



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 6 September 2015



Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

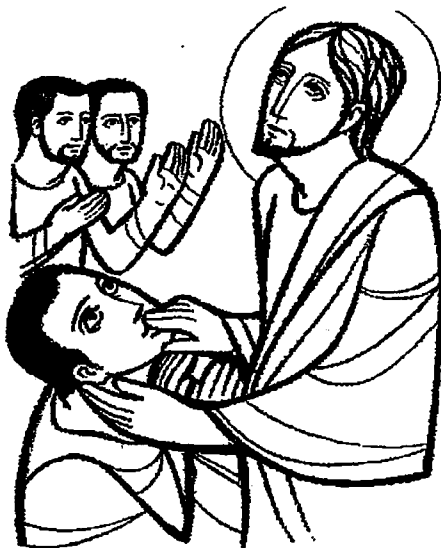


Readings for next week:

Isaiah 50:5-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35



## Liturgical Jottings

Next Tuesday is observed as the feast of the Nativity of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This celebration was introduced into the liturgy of the church in Jerusalem in the sixth century and then in Rome in the seventh century. As a result Mary became with Jesus and John the Baptist one of the only three to have a feast day in honour of their birth. Mary's key role in the history of salvation was confirmed when the Angel Gabriel announced that she would have a child who would be the Saviour. We know little of her life before that so it is good to celebrate her birthday as a reminder that this child, like us in so many respects, was so special in the eyes of God that she was chosen to bear, love and care for his divine son.

## Focus on the Gospel

Each time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist we expect that Jesus will touch our lives in some significant way. Today, Father's Day, we pray that Jesus will raise our awareness of the closeness of his Father to each and every one of us. After all, the mission of Jesus in becoming human was to reconcile us to God our Father.

For this reason we can be grateful that today's gospel reading is a narrative that has the potential to deepen our knowledge of Jesus and make him more real to us. This is highly significant for us because when Jesus taught us to pray he told us to speak to God as Our Father. By identifying more closely with the humanity of Jesus we grow closer to his Father and ours.

The first point about today's reading is that Jesus identified closely with the man who was brought to him in the hope of having his hearing and speech restored. Jesus took him aside and in one intimate moment restored his hearing and speech.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of this event is that Jesus asked the man not to speak about the outcome of this moment of healing. Of course he could not refrain from telling everyone that he could now hear clearly and speak properly. The consequence is that people were swept up in admiration for Jesus. But that is not what Jesus wanted.

He wanted the people who were listening to him to focus on what he was teaching. His aim was to help them overcome their spiritual blindness by loving His Father and theirs whole heartedly and supporting each other as members of the one spiritual family.

## The God who is Close to Us

We have known and put our faith in God's love for us. God is love, and whoever lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

(1 John 4:16)

## A Father's Day Reflection

One determinant of the future of young people is unquestionably their family. Today we acknowledge the role of fathers in family life. We pray that fathers everywhere will give and receive the love that that binds husband, wife and children together as a family. Love of this kind is one of God's most precious gifts to us.

## On the Lighter Side

Remember today of all days that a day is wasted if you have neither smiled nor laughed.



# 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?**

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 session being held on  
**Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm** in the  
Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre. If you have any questions please  
call the Parish office on 5821 2633.

**Catholic Women's League** will meet on Thursday 10th  
September at 1pm in the small room in Mons Jeffrey Centre.

**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.

**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.

**The second collection this weekend will be for this  
purpose** 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.

**Morning Mass next Wednesday 9th September will  
be at 9.30am not 9.15 to enable the  
Parish celebration with the Sacramental adults  
and children.**

## **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.

**St Brendan's MacKillop Faith & Light Community**  
will be meeting on the **13th September** (not 6th Sept) at  
11 o'clock Mass then afterwards to the Mons Jeffrey 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

## **Parish Census Cards**

This weekend and over the next couple of weekends all  
people attending Masses will be asked to complete a  
Parish Census Card (whether you're a parishioner or not).  
The aim is to update our records of all parishioners.  
Cards and pencils will be handed out during Masses and  
we ask that you complete these and hand back to  
collectors.

This will enable the parish records to be updated in  
readiness for the Stewardship program which will start  
later in the year.

*Thank you.*



*children's Liturgy*

**There will be no Children's  
Liturgy of the Word this  
Sunday 6th September.  
Children's Liturgy will  
continue at 11am Mass on  
13th September.**

**Spirituality in the Pub** Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on  
**Monday 21st September 7.30 – 9 pm** (meals from 6pm  
optional) **Let's Talk About 'Our Common Home' - A  
conversation about Pope Francis' recently released  
encyclical on the environment**. Speakers, Mons Peter  
Jeffrey, Kerry Stone and John Pettigrew will present 3  
different perspectives. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain  
insights into the encyclical and Francis' message for the  
world if you haven't read it, and or to share your thoughts if  
you have! Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904 Frank 5821 4362

## **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](http://rosarycrusade.org.au) *Pick up a flyer in the narthex/porch.*

**Volunteers Required** to help keep  
the Parish Grounds and buildings  
maintained whilst Frank is on sick  
leave:

- Set up & Pack up of Parish Centre
- Cleaning back of Parish Centre
- Weeding and maintaining garden beds
- Sweeping
- General maintenance and cleaning around Parish House.

Please call the Parish office if you can spare some time  
to keep our Parish grounds and buildings clean.

*Thank you.*



**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Stronger Youth Retreat (Harrierville)

September 25 -27

If you're interested in going along to this year's Stronger Youth Retreat, registrations are open now! Visit the stronger website and follow the link <http://www.strongeryouth.com/retreat2015/> to register.

**Registrations close on September 13.**

A bus will be leaving St Brendan's Parish at 10am on Friday September 25, cost is \$20.

Please contact Judi Robinson on 0419 575 585 for a place.

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL – REGISTER NOW

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

Young people from Year 9 (in 2015) to young adults 25 years of age are invited to the event. Young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

**When:** December 3 - Saturday December 5, 2015

**Where:** Adelaide (Adelaide Convention Centre & St Francis Xavier Cathedral)

**Cost:** \$195 \*This does not include transport, accommodation or meal tickets.

You can register now at: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/index.php/registration/registration>

Registrations close October 23.

**Congratulations to all our Sacramental people who celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist last weekend and became fully initiated into the Catholic Church. The preparation may be over but the journey of faith continues.**

**They will receive their Certificates of Confirmation and Eucharist this weekend at all Masses.**

**Men's Group** will meet on Saturday 12th September at 7.30am for breakfast in the Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre. All are welcome.

## 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.



# Fathers Day

## Importance of Father's Day

Father's Day festival is considered extremely important as it help acknowledge the contribution of fathers to individual families and to societies as large. Besides observance of Father's Day provide children an opportunity to express love and respect for their fathers. The sentiment goes a long way in strengthening father-child relationship and consequently in the emotional development of a child.

## Significance of Father in our Lives

The role of father is often relegated to a secondary status as compared to a mother. But all of us know that father is just as important for a child as the mother is. If mothers are the heroes of child rearing, significance of father in the development and emotional well being of a child is no less. Children depend on their father for their spiritual, emotional, physical, financial and social well being. For daughters, father is the ideal man in the world and also the first man they adore, while for sons, father is an idol and the strongest man they aspire to emulate. Though traditionally father is seen more as a provider and guide for children, the scenario appears significantly changed in nuclear family culture of today. With most husband and wife working, fathers in present times are as involved in child rearing job as the mothers are. Today, most fathers do not shy away from changing nappy or taking the difficult task for putting the baby to sleep. This cultural change is helping in strengthening father-child relationship and consequently in emotional development of a child and building of stronger family bonds.

## Significance of Father's Day Festival

Father's Day festival gives us the opportunity to express thanks to our Father for all their unconditional love and affection. Observance of Father's Day makes fathers feel that their contributions are acknowledged in the society and also by their children. They feel proud of themselves! Besides by celebrating Father's Day, children come closer to their father. For most often children take love of their parents for granted. Celebration of Father's Day makes them ponder for a while on the important role their fathers play in their life. This helps them appreciate the selfless care and protection provided by their father and hence they come emotionally closer to their dad.

Children must therefore take full opportunity of the day and express their gratitude for fathers with all their heart. The best way to do so is to do small things that daddy appreciates and by saying "I love you, Dad".

*The Society of Festivals in India (SCFI)*

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

**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

**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 12th September &**

**13th September**

**6pm** F Scheibel, D Sullivan

**8am** I Ralieggh, P Guthrie

**11am** L Ferguson, W Hunt

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Marjorie Allpress.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Eileen Keyte, Carmelo Ganci, Alfio Emmi (one month mind), Mick Smythe, Frank & Edna Moloney, Les Price.

## **Reflection**

### **Father's Day Prayer of Remembering**

*"Fathers young, fathers old*

*Remembering good times are our gold.*

*Value earned through guidance given*

*Helping us go forth in livin'.*

*Each father adding to our trove*

*A treasure chest of love untold.*

*Remembering fathers in our lives*

*Taking time to realize.*

*Fatherly love brings wealth to living*  
*Remembering this, we go forth in giving.*

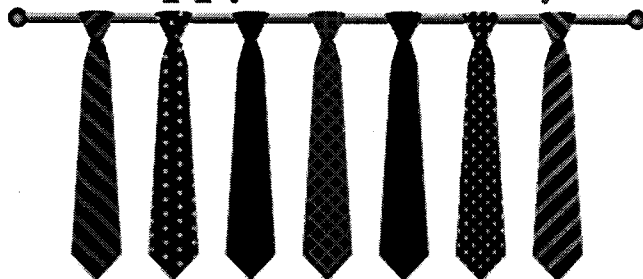
*Fathers young, fathers old*

*We remember you all*

*As life unfolds."*

*Susan Kramer*

## **Happy Fathers Day**



### **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.