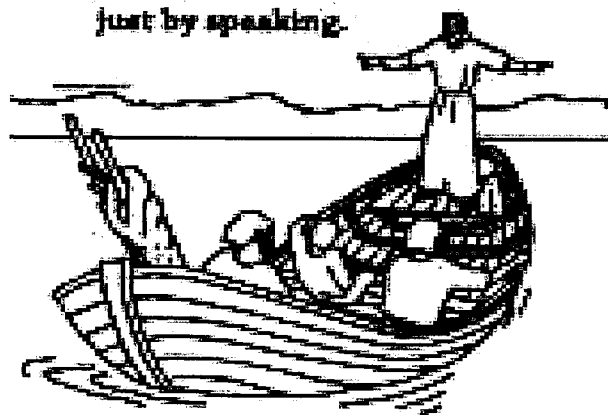
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Paddy Barry, Dick Wren.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mons John White, Michael Grace,  
Percy Donnelly, Domenic Scali, Nazario Giuliani,  
Mario Giuliani, Maureen O'Keeffe, Brian Hickey.

Sometimes God  
calms the storm...  
Sometimes He  
lets the storm  
rage and  
calms His child

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Jesus calmed the storm  
just by speaking.



### **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 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.