



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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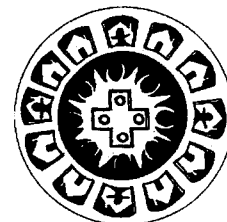
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Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 26 July 2015



Readings for  
this Sunday

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15



Readings for  
next week:

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35



## Liturgical Jottings

The commentator, who provides the faithful, when appropriate, with brief explanations and commentaries with the purpose of introducing them to the celebration and preparing them to understand it better.

*General Instruction of the Roman Missal #105b*

## Year of Consecrated Life Faithful Companions of Jesus

This Society lives the Ignatian tradition providing education, spiritual direction and assistance to those in any kind of need. Their missionary spirit adapts to the immediate needs the society and culture in which they live. Founded 1820 by Marie Madeleine in France they have spread worldwide serving education, the poor and the spiritual needs of all who ask.

## Focus on the Gospel

The early Christian Church decorated the wall of their new churches with mosaics, showing Christ eating with the twelve and not bread and wine on the table but bread and fish on the table in front of them. This represented what the early church thought Eucharist was all about. I think that the feeding of the 5000 has much Eucharistic in its message.

Here Jesus tells the stories of His Father and speaks of the generosity of God before he displays that graciousness. Jesus feeds people without knowing anything about them. He did not care whether the people gathered in front of Him were married or single, male or female, who they lived with, how many children they had or even what their faith was. He fed everyone.

Jesus fed using the food of the common people, bread and fish.

This is one of the two miracles that Jesus performs without anybody asking Him to. Jesus sees a need and provides what is needed. In fact, he provides more than is ever needed, twelve baskets more.

If we transfer this generosity of Jesus to our table here in our community, then all people, regardless of age, sex, belief or colour are welcome at our table. Welcome to hear the message of Jesus. Everyone will be given equally without asking, and given more than can ever be needed.

That ideal of a generous and gracious God reflected by the people who gather here is a wonderful gift.

Throughout the gospels Jesus often eats with people, he shares their hospitality. Hospitality is something that Jesus asks of those on earth who he shared his journey with, and of everyone today. For the hospitality we show here on earth to Jesus, in this community will surely be gifted back to us in the next Kingdom where God's hospitality will be on display. The feeding of the 5000 will be reflected again for everyone in the Kingdom of God, where all will be fed and welcomed in abundance.

Come join the hospitality of God.

## Quotable Quote:

By a lie a man annihilates his dignity as a man. *Emmanuel Kant*

## From Today's Readings

So they collected them and filled twelve wicker baskets with the fragments from the five barley loaves that has been more than they could eat. *Mark 6:14*

# Notices

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

## 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. *Please take your envelopes ASAP. With grateful thanks to all parishioners for your ongoing support of the Parish.*

## St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program

*~Reconciliation Confirmation Eucharist~*

- **Home Group Gatherings recommence next week.** Same group, day and time as previously. Parents are asked to prepare before the session by reading "Thoughts for Adults" page 30 of the yellow Steps in Faith booklet.
- **Ministry Classes** will recommence this Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00pm in the Monsignor Jeffrey Centre.
- **Completed Confirmation Cards** need to be returned to the Parish House ASAP. Please ensure they are addressed to "Att. Laura O'Sullivan". The office is open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm or you can "post" the forms in the mail slot at the office door. Cards must be returned by **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August.** *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.*

*Sacraments - Jesus' chosen  
way of gifting HIS life of  
grace to us for all time*

## YOUTH-LED MASS AND STRONGER DGROUP - Saturday August 1st.

The Stronger Youth will be leading mass on Saturday August 1 at 6pm which will then be followed by a DGroup Topic Night on Social Media in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre at 7pm. All youth are welcome to join us for a night beginning with food, games and great discussion! Looking forward to seeing you all there.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** Sundays during 11am Mass. 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.

## Adult Faith Education Sandhurst Presents:

Dr Donna Orsuto (Helder Camara Series Lecturer):  
**Good News & Contemplative Living in a  
World of Chaos**

Wednesday **12th August** St Brigid's Centre,  
St Patrick's Parish / CEO **Wangaratta.**

Dr Orsuto is the Lay Centre Director and Professor of the Institute of Spirituality Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. She gives retreats in many parts of the world and will lead two events for us.

**Retreat Day** 12th August **10.30 - 3.30pm**

RSVP by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August: CEO: 03 5722 1970 or  
[jiwanuch@ceosand.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jiwanuch@ceosand.catholic.edu.au)

**Reflection Evening** 12th August **7.30 pm - 9.00 pm**

RSVP by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August to 5441 2544 or  
[adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

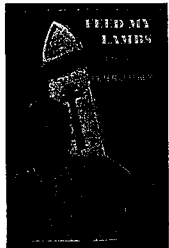
**Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)**  
is held every Thursday evening from 7pm to 8pm  
and Fridays from 3pm to 6pm in the Church.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION QUOTE:

*"What I really prefer is adoration in the evening, even when I get distracted and think of other things, or even fall asleep praying. In the evening then, between seven and eight o'clock, I stay in front of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour in adoration."* ~ Pope Francis

## 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 and phone number on an envelope and enclose \$30 and leave at the Parish office.



Our **Parish enjoyed a great walk** at Dookie last weekend. 18 parishioners walked the hills of Dookie and then celebrated Mass with the Dookie Parish followed by a lovely barbecue lunch together. The weather was great as was the whole day - many thanks to all involved. The **Parish Men's Group** will meet next Saturday morning 1<sup>st</sup> of August at 7.30am in the Mons Jeffrey Centre, we meet for breakfast and then one of the group will share the story of their life journey.

The group is always open to newcomers, so feel free to come and join us. If you have any queries please phone Anthony on 0408 269426.



**Prayer Cards:** At today's Mass our Sacramental Children will be handing out prayer cards and inviting parishioners to pray for them as they continue on their faith journey towards becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please take a prayer card and pray for the child over the next few weeks leading up to their special day in August.

## Estela Hutchings—Clinical Psychologist

From August Estela will consult on Fridays. Estela is available for private and confidential consultation on a wide variety of issues. There is a small charge for a 60 minute consultation. For further information contact the Parish office on 5821 2633.

The **Syro Malabar Mass** will be held  
this Sunday 26th July at 5pm.(Changed from 19th July)

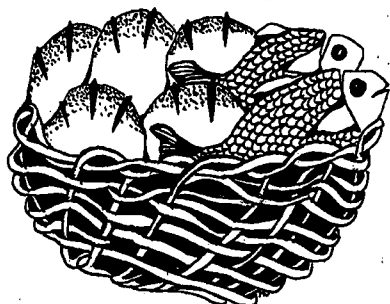
The booklet **"Don't Mess With Marriage"** A Pastoral letter from the Catholic Bishops of Australia to all Australians, is available in the narthex and west side porch. Please take a copy with you today. The letter can also be viewed online at [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au) and [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

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.

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" John 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle that is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.

*Stewardship Bulletin Reflections*



**What is this between  
so many?**

Jn 6:9

### **Transform the Nation "Freedom Tour"**

Numurkah Church of Christ and Numurkah Gospel Church are hosting this event.

It will be held at the Numurkah Town Hall on the **2nd August at 7pm**. Tickets are available online (<http://www.ticketbo.com.au/freedomtournumurkah>).

Tickets are \$5 for an adult, \$3 for a child or \$15 for families.

This will be a concert event where the performers are teenage girls who have been rescued from trafficking through the work of Transform the Nations. The girls will perform traditional Nepali songs and dances, as well as share their own stories.

The UN and the local NGOs estimate 12,000 to 15,000 girls a year are trafficked from Nepal. In recent times, some as young as 8 have been rescued from traffickers. Some girls are taken overseas, to South Korea and as far as South Africa. But the majority end up in Indian brothels where tens of thousands are working in appalling conditions. This is a life of abuse and fear; a life without hope.

*Note: Parental discretion advisory: While the content of the program is family oriented, due to the nature of the lives the girls have been rescued from, parental discretion is advised.*

St Brendan's Parish **Friendship Group** will meet for lunch at the Peppermill Hotel this Sunday 26th July at 12.30pm.

*This is a parish group that meet for lunch monthly 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.



### **Stoking the fire...**

My sister and her husband live on a farm. They have a slow combustion stove in the kitchen and the lounge.

On a bitterly cold winter mornings the first thing they do on rising is to empty the ashes, rearrange the embers and put in some more wood.

I am thinking how morning prayer is like that—  
stoking the fire.

*Fr John Speekman*

*Reflections from Australia*

### **St Mel's Parish have a vacant position of Pastoral Associate.**

All enquiries to Mrs Tonina Romeo, Parish Secretary, St Mel's Parish, South Shepparton. Phone 5831 2194. Applications close 4th August 2015.



### **Youth Ministry Update**

#### **Stronger:**

Stronger Retreat 2015, 25-27<sup>th</sup> September Harrierville. Join us if you're 16-25 for a weekend with the Stronger team having fun, growing in discipleship and learning about your faith. Registration now open at [strongeryouth.com](http://strongeryouth.com). Transport may be available. For more info follow @StrongerYouth or contact Darcy or Mary-Anne

#### **World Youth Day:**

World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland from July 26-31. If you are interested in joining one of the Victorian pilgrimages to World Youth Day then you are invited to join us for one of the following information nights and learn about the different pilgrimage options, fundraising ideas and more...

**Wodonga:** August 10<sup>th</sup>, 6.30-8pm., Sacred Heart Parish Meeting Room

**Wangaratta:** August 11<sup>th</sup>, 6.30-8pm., St Brigid's Meeting Room, CEO

**Shepparton:** August 12<sup>th</sup>, 6.30-8pm., Starkey Hall, Notre Dame

**Bendigo:** August 13<sup>th</sup>, 6.30-8pm., Marian Theatre, CCB

For more information on WYD visit [wydvictoria.org.au](http://wydvictoria.org.au) or contact Darcy or Mary-Anne.

**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* - Mondays 7.30pm, Parish Centre.

*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 1st August & 2 August*

**6pm** Youth Group, Youth Group  
**8am** P Guthrie, I Raleigh  
**11am** J Pilkington, R Kennedy

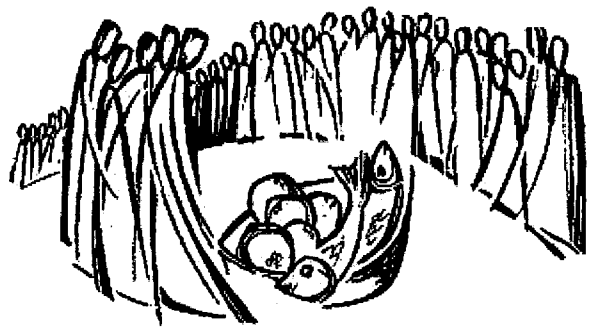


**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Richard Kelly (Ireland).  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Brendan Moylan, Silvano Bassani,  
Caleb Goodger, Thomas Francis, Michael Carey,  
Maria Giuliani, Joe Antonello, Domenico Leo,  
Carmela Lucia Rossi.

## Reflection

*Everybody needs beauty  
as well as bread,  
places to play in  
and pray in,  
where nature may heal  
and cheer and give  
strength to the body  
and soul.*

*John Muir*



### *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.