



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 2 August 2015



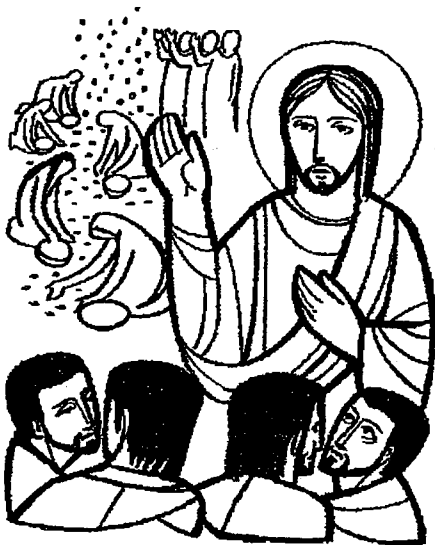
Readings for
this Sunday

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35



Readings for
next week:

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51



Liturgical Jottings

The Kyrie Eleison I

Kyrie Eleison (Greek for "Lord, have mercy") follows the Penitential Act unless it has already been part of it. The Kyrie is a chant by which the people acclaim the Lord and implore his mercy. It is usually led by a cantor, choir, reader, deacon or priest and with the people taking their part in it. Each acclamation is usually pronounced twice or more if the character of the language or the artistry of the music suggests.

Laudato Si'

It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation. Grace, which tends to manifest itself tangibly, found unsurpassable expression when God himself became man and gave himself as food for his creatures. para 236, Pope Francis, 2015

Focus on the Gospel

Today's Gospel reading follows on from last week's account of Jesus feeding the crowd of more than 5000 with just a small quantity of food. The crowd were amazed at the miracle and many of them followed after Jesus and his disciples, finding them on the other side of the lake. There Jesus admonished the crowd who, appearances suggest, are seeking food again rather than seeking him. They have put their attention "on food that cannot last" and not on the bread that "endures". They have understood only the superficial meaning of the provision of food and have failed to see that bread is the metaphor: the real sign is about who Jesus is.

In many countries and many cultures, bread is a staple food. It is a common ordinary part of many diets. The crowd seek to support their request for food or for a sign by referring to Moses and the manna their ancestors received in the desert. Jesus points out that it was God, not Moses, who sent manna from heaven to their ancestors, and it is God, the Father of Jesus, who now gives bread from Heaven in the person of Jesus who says of himself "I am the Bread of life". He is available to us now for our everyday living, for our strength and our sustenance.

In order that we may partake of all that Jesus is and offers, he calls on our trust and our faith: "He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst". A means of strengthening our trust and faith is by exercising them, acknowledging the presence and action of God in our lives. In my schooldays, a catechist encouraging us to attend to our growth in faith, drew an analogy with the strengthening and development of our bodily muscles. If we exercise our muscles, he suggested, we maintain our health and grow in strength and resilience; if we fail to exercise our muscles, they become weak and ineffective, incapable of supporting and enabling us in doing what we would like to do. So, too, with our faith and trust. It is an image that has often motivated me along life's way.

We seek to grow in trust and faith not to fulfil our own best desires but to join with Jesus in the building of his kingdom, the bringing to reality of his vision. Jesus is never reluctant to help. Let us trust him and approach him with faith.

On the Lighter Side ~ Bible Riddles

Q. Who was the smartest man in the Bible?

A. Abraham. He knew a Lot.

Q. Why didn't they play cards in the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.



Notices

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

Holy Communion will only be given from the Altar at the 6pm and 8am Masses. If you are disabled or not able to come to the altar, please let someone know and they will come to you.

Tax Time . . . !

Are you looking for your giving records to complete your tax return? Then your details may still be among the letters outlining contributions for the period of giving 1st July, 2014 to 30th June, 2015.

These are available in the narthex. Weekly givers also have their next set of giving envelopes included.

Please take your envelopes ASAP as this saves the parish postage costs.

Thank you to all parishioners who have supported the Parish throughout the year. Your support in all its forms is very much appreciated.

St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program

~Reconciliation Confirmation Eucharist~

Completed Confirmation forms must be returned to the Parish house ASAP. Please ensure they are addressed to "Att. Laura O'Sullivan". The office is open Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm or you can "post" the forms in the mail slot at the office door. Cards must be returned ASAP.

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.

Feed My Lambs (Reprinted) The book of homilies written by Monsignor Peter Jeffrey has been reprinted. If you would like a copy please put your name and phone number on an envelope, enclose \$30 and leave at the Parish office.

**Catholic Women's League will meet at 1pm on
Thursday 13th August.**

PROJECT COMPASSION 2015 concluded at the end of the financial year. Project Compassion nationally raised a record \$11.57 million and Sandhurst Diocese has again passed the half million mark with a final result of \$504,563 CONGRATULATIONS.

Then the earthquake in Nepal happened just as the PC money was coming in and people responded yet again. We should be immensely proud of Sandhurst generosity.

Your ongoing generous support is inspirational and is transforming the lives of the poorest of the poor in over 35 countries, where Caritas Australia is supporting people to help themselves ensure a more secure future with FOOD FOR LIFE.

~ Kerry Stone, Sandhurst Diocesan Co-ordinator, Caritas

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.

Retreat Day 12th August 10.30 - 3.30pm

RSVP by Friday 7th August: CEO: 03 5722 1970 or
jiwanuch@ceosand.catholic.edu.au

Reflection Evening 12th August 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm

RSVP by Friday 7th August to 5441 2544 or
adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Parish Office Development update

Following the relocation of the CEO tenancy 6 weeks ago from the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, we have been actively developing new plans to accommodate the parish office and pastoral teams into this space with an extension to the building.

When the plans are ready they will be displayed on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

We are conscious of the pressing need for more suitable accommodation for our teams assisting in the running of the Parish, and will be pushing ahead with this project as timely and efficiently as possible.

~ Parish Finance Committee

Rite of Christian initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Do you or someone you know have an interest in becoming a Catholic?

In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus gives a wonderful example of what the Kingdom of heaven is like. *"The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, a man finds the treasure covers it up and goes and sells everything he owns to purchase that field."* Mtt:13:44. The RCIA process tries to uncover the treasure of our Catholic faith.

The Parish of St. Brendan's invites those interested in becoming a Catholic, to come along to our first session being held on **Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm** in the Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre.

If you have any questions please call Anthony 0408269426.

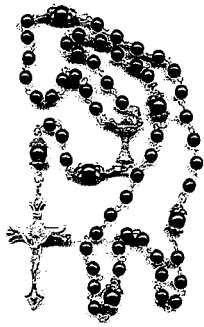
This Friday August 7th at St Brendan's, Adoration will continue until 7.15pm (starting at 3pm) followed by Benediction and Mass for vocations and our priests. This month we are joined by Fr. Doroteo, Fr Silverio and Br Massimo. Over a cuppa they will share with us the stories of their vocations, in this the year of "Consecrated Life." All welcome. Organised by the **St Brendan's Serra Club.**

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.

This week on **The Journey Catholic Radio Program** Peter Gilmore joins Jude Hennessy again for a show with some brilliant contemporary music picked to help you breeze through your week; Trish McCarthy talks about Faith and Language and Sr Hilda Scott OSB has a great piece too, all about the Ravensbrock prayer. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Sandhurst Diocesan Library Learning Centre and Pauline Books and Media invite you to their day of browsing and shopping at the Library Learning Centre, 120 Hargreaves Street Bendigo. EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME. THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 8:30am - 4:00 pm A vast range of books, music, CDs, DVDs, videos and audio talks will be available. For further information ring LLC on 5442 6108 or Julie at Pauline Books and Media 9882 3424.

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.



More for less ... ?

Escalators are wonderful things. I like the flat ones you can walk up better than the moving stairways. Part of the pleasure is, of course, that you just stand on them and they do all the work, while, if you do choose to walk you get twice the speed for the same amount of energy.

I was on one this afternoon and feeling energetic I started walking up, and as that special 'why-can't-life-be-like-this-all-the-time' feeling came over me, I suddenly found myself wondering about, of all things, my daily Rosary.

I think it must have been that thought about *saving energy* on the escalator which somehow led me to the make a connection with *saving time* on the Rosary.

The Rosary is meant to be, and can be, a deeply contemplative prayer which invites our complete attention, all our 'prayerfulness'. We may say the Rosary while out walking but it is not a good idea to go for a walk to say the Rosary, at least, that's what I've found.

There are so many things to dissipate our attentiveness during a walk that our prayer inevitably suffers. I can't read a book and listen to music at the same time - one of them eventually becomes 'background noise' but then, your experience may be different.

Fr John Speekman
<http://weekdayreflectionsfromaustralia.blogspot.com.au>

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.

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.



*Put on the new
self created in
God's image.*

World Youth Day Information Session - Shepparton

Interested in learning more about World Youth Day and how to join the Victorian pilgrimage? Join us at your local World Youth Day Information Session for information on the Victorian Pilgrimage to World Youth Day, latest updates from Poland, and how to register (registrations open in September).

**Date: Wednesday 12th August at 6.30pm
in Starkie Hall at Notre Dame College**

Visit the website for more details:
<http://www.cam.org.au/wydvictoria/>

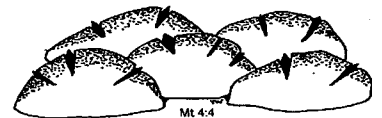
For more information on World Youth Day visit wydvictoria.org.au or contact Darcy or Mary-Anne on 5441 2544 or www.strongeryouth.com

This will be an amazing experience—encourage your sons, daughters, grandchildren and friends to come and see!



A walking stick was left at the Church after a funeral this week.

If this is yours, or you know who it belongs to, call at the Parish office.



No one lives on bread alone.

The latest *SandPiper* is now available.

Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held on Sunday

August 9th. They are looking for donations of Blankets, Doonas, non-perishable food.



Baskets will be available in the narthex next Sunday 9th August for people to leave donations and envelopes at the end of the pew for those who would like to help financially. Your help will be greatly appreciated because it has been so cold and unfortunately the number of homeless is high.

Youth Ministry Update

Stronger Retreat 2015, 25-27th September Harrietville. 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. Transport may be available For more info follow @StrongerYouth or contact Darcy or Mary-Anne.

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.

Parish Office Hours Phone 5821 2633
Tuesday to Friday 9am -4pm
(Closed Mondays & Public Holidays)

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Saturday 15th August Feast of the Assumption
11am Italian Mass and 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
***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 8th August & 9th August

6pm P Stein, M Keyte

8am J Zampaglione, D Teitzel

11am Maureen Collins, E Murphy

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Frank Shortis O'CARM
(brother of Margaret Myers), Leigh Issell, Claire Healy,
Joe Cullen (Son of Fred Cullen).

ANNIVERSARIES: Eugenia Viggiani,
Hugh Francis Naughton, Angela Vittoria Mancini,
Pellegrino-Angela Maria Mancini, Owen Smith,
Bill Gleeson, Damian Segafredo, Maria Victoria Fava,
Joan & Mike Corcoran.

Reflection

Prayer for Australia

*Lord, You place deep in our hearts
the love of Mary, Help of Christians.*

*Through her prayers
grant wisdom to our leaders
and integrity to our citizens.*

*Under her protection may Australia be
granted Harmony,
justice and peace.*

*Guard this land of the Southern Cross
from threats to undermine
the dignity of marriage.*

*Oh God, powerful and gentle,
You love this southern land
and all its peoples, old and new.*

*As the Cross shines in our heavens so may
Christ bring light to our nation.*

*As the waves circle our shores
so may your mercy enfold us all.*

*We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ
Your Son who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

Amen

Rosarycrusade.org.au

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.