



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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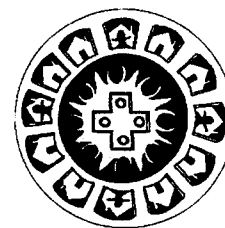
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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 9 August 2015



Readings for this Sunday

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



Readings for next week:

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Kyrie Eleison II

Each Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy) acclamation is usually pronounced twice. When the Kyrie is sung or said as a part of the Penitential Act, a 'trope' or short line in acknowledgment or praise or an attribute of God's mercy precedes each acclamation. It is not a naming of faults or sins but in praise of the mercy of God.

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### Laudato Si'

In the Eucharist, fullness is already achieved; it is the living centre of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life. Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love: "Yes, cosmic!" para 236, Pope Francis, 2015

## Focus on the Gospel

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus speak of himself again as the Bread of Life, come down from heaven. Some of those who knew him locally as the son of Mary and Joseph, questioned his claim. As with the crowd then, so now with us, Jesus calls us to faith, invites us to faith, offers himself to us as the Bread of Life. We are given faith as a gift from God; it is up to us to nurture and strengthen our faith, knowing that God will sustain us. We need to feed our souls with all that marks us as followers of Jesus and that sustains and increases our faith. The reading today from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians suggests some ways that we can do this: "Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ."

"Try then to imitate God as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up..." The Bread that he gives is his flesh for the life of the world. Today's psalm urges us to "taste and see that the Lord is good." The chorus of an old hymn invites us:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace*

In our Gospel reading from John, Jesus himself repeatedly invites us, exhorts us, to come to him, the living bread. He says that all who believe in him have eternal life. Let us accept his invitation with love and trust.

## Quotable Quote:

The bread, which comes from the earth, receiving the invocation of God, is no longer common bread, but the Eucharist, consisting of two realities, earthly and heavenly; so also our bodies, when they receive the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, having the hope of the resurrection to eternity. *St Irenaeus, Adv Haer, 4 xviii, 5.*

## On the Lighter Side ~ Biblical Riddles

- Q. Who was the fastest runner in the race?  
A. Adam, because he was first in the human race.
- Q. Why did the unemployed man get excited while looking through his Bible?  
A. He thought he saw a job.
- Q. What animal could Noah not trust?  
A. Cheetah



# 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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm** in the Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre.

If you have any questions please call Anthony 0408269426.

## 2016 St Brendan's Debutante Ball

Expressions of Interest form for the 2016 St Brendan's Debutante Ball are now available from the Notre Dame College Student Reception.

Forms are due in on Monday 17 August. If you have any queries please email [stbrendansdeb@live.com](mailto:stbrendansdeb@live.com)

**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.

A **walking stick** was left at the Church after a funeral last week. If this is yours, or you know who it belongs to, please call at the Parish office.

Mass at Tarcoola this Wednesday 12th August at 10.30am.

**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.

Italo-Australian Cultural Group presents **Fathers Day Dinner Dance** on Friday 28th August at United Football Club rooms at Deaken Reserve, Skene Street. All parishioners invited to attend. *See flyer on noticeboard.* For bookings phone Andrea 58215347/047923215 or Rosa 58217599 or Peter & Rosetta on 58290067 by 26th August. Cost \$25 adults \$12 children, drinks at bar prices.

The Diocese of Broome, WA, needs a volunteer **Manager for Kalumburu Mission**. Ideally suited to a couple, the role requires: Management/administration & good people skills; Church commitment; Being prepared to go the extra mile, this is not 9-5 work; Able to commit to a minimum period of two years. Package includes accommodation, living costs & a stipend. Learn more [www.kalumburumission.org.au](http://www.kalumburumission.org.au) If interested, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese: on 08 9192 1060 or email: [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org) Website: [www.broomedioocese.org](http://www.broomedioocese.org) Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

## St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program

*~Reconciliation Confirmation Eucharist~*

### Important Reminder for Parents

**Your Child's Completed Confirmation Card** should have been returned to the Parish House. If you haven't returned your child's card please do so ASAP.

**Reconciliation:** St. Brendan's Church, Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am. Sacramental Candidates are to attend Reconciliation on one of the following Saturday mornings 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> August.

**Next TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> August 7pm – Adult Faith Gathering in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.** This will be our last Adult Faith Gathering and catch up before the Sacramental Masses. It is imperative that at least one parent attends the session as I will have important information about the remainder of the Sacramental Program.

Our **Parish Men's group** will meet next Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of August at 7.30am in the Mons Jeffrey centre. One of the men from our group will share his life story at this meeting. Our stories are full of richness and also of the works of our Father. Sometimes in deciding to tell their story we discover God has been busy in our lives giving many blessings and helping us through the difficult times in our Life. Telling our stories is a very powerful experience, we see that other men have struggles and joys and the courage to share their story with the group. All are welcome for breakfast. Any questions please call Anthony on 0408 269426.

## **St Vincent de Paul Society St Brendan's Conference** Monthly Meeting next Thursday 13th August

in the **Mons Jeffrey Centre at 6.30pm**

for a special dinner meeting.

Mr Peter Chalkley from McAuley Champagnat Program for secondary students will be our guest speaker. He will discuss the "Cook for Life" program. Our usual meeting will follow.

For catering purposes, an indication of numbers would be appreciated. Please ring Denise if you are attending or for more information on 0432 054003.

**Catholic Women's League** will meet at 1pm this Thursday 13th August in the Mons Jeffrey centre.

**Last Sunday we had an 'near miss' incident in our church yard.** A small child walking from the church to the car park, narrowly avoided being hit by a car thanks to the careful driving of the parishioner in the car. The parents and our parish extend very grateful thank you to this driver. Please be aware that the car parks and driveways around our church are shared spaces and take the appropriate precautions. Some of these may include holding children's hands as you walk to and from church, using the footpath at the front of the church instead of the driveway to walk to and from the car park, only parking in the church yard if you need to use the disable parking spaces provided, or if you are parking inside the churchyard, waiting ten to fifteen minutes for the parishioners to leave before driving out. If you have any suggestions for how we could address this, please feel free to put your suggestions in the Suggestion Box, or speak to Kathy Hunt (0416058431).

**Tax Time . . . !** If you have not yet collected your end of financial year statement of giving please call at the parish office to collect it. **Please help us save costs on postage as this can be quite expensive.** Weekly givers also have their next set of giving envelopes included. *Thank you to all parishioners who have supported the Parish throughout the year. Your support in all its forms is very much appreciated.*

# Welcome back Fr Joe

This weekend we welcome Fr Joe back among us and thank God for his safe return. We hope the study and travelling were inspirational, restful and worthwhile.

# Thank you Fr Joseph

Thank you to Fr Joseph for caring for the parish in Fr Joe's absence. We appreciate your guidance, spirituality and friendship.

## Rosary Crusade in support of Natural Marriage Call on Mary, Help of Christians, to come to our aid!

Marriage is under attack, yet we do have the means to conquer the enemy. The enemy we have to fight avoids direct confrontation. Instead, it corrodes society from within, eating away at the foundations of our civilisation like a termite.

We need to take action urgently.

The Rosary is one of the most powerful prayers of Christians, used many times in need.

Let us join in prayer across Australia. Pray to our Lady Help of Christians and join us in offering one, million rosaries across Australia for the intention of retaining natural marriage. You can register your rosaries at [rosarycrusade.org.au](http://rosarycrusade.org.au)

Pick up a flyer in the narthex/porch.

*Please pray for our Sacramental Candidates who will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August.*

**Loving God,  
pour out your blessing upon our beloved children,  
that during this time of Sacramental preparation  
they may grow closer to you,  
and come to know your special love for them.  
May this time of preparation be a time of blessing  
for our families and our community,  
and unite us all in your great love.**

**Amen**

**Vinnies Winter Appeal** is being held this weekend. They are looking for donations of Blankets, Doonas, non-perishable food.

Baskets will be available in the narthex 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.



# Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 15th August  
Masses  
8.30am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm

The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven



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dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

~ From [www.catholicism.about.com](http://www.catholicism.about.com)



## 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: This 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](http://wydvictoria.org.au) or contact Darcy or Mary-Anne on 5441 2544 or [www.strongeryouth.com](http://www.strongeryouth.com)

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



**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  
8.30am, 11am (Italian) 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 15th August & 16th August*

**6pm** C Naughton, P Naughton

**8am** Sr R Crowe, G Jelliff

**11am** M Hicks, S Quilty

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Charlie Cardillo, Mary Moss.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Monsignor Anthony Bones,  
Leo O'Brien.

## Reflection

**I AM:**

*John's Gospel provides various images of Jesus in the form of the 'I am' sayings. There are seven of these:*

*'I am the bread of life' (6:48)*

*'I am the light of the world' (8:12, 9:5)*

*'I am the sheep gate and the good shepherd' (10:9,11)*

*'I am the resurrection and the life' (11:25)*

*'I am the way, the truth and the life' (14:6)*

*'I am the true vine' (15:1)*

*'Before Abraham was born, I am' (8:58)*

*All these sayings should be read and understood in the context of the Hebrew name of God, especially the last one listed. When Moses encountered God in the burning bush, he asks by what name God is known. God replies, 'I AM WHO AM. Thus you shall say to the Israelites, I AM has sent me to you.'" John is making a very profound point about the identity of Jesus in these sayings.*

*~ By John Hogan*

### *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.