



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 5 July 2015



Readings for
this Sunday

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



Readings for
next week:

Amos 7:12-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13



Liturgical Jottings

It is appropriate for the faithful's participation to be expressed by an offering, whether of the bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist or of other gifts for the relief of the needs of the Church and the poor.

General instruction of the Roman Missal #140

Quotable Quote:

Take life step by step, pace by pace, slowly, slowly and leave the competition to others.

Anton Chekov

From Today's Readings

A prophet is not without honour except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.

Mark 6:4

Focus on the Gospel

In the Gospel today Jesus arrived at his hometown and spoke some uncomfortable words to the people.

The locals were a bit mystified about the things Jesus said and were truly miffed at the idea that an ordinary person like them could achieve this wisdom. Some of the locals would possibly have thought that if it were possible for Jesus to be this cluey - what about them? Why were they not that wise? Was it that they were not listening to the teachers of the synagogue? Or was it that they were too dull to understand?

If Jesus could be a prophet, and speak about the desires of God, and they had grown up with Jesus why didn't they know what God wanted? What was so special about Jesus? What was so unspectacular about them?

So rather than dwell on the lack within themselves, it was easier for them to simply dismiss this man Jesus. The best way to discredit someone in the Ancient world was to give him no family. So they disowned Jesus, his brothers, sisters, and ancestors. If they lost the family, then they lost the man, and they would not be bothered anymore.

One of the rather unfortunate aspects of Australian culture is the habit we have of cutting down "tall poppies". It may be a penchant of ours because of all the reasons above. We might feel that these people have achieved great things and they did it just to show us up!! We will often allow people a certain amount of acclaim, but then they overstep the mark and it is time to bring them back to earth.

Today's story of Jesus gives us pause to think about those we dismiss outright, and those we give status to. Do those we raise deserve their recognition or is there someone lurking in the wings who is in fact a person of wisdom, whom we do not give credit? Do we allow people to blossom, and continue doing so? Do we listen to hear words of wisdom from every avenue? Do we give others the opportunity to be prophets?

Year of Consecrated Life

The Orders of Saint Francis

The Franciscans are people and groups who live by the teachings and spirituality of St Francis of Assisi and his immediate followers. The communities consist of Clerics, Brothers, Sisters and lay members of the Third Order. The followers provide support to schools and parishes with education, spiritual direction, retreats, and prayer groups. The Franciscans live in community within Australia and Oceania and Asia living the message of simplicity and spreading the Word of God.

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.

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. Thank you to all who have joined these important Ministries and continue to serve the Parish in this way.

Note: Please allow a little time for those who are rostered for taking up the Offertory and Ministers of Communion to get out of their seats and attend to their Ministry.

Thank you.



Dookie Pilgrimage Walk For all Parishioners

Preparation for the local Dookie Pilgrimage Walk is taking shape. **Sunday 19th of July** is the day!

We will meet in the St Brendan's car park at 8.30am and are hoping to organize a bus to pickup and drop off walkers. The walk (8 kms) will begin at the Cosgrove silos at 9am and finish with Mass at St Mary's Church in Dookie at 11am followed by lunch at St Mary's. The distance you walk is very flexible with some deciding to walk from the township of Dookie up the hill to St Mary's (2 kms). We will have support for those who need a lift at times.

The walk will be a great chance to enjoy the beautiful hills of Dookie while meeting and chatting with other parishioners so please give this day some thought and let the office know if you would like to join us.

Phone 5821 2633 or for more detail phone Anthony on 0408 269426.

STRONGER YOUTH NEWS

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!

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

Pope Francis' encyclical **'PRAISED BE – OUR COMMON HOME'**

has been universally welcomed - and in particular, by our Australia Bishops' Justice Agencies – Catholic Earthcare Australia, Caritas Australia & the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council. To respond to Pope Francis call to pray and act, go to www.caritas.org.au/act/our-common-home where you can sign the petition endorsed by Pope Francis. To read the encyclical and learn more go to www.catholicearthcare.org.au/ecological-encyclical

Mass at Tarcoola will be celebrated next
Wednesday 8th July at 10.30am.

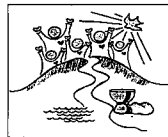
Are you interested in joining Teams?

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.

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

The **Adult Faith Gathering** will be on
Wednesday 22nd July in the 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.

THANKSGIVING LETTERS

Letters outlining contributions for the period of giving 1st July, 2014 to 30th June, 2015 are available in the narthex. Weekly givers also have their next set of giving envelopes included.

With grateful thanks to all parishioners for your ongoing support of the Parish.

Catholic Women's League Meeting will be held on Thursday 9th July at 1pm in the St Brendan's Parish Centre.

The Journey Catholic Radio Program

This week on *The Journey*, Sam Clear shares some of his story whilst walking the famous Camino pilgrimage route in Santiago, and Fr Dave Callaghan reminds us that Sin is a symptom of the disease of our hearts which only Jesus can heal. We also hear from Sr Hilda Scott OSB, Trish McCarthy and Bruce Downes "The Catholic Guy". Go to www.jcr.org.au to subscribe or to www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.



We all Stand on Sacred Ground:

Learn, Respect & Celebrate

5 - 12 JULY 2015

NATSICC/NAIDOC Week Commences this Week

The NATSICC logo depicts the Willy Willy, the wind force in the centre a symbol of God's Spirit. The round concentric circles at the top symbolise God and Life, the base depicts men and women receiving the Holy Spirit.

*"We all Stand on Solid Ground:
Learn, Respect and Celebrate"*



Taste and see the goodness of God.

RECONCILIATION PRAYER

Holy Father, God of Love

You are the Creator of this land & all good things
We acknowledge the pain & shame of our history
and the suffering of our peoples.

And we ask your forgiveness.

We thank you for the survival
of Indigenous cultures

Our hope is in you

because you gave your son Jesus
to reconcile the world to you.

We pray for your strength and grace
to forgive, accept and love one another,
as you love us and forgive and accept us
in the sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage

to accept the realities of our history
So that we may build a better future for our nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land.

Help us to bring about spiritual & social change
to improve the quality of life
for all groups in our communities,
especially the disadvantaged.

Help our young people to find true dignity
and self esteem by your Spirit.

May your power and love be the foundations
on which we build our families,
our communities and our Nation.

AMEN

AS PARENTS OF FAITH, WE ARE CALLED:

TO GIVE YOUR CHILDREN
THE GREATEST GIFT WE
HAVE RECEIVED: **JESUS**

TO "MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,"
AND THAT STARTS RIGHT IN OUR HOMES
WITH THAT CHEEKY THREE-YEAR-OLD.

TO HELP THEM KNOW TO LOVE HIM & TO EXPERIENCE
JESUS, A DEEP & MEANINGFUL
RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

THIS IS WHY WE TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO MASS.

EVEN WHEN IT IS HARD. EVEN WHEN THERE ARE TANTRUMS
AND SULLEN TEENAGE REBELLIONS. EVEN WHEN WE SPEND MORE
TIME OUTSIDE THE CHURCH THAN IN IT. EVEN WHEN OTHER
PARISHIONERS JUDGE US. EVEN WHEN IT FEELS POINTLESS.

SO TAKE YOU ARE NOT ALONE, GOD WALKS WITH HEART! YOU AND DELIGHTS IN EVERY STEP YOU TAKE TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO HIM.

www.cathfamily.org

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

Minister of Communion Formation

Thank you to all those who attended our recent
formation session. We had a great meeting with lots
of practical aspects discussed. The tip sheet will be
emailed or posted out in the next week or two, if you
were unable to attend and have any questions,
please contact Barb Carey, Graeme Quinlan or
Kathy Hunt.

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
(in recess & will re-commence on 22nd July)

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 11th & 12th July

6pm M Phillips, B Phillips

8am V Fox, A Leahy

11am JM Mupenda, M Frizzell



RECENTLY DECEASED: Owen James O'Brien (father of Mairead & Tim Born)

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary (Mollie) Hoare, Lorna Forde, Annie Linehan, William Macaskill, Pachie Macaskill, Shirley Cobbledick, Lou Pennisi, Patrick James O'Brien (Brother of Mairead & Tim Born), Rosa Artavilla, Sebastiano & Maria Tomarchio, Antonino & Giovanna Garufi.

O God, you love justice and you establish peace on earth. We bring before you the disunity of today's world: the absurd violence, and the many wars, which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world; human greed and injustice, which breed hatred and strife. Send your spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be compassionate towards the whole human family; strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace, and give us that peace which the world cannot give.

Amen.

World Council of Churches



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.