



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 28 June 2015



Readings for
this Sunday

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



Readings for
next week:

Ezekiel 2:2-5
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6



Liturgical Jottings

A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no, 42

Year of Consecrated Life Josephite Sisters

The Brown Joeys were founded in Penola, SA in 1866 by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, to educate poor children and give help to families in need. Today over 800 Sisters of St Joseph work throughout Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and Peru in schools, parishes and community services. They have a charism of answering the call to the poorest in Australian community, concentrating on "never seeing a need without meeting it".

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Focus on the Gospel

Many years ago I was working for a time in a hospice in Sydney, and after working there two aspects of today's reading makes sense.

Margaret was a lady who was dying after years of alcohol and drug abuse. Her blood vessels were in decline so in her last day she could not take food or fluid without haemorrhaging blood from her throat, her death was sudden. She was completely void of blood when she died. When, blood which is the life force of any living thing, has been taken away the Spirit is also absent. At Margaret's funeral one of the nurses and I were the only people there, even though she was known locally for her generosity.

In the same week another lady, Rachel also died. As Rachel was Jewish the *Chevra Kardisha* from the local synagogue (Barbara) was sent for to give the final rites. Barbara was a figment of energy, who swept in, opened her case took out candles and incense and began to wail and mourn. Barbara is the same as "the mourners" sometimes referred to in the First and New Testament, it is an ancient profession that honoured the dead, especially if there were no other family or friends nearby.

The professional mourners are referred to in readings, such as Jairus' daughter, the son of the widow of Nain and Lazarus, they gave a place of grieving.

So much of our gospel readings have relevance to our lives, and can mean many different things to each of us. I cannot hear this gospel without remembering the hospice and its people. So many stories around the Jewish life of Jesus come out in our readings that can expand the nature of the story, and appreciation of our multi-religious society. But even without the Jewish context the story means so many different things for each person. Recently my aunt died so the thought of her being raised up with Jesus is a constant consolation to me and I suspect many of us. This is the roots of our Christian hope. Good hope indeed..

Quotable Quote:

If the highest aim of a captain were to preserve his ship, he would leave it in port, forever. *Thomas Aquinas*

From Today's Readings

God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. *Wisdom 1:13*

Notices

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

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.

Free copies of **CARITAS NEWS** are available today. This Winter Edition focuses on Integral Human Development and how it is woven throughout all of Caritas work, forming the foundation for a strong, flexible and inclusive agency. Read stories of hope from Syria, Tanzania, Australia, East Timor & Vietnam – all because of your support for Project

St. Brendan's Friendship Group meet for lunch this 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

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.

STRONGER YOUTH NEWS

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES WITH THE STRONGER YOUTH JUSTICE TEAM

The Stronger Youth Justice Team would like to call on any volunteers to join them from Monday-Friday June 29-July 3 in Shepparton, from 1-7:30pm donating blood to the Australian Red Cross.



If you would like to find out more details or simply register please contact Tara Hogan on 0408 008 498 by Sunday June 28. Groups of up to 4 or 5 can donate at given times. Bring along your family and friends!

The Stronger website has changed, and is now live at www.strongeryouth.com The previous address, 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.

DROP A COIN in the JAR FUNDRAISER.

We would like to invite parishioners to support our Youth Group and Ministry by collecting a jar or two from the Narthex (These jars are labelled with Stronger Logo) Could you collect any spare change. Full Jars can be returned to the Parish Office. Special thanks to Kathy Hunt and members of the PPC for their support.



STRONGER YOUTH RALLY – IN SHEPPARTON JULY 24

The next Stronger Youth Rally will be on Friday July 24 at St Mel's in Shepparton. The evening will begin with a BBQ at 6pm followed by games, praise & worship led by Fr Rob and the Stronger Youth Band and much more. We look forward to seeing you all there!

The St Brendans Serra Club will be gathering this coming 1st Friday July 3rd. Exposition will continue from the afternoon up to 7.15pm, we will then have a blessing followed by mass, celebrated by Fr Jones. We will pray for vocations, our seminarians, and our priests, all welcome.

An Anointing Mass will be held next Wednesday 1st July at 11am

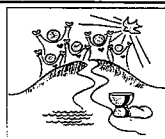
Are you interested in joining Teams?

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.



St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program 2015

This year we have 70 primary and five secondary school children enrolled in the parish sacramental program and it has been a very busy time for all involved.

Our Sacramental candidates have been attending weekly home gathering sessions with their parents. For the last four weeks discussion has been about the connection between Baptism and Confirmation, who are Spirit filled people and researching Saints. After the holidays the discussion will be about the Mass and the sacrament of Eucharist.

I would like to wish all our sacramental families a safe and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you all at the **Adult Faith Gathering on Wednesday 22nd July, Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7.00pm.**

As a parish we ask that you please pray for our candidates and their families as they continue on this faith filled journey to full initiation in the Catholic Church.

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word during school holidays. It will recommence on 22nd July.

ROSTERS: The next rosters have been distributed by mail or email for parishioners who provided their email addresses. If you have not received your latest copy please contact the Parish House. Thank you to Don for organising all the rosters.

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

HAPPINESS

In a very real sense, we are created by the choices we make every day. Big or small, momentous or seemingly trivial, they all make their mark on who we are and what we might become. The vast majority of those decisions are about choosing things or deciding to do something that will make us happy, which we sometimes mistakenly equate to status, control and pleasure.

In a world that is doing its best to make us somebody else, to live the dream, it's a tough battle to be nobody-but yourself. And that battle is a never ending story! Perhaps one of the easiest things we can achieve is to be someone we don't really want to be. We don't even realise that is what is happening sometimes, we can become so focused on what others expect.

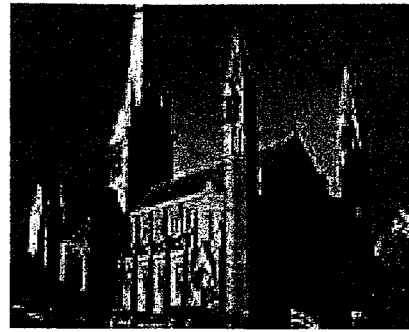
To put it bluntly, no self-centered person has much chance of finding lasting happiness, let alone making anyone else happy! Neither does a person who finds it hard to unearth things to be grateful for. The art of being happy lies in an acceptance that, at whatever stage of life we find ourselves in, we are needed, we have a purpose. We may not be able to become whatever we want, whenever we want but someone needs who we are now. Happiness comes from a realisation that we are gifted and talented for that very purpose. Despite the fact that we cannot do or be whatever we want, there is a freedom in that, and a challenge, to be the person we were meant to be, to use the gifts and talents we have been given.

Happiness comes from a realisation that we will not be asked to do more than is expected of us, more than we are capable of doing. When St Paul found himself in difficulties, a thorn in his flesh to stop himself from getting above his station, to stop him from 'exalting himself', he found that very hard but he came to a greater realisation of Jesus' words: 'My grace is sufficient for you (2 Cor 12:9)'. We will not be asked to do more than we are capable of doing in life, we won't be asked to be 'someone else'. That doesn't mean, however, there won't be challenges, that we won't be drawn out of our comfort zone at times. Often such challenges can be times of greatest growth. In Pope John XXIII's words: "Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do."

Happiness comes from a realisation that there is a spiritual dimension in life and it also needs care and attention. We cannot ignore it, we are both body and soul. We all know that, no matter how good it gets, we still experience unhappiness, restlessness, frustration, lack of fulfilment. Even when we experience some measure of love, friendship, achievement, satisfaction, we may still feel restless and dissatisfied. This dissatisfaction or restlessness is calling us ever deeper. We might fill our lives with pleasures of all kinds, yet still find our deepest desire still unfulfilled – until we discover that some relationship with God was the answer all along.

Developing the skill of finding happiness in the ordinary, everyday things is perhaps the greatest gift of all.

An Excerpt from "Along the Track" by Jim Quillinan



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>

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; www.ecojesuit; www.catholicearthcare.org.au (from the Bishops Commission for Justice, Ecology & Devt) and www.catholicclimatecovenant.org.
Read "Laudato sii" in full at www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Parish Men's Group: Our Group enjoyed listening to Br. Massimo at our last gathering. We next meet on Sat. 4th July at 7.30am in the Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre for an American style breakfast. Come along and join us.

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
Darcy De Losa, Youth Ministry Worker: 0409 777 2424, 5445 3616,
darcy.delosa@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

MacKillop Faith & Light Community will gather at 11 o'clock Mass next Sunday, then over to Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre for gospel play and lunch. Can you please bring the heart you made last month for our prayer table. Anyone who has chocolate frogs or money from our chocolate drive can they please get it to Denise. 0432054005. Thanks

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 4th & 5th July

6pm A Kilmartin, J Howley

8am G Jelliff, Sr R Crowe

11am P Chalkley, P Crane



RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Francis Warman, Josephine Mangiameli (Italy) Sister in law to Sam & Rosa Mangiameli

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack McNally, Mario Ginevra, Malcom Madeira, Raymond Barwick, Joan Grant. Thomas & Catherine O'Connor.

*Sing unto the Lord,
O ye saints of his,
and give thanks at the
remembrance of his holiness.
For his anger endureth
but a moment:
In his favour is life: Weeping
may endure for a night,
but joy cometh in the morning.*

Psalm 30:4-5

**GIVE THANKS!
...TO THE LORD!**



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.