



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith

**Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 12 July 2015**



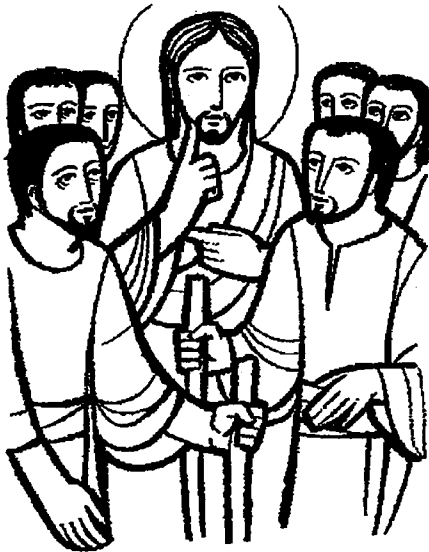
Readings for  
this Sunday

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



Readings for  
next week:

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Ephesians 2:13-18  
Mark 6:30-34



## Liturgical Jottings

Among the faithful, the choir exercises its own liturgical function, ensuring that the parts proper to it, are carried out and fostering the active participation of the faithful through the singing. This applies in accordance to all musicians. General Instruction of the Roman Missal #103

## Quotable Quote:

Beware of the person with only one book. *Thomas Aquinas*

## From Today's Readings

I will hear what God proclaims; The Lord – for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.  
Psalm 85:9-11

## Focus on the Gospel

Whenever I travel away I am always worried about what to pack, and what to leave behind. If I took today's Gospel literally – then packing would be very easy, as I would be taking nothing. While this would make luggage collection obsolete, I sense the other people I visit or meet with would object to the side effects of taking no extra clothes or toiletries!

Trust in Jesus is a risky business, and the idea of going into the future without any support is well beyond me, as a materialistic 21st century person.

Jesus continually asks trust of his disciples throughout the Gospels. In today's Gospel Jesus asks his disciples to trust him, and also to trust themselves. These disciples were just ordinary people who, for the most part, had never preached or healed in their lives. And what is more, they were to take nothing with them.

The challenge of our Gospel, and in fact the challenge of being a disciple of Jesus is that Jesus requires us to take nothing with us when we speak about him. Take no baggage, and that is more than just the suitcase we carry. When we speak about Jesus he wants us to take the truth of our experience with him, and not the baggage that others give us.

Jesus calls us to travel lightly, not to drag the skeletons of the past, when we walk leave faint footprints, so others can follow, but not get tripped up by the imprint of our lives.

To follow Jesus, we need the trust to believe Jesus will provide us with all we need, and the desire to not bury Jesus in the things of other people's faith but embellish him with our own.

## Year of Consecrated Life Congregation of St Brigid

The Brigidines were founded by Daniel Delany Bishop of Kildare in 1807, when he invited six women to form a religious community, named after the 5th Century Saint Brigid of Kildare. The congregation was founded to help with the spiritual and educational needs of the local community. They helped to ensure that education, Mass and daily prayer was available to all those living in the area. Still today the sister's commitment is to the needs, assistance and care of the communities in which they live for the benefit of all those in need.

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

### **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](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)

### **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](http://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](http://www.catholicearthcare.org.au/ecological-encyclical)

## **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.*



### **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)

### **Youth Mass & STRONGER Youth DGroup**

The next Youth Mass will be on **Saturday July 18 @6pm**, followed by **Stronger DGroup @7pm** in the Monsignor Peter Jeffery Centre.

The DGroup will begin with food and games and then discussion on Session 2 of the Alpha Youth Series.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

### **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.*

Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) Wodonga presents:  
**The Gift of Healing**

**To Break Every Chain and Transform Lives**  
At Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga 17th, 18th & 19th July.

Please bring bible. Billeting provided.

For information and bookings phone Brigita on 0412 042196 or Melinda on 0408 368696.

COINCIDENCE  
IS WHEN  
GOD CHOOSES  
TO REMAIN  
ANONYMOUS

Yet the experience of love shows us that a common vision is possible, for through love we learn how to see reality through the eyes of others, not as something which impoverishes but instead enriches our vision. Genuine love, after the fashion of God's love, ultimately requires truth, and the shared contemplation of the truth which is Jesus Christ enables love to become deep and enduring."

(Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei*, paragraph 47)

### ***Apostleship of the Sea - Stella Maris***

To transport goods and products around the world, the global economy deeply rely on the maritime industry supported by a workforce of around 1.2 million seafarers, who at sea and in the oceans frequently face the strong and powerful forces of nature as well as pirates.

Many seafarers also have to handle a number of emergency situations such as the very difficult task of rescuing hundreds of men, women and children acting frantically while trying to escape war and oppression something that no maritime training course can prepare them for.

Seafarers are an important part of Australia competing in the global market and spend a considerable amount of time away from their families in their quest to bring goods to people.

Seafarers are also a part of our global parish.

The theme for Sea Sunday is *"The Stella Maris Global Family"*

*Remember Seafarers who support Australia in this way especially this weekend and consider donating to the appeal to support seafarers in our global parish.*

Envelopes are available at the parish office for donations. You can also donate by direct credit to BSB 064786 account number 5200 40100 account name 'Apostleship of the Sea' Reference 'Donation.'



Ps 85:12

*Our earth  
shall yield  
its fruit.*

### **Stewardship Corner**

*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (Mark 6:8)*

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

## **Mary Meets Mohammad A Free Documentary Screening**

Saturday July 25th - 2pm

Youth Club Hall  
Vaughan St, Shepparton  
(behind the Safeway Plaza)

Tea and coffee provided.  
All are welcome!



**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 18th & 19th July**

**6pm** Youth Group

**8am** T Francis, G Quinlan

**11am** I Garla, A Ferguson



**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bernard Fitzsimmons, Vince Papallo.

**Reflection**

*"To Be Famous"*

*Creation calls for self-surrender,  
Not loud noise and cheap success.*

*Life must be lived without  
false face,*

*Lived so that in the final count  
we draw unto ourselves love  
from space.*

*So plunge yourself into obscurity  
and conceal there your tracks.  
But be alive, alive your full share,  
alive until the end.*

*- Boris Pasternak (1890-1960)*

*www.cam.org.au*



**Many sick were anointed  
with oil and cured.**

Mk 6:13

**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.