



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 30 August 2015



Readings for
this Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Readings for
next week:

Isaiah 35:4-7
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37



Liturgical Jottings

Agnus Dei

The supplication Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) is usually sung by the choir or cantor with the congregation or at recited aloud. It accompanies the fraction of the bread and, for this reason, may be repeated as many times as necessary. The final time it concludes with the words grant us peace. Based upon John the Baptist's reference in John 1:29 to Jesus "Behold the Lamb of God" the chant was a custom in the Syrian liturgy and introduced into the Roman Rite Mass by Pope Sergius I (687-701)

Quotable Quote:

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

— Dr. Seuss

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Focus on the Gospel

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Laudato Si'

Creating a world in need of development, God in some way sought to limit himself in such a way that many of the things we think of as evils, dangers or sources of suffering, are in reality part of the pains of childbirth which he uses to draw us into the act of cooperation with the Creator. Pope Francis para 80

On the Lighter Side

A Priest in the Sunshine Coast lamented that it was very difficult to get his message across to his congregation. "It's so beautiful here in the winter," he said, "that heaven doesn't interest them. And it's so hot here in the summer that hell doesn't scare them."



Notices

Bulletin notices to be in to the office by 12 noon Thursdays. Thank 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 3rd September at 7.30pm** in the Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre. If you have any questions please call the Parish office on 5821 2633.

St Brendan's MacKillop Faith & Light Community are working on a special project and we need red bottle tops, black buttons and icy pole sticks.

If you can help, we would appreciate it if you could drop these into the Parish house and we are grateful for your support. For information ring Denise 0432 054003.

Room for Rent or Board. A new parishioner in the parish requires somewhere temporary to live whilst he relocates from Melbourne. He is a school teacher and would like a room to rent or board for a short time. If you are able to help please phone Andrew on 0430 008021.

FATHERS' DAY COLLECTION

for retired Priests of Sandhurst began in 1998 with 13 retired Priests; we now have 16 retired Priests. Fundraising assists the provision of housing, annual recurrent and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese.

A special collection will be taken on Fathers' Day next weekend and is the major fundraiser of the year. Your donations (tax deductible) are essential. This day is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication; and to pray for our priests, active and retired.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10 are to please use the envelopes provided in the narthex. Thank you.

Stronger Youth Retreat 25-27th September Harrierville. If you're interested in going along to this year's Stronger Youth Retreat, registrations are open now! To register, visit the stronger website and follow the link: <http://www.strongeryouth.com/retreat2015/> Registrations close on September 13. If you have any questions or want to find out more please see Jess Alampi in the Parish office or you can also contact the Sandhurst Youth Workers: Darcy or Mary-Anne on 5445 3616.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – KRAKOW (POLAND) 2016

Next year young people aged between 16-35 years will have the opportunity to take part in World Youth Day Pilgrimages. There are four separate Pilgrimages that youth can be involved in starting from July 16 – August 6, 2016. The length and cost of each of the Pilgrimages vary.

Please see the WYD Victoria Website for more details: <http://www.cam.org.au/wydvictoria/Pilgrimages>

Registration will open in September.

If you are a student at Notre Dame College – please collect and fill-in an internal Expression of Interest Application form. These can be collected from Student Reception or the Faith & Ministry Office.

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 pyx can be arranged for you (via sacristy door in the west entrance).

Gifts for Sacramental Children and other gifts

There is a fantastic range of beautiful cards and gifts in our Piety Stall suitable for gifts for the children receiving the Sacraments at the end of August including invitations to their special celebrations. Rosary beads, crucifixes, statues, plaques, bracelets, medals, candles are some of the many beautiful items available. The **Piety Stall** is located in the western entrance to the church.

Fr Doroteo from the CFD will be speaking on Holy Orders at St Mel's Parish, 18 Hamilton Street, Shepparton on **Saturday September 12th**. Starting at 10am with a cuppa, 10:30 prayer during the day and talk, 11:30 Q & A, 12pm shared pizza lunch. For more information contact Peter Wright on 0418 589083.

MacKillop Faith & Light will be meeting on the 13th September at 11 o'clock Mass then over to the Mons. Peter Centre for Gospel Role play and lunch. We are not meeting on the 1st Sunday as it is Fathers Day. For more information phone Denise on 0432054003

Anointing Mass will be Wednesday 2nd September at 11am.

The St Brendan's **Serra Club** will be gathering this **First Friday September 4th**. Exposition will continue from 3pm until 7.15pm. We will then have a blessing followed by Mass celebrated by Fr Frank Jones. We will pray for vocations, seminarians and our priests. All welcome.

Afterwards we will enjoy a cuppa together in the Mons Jeffrey Centre and show our DVD this month is a talk by Archbishop Fulton Sheen on Our Lady titled "The Woman I Love" her birthday this Tuesday September 8th.

Rosary Crusade in support of Natural Marriage Call on Mary, Help of Christians, to come to our aid! 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 Pick up a flyer in the narthex/porch.

Pope Francis invites us all to join in a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1st.

St Brendan's Friendship Group will meet for lunch this Sunday 30th August at 12.30 at the Eastbank Café in Welsford Street. There will be a free concert starting at 2pm at the venue. Come along for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of music. All parishioners are welcome to this parish group. Enq: Pat 5821 1269 Graeme 5825 2816.

GARABANDAL We invite you to come along to Mass followed by a report and short film about Garabandal events. Francis & Patricia Seymon will be visiting. Also a film about a visit to Ukraine by Dr Michael and Mrs Helen Rozeluk showing miracles taking place through intercession of Our Blessed Mother. A crucifix kissed by our lady during the reported apparitions will be available for veneration. **When:** Tuesday 15th September **Where:** St Brendan's Church. **Time:** Beginning with Mass at 10.30am. All welcome. For enquiries phone Ellie on 58216359. See details on the flyer on the noticeboard.

We welcome Bishop Leslie Tomlinson to St. Brendan's Parish this weekend for the special celebrations of Confirmation and First Eucharist. We would also like to welcome the families of the children and visitors to this wonderful celebration in our Parish. This is a most sacred occasion in the life and faith journey of our children.

Friday 28th August
6.30pm

SARAH COLLINS
ANGELYNN SOAKIMI
ABBY McCURDY
ALYSON PHILLIPS
MATESSE RYAN
ALEXANDER HEALY
JOHN ORTILLANO
KYLA ORTILLANO
JAMAHL CLARKE
ZARA GIACCHERINI
HOLLY MORONEY
BRAYDEN GLADIGAU
HARRISON BAKER
ZACHARY LEAHY
MAX COLE
HUGH COLLINS
SANELE SOAKIMI
SETH WILSON
HARPER SIMPSON
NATALIE SMYTH
MITCHELL KNIGHT
ELLA ERICKSON

Saturday 29th August
6.00pm

RYAN CARTWRIGHT
LAURYN CARTWRIGHT
RYAN SORRAGHAN
KADE METCALF
CHARLOTTE FALSETTA
MARTHA CHASEMORE
ELLA RUMBILOLO
ISABELLA CUCINOTTA
JIM JOSEPH
EMILIA LATORRE
ASHLEE MAGNUSSON
ELISABETH
NIEUWENHUIZEN
OLIVIA LOVERSO
MARISA MANN
WILLIAM CHANDLER
ANNA LE
EMILY ZAMPAGLIONE
XAVIER BENNET
HENRY BENNETT

Sunday 30th August
11.00am

NICHOLAS COOPER
XAVIER JANKE
JACK McINTYRE
ANOUSHKA WJESINGHA
VINCENZO CONTE
WILL BROOM
SAM BICKNELL
GARIELLA SCARCELLA
ELLA SMITH
NED BYRNE
MARISSA CIAVATTA
SEAMUS MARTIN
JAMES DOYLS
LIAM PRIOR
AYDAN CAREY
CLEOPATRA RANDALL
CHIARA VILLANI

Sunday 30th August
2.00pm

AHOK TONG
AHLAM SAADAN
HAKIM DYAR
HAPPY DYAR
BRAYDEN ARNOLD
SAMUEL O'HORA
TRINITY CAMERON
ISABELLA BARTON
AYAK PADUAL
MATT WHITLOCK
ANARDIA LUVARA-COLLYER
NYANMAN CHOL
MAXINE CLERIGO
LAMBERT KITUNGANO
FRANK LOPICCOLO
OLIVER KILMARTIN
KEN ELUDO



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

The children and young adults who celebrated the Sacraments this weekend will receive their certificates of Confirmation and First Eucharist during Masses next weekend. 6.00pm Saturday 5th September and 8.00am and 11.00am Sunday 6th September.



There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday 30th and next Sunday 6th. Children's Liturgy will continue at 11am Mass on 13th Sept.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated at the 11am Mass every Sunday during the school term and is suitable for all primary aged children. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to hear and discuss the Word of God in a format more relevant to their age.

Let's celebrate with our Sacramental children



Parents, family members, friends and parishioners are invited to join with this year's Sacramental candidates as they celebrate being fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

Celebrations will begin with Mass at St. Brendan's Church, **Wednesday 9th September at 9.30am** followed with a party on the Parish lawns.

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

****Note—Morning Mass on Wednesday 9th September will be at 9.30am not 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 5th September & 6th September

6pm Youth Group Youth Group

8am L Boschetti, M-A Demase

11am M Taverner, P White



RECENTLY DECEASED: Kevin Doyle (Dookie), Maria Portea, Antonino Garofalo, Mary Stafford, Mary Heneghan (Ireland— Sister of George Heneghan).
ANNIVERSARIES: Eric Harrison, Frank Demasi, John Damian Naughton, Imelda Mahony, Domenic Sicali.

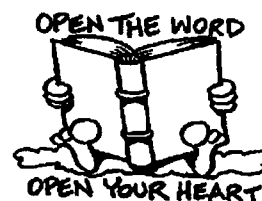
Reflection

Praying Psalm 24 (23)

Who can climb the mountain of God!
To God belong the earth and all it contains,
the world and all who live there;
it is he who laid its foundations on the seas,
on the flowing waters fixed it firm.
Who shall go up to the mountain of God?
Who shall take a stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose heart is not set on vanities,
who does not swear an oath in order to deceive.
Such a one will receive blessing from God,
saving justice from the God of his salvation.
Such is the people that seeks him,
that seeks your presence, God of Jacob.
Gates, lift high your heads,
raise high the ancient gateways,
and the king of glory shall enter!
Who is he, this king of glory?
It is God, strong and valiant,
God valiant in battle.
Gates, lift high your heads,
raise high the ancient gateways,
and the king of glory shall enter!
Who is He, this king of glory?
Christ, he is the king of glory.

~ From <http://ocarm.org>

Lectio 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time



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.