



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 19th July 2015



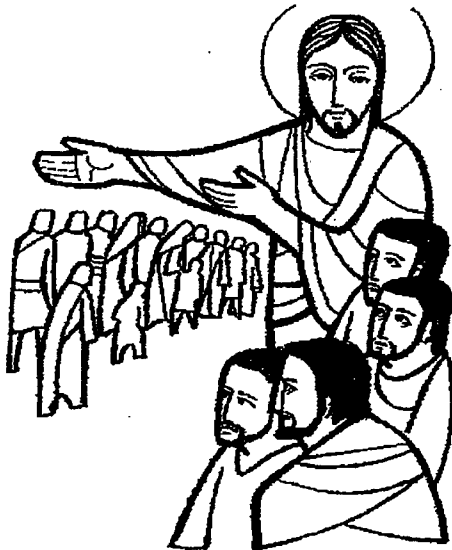
Readings for
this Sunday

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



Readings for
next week:

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15



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" (1 Peter 2:9) is their right and duty by reason of their baptism. Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #14

Quotable Quote:

In matters of truth and justice, there is no difference between large and small problems, for issues concerning the treatment of people are all the same. *Albert Einstein*

From Today's Readings

Christ came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. *Ephesians 2:18*

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Focus on the Gospel

This week we celebrated the Memorial of Mary Magdalene (22 July). I have always been fond of the woman from Magdala; I have always thought her an underrated and noble disciple, given bad press and a mistaken identity. Despite what is often said Mary was not a prostitute, nor was she the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her hair at Bethany. She did have demons driven out of her by Jesus, which led her to become a follower of Jesus, a disciple, and financial supporter of Jesus' ministry.

It was to Mary that Jesus first appeared after his resurrection sending her out to tell the others of the Resurrection, hence her title of Apostle to the Apostles. Mary was the first one to experience the absolute joy of seeing the risen Jesus and also the total pain of not being able to touch him. Mary was the first to know what it was to love Jesus without being able to physically touch him. For her, here was the truth of the resurrection, that the joy of the experiencing Jesus in one's life is also accompanied by the realisation that until death it will always be faith that brings Jesus to us and not physicality.

It was after Jesus' death that Mary came into her own. The Eastern Orthodox Church holds Mary in high esteem as a wisdom figure. There is a large stele dedicated to her work and wisdom in Ephesus. But for me I think Mary is an enduring figure, who exists and persists because she believed in Jesus and followed him to the end. She flouted convention, and she is often the figure held up as the opposite of the purity of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Mary of Magdala was the baddy that the early Church had to have. She was an independent woman of means, who needed no man to direct her life. She supported the male mission, without needing to be in the front. She was the choice of Jesus for revelation. She followed courageously, despite ridicule and threat, and stayed to the end. She had experienced the healing power of Jesus and needed no more proof of his glory.

I truly like this woman of Magdala, and next Wednesday is the day held by the church as her memorial, and there is a lot to remember.

Year of Consecrated Life

Christian Brothers

The Brothers are worldwide community founded by Blessed Edmund Rice with the chief ministries of evangelisation and education of young people, especially the poor. Their first school opened in Ireland in 1802 suffering much persecution in Ireland in their early days. Education and accommodation and support for the poor is still the primary focus, with soup kitchens and shelter giving dignity to those in need and education to those in their care.

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 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.

St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program
~Reconciliation Confirmation Eucharist~

Adult Faith Gathering – Eucharist
Wednesday 22nd July Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7pm.
Parents of our sacramental candidates are reminded that **NEXT Wednesday** we will recommence the Sacramental Program with an Adult Faith Gathering. At least one parent is expected to attend. **Secondary school children need to attend with their parent/s.**
Parents you will need to provide the following information at the Adult Faith Gathering – *Child's Confirmation Name and Child's Sponsor.*

Please continue to pray for our children and their families as they begin the final preparation towards celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the end of August.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays during 11am Mass starting this Sunday 19th July.
All primary school children are invited to come and hear God's word.
There is no need to sign up; children come forward when invited by the celebrant.

Estela Hutchings, a Clinical Psychologist is available at St Brendan's Parish for private and confidential consultation on a wide variety of issues. Estela will normally be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There is a small charge for a 60 minute consultation. For further information contact the Parish office 5821 2633.

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 5831 3607

The Journey Catholic Radio Program

This week on *The Journey* Sr Hilda Scott OSB challenges us never to give up, Trish McCarthy reminds us that love is what draws us closer to God and Peter Gilmore challenges us to take the time to examine ourselves by pondering on our relationship with God. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato SI: On The Care of Our Common Home"

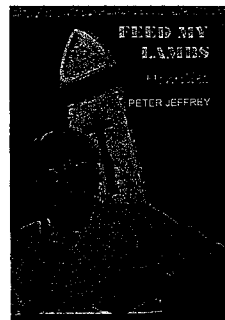
1. "LAUDATO SI, mi Signore
Praise be to you, my Lord.

In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs."

~ Excerpt from *Laudato Si*

Read "Laudato sii" in full at www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

FEED MY LAMBS (REPRINTED)



The book of homilies written by Monsignor Peter Jeffrey has been reprinted. If anyone missed out on obtaining a copy when it was first printed and would like to purchase a copy NOW, please put your name on an envelope and enclose \$30 and leave at the Parish office.

The **Syro Malabar Mass** will be held on Sunday 26th July at 5pm and not on the 19th July.

St Brendan's Parish **Friendship Group** will be meeting for lunch at the Peppermill Hotel on Sunday 26th July at 12.30pm. This is a parish group and all parishioners, new and old, are welcome to join in. We would love to see some new faces! For enquiries please phone Pat on 5821 1269 or Graeme on 5825 2816.

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 and www.catholic.org.au

Gluten Free Hosts If you would like to receive Holy Communion but have trouble with coeliac or food intolerances we have a supply of gluten free hosts. Please see Father before Mass so a pix can be arranged for you.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst presents
Scripture Day with Fr Rob Galea
Saturday 8th August Mons Jeffrey Centre. 10am to 4pm.
Jesus "The Truth."
For information phone Gerri on 0438 206082.

A Prayer For Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe

and in the smallest of your creatures
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten
of this earth,
so precious in your eyes,
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey
on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and
destruction.

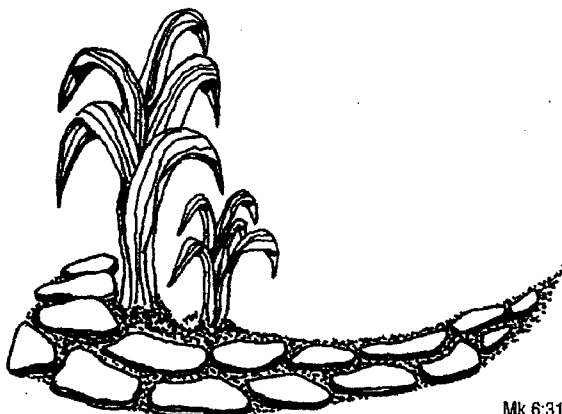
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expenses of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
For justice, love and peace.

~ *The SandPiper July, 2015*



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Mk 6:31

Come away, rest awhile.

Stewardship Corner

"... Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." (Mark 6:31)

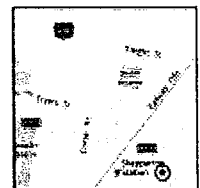
Do you spend time listening to God? Most of the time He speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. Take time in silence every day and ask God what it is He wants you to do. Consider making a retreat this year.

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

***will be held on Sunday 26th July not on 19th July.

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
***in recess until 8th September.

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 7pm.

Lectors & Commentators 25th & 26th July

6pm D Sullivan, F Scheibel

8am MA Demase, L Boschetti

11am A Madeira, P Cooper



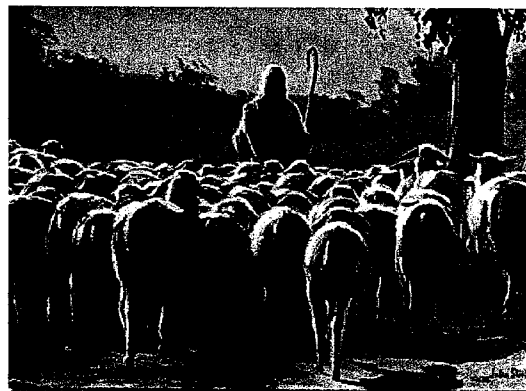
RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen McMillan Doyle, Vincenzo Lagudi, Sylvester (Sib) Scheggia.

ANNIVERSARIES: James Hoare, Shirley Cobbledick, Mary Smyth, Philippe Lesire, Darrell Doyle.

Reflection

The Church hands down her memory especially through the profession of faith. The creed does not only involve giving one's assent to a body of abstract truths; rather, when it is recited the whole of life is drawn into a journey towards full communion with the living God. We can say that in the creed believers are invited to enter into the mystery which they profess and be transformed by it."

~ Pope Francis, Lumen Fidei, paragraph 45



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.