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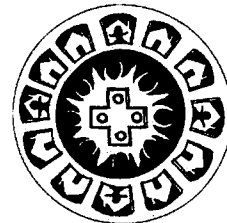
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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 13 September 2015



Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 50:5-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35



Readings for next week:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37



Liturgical Jottings

We gather in church each Sunday and on special occasions to strengthen what unites us as a community of faith. That of course is our communion with the Son of God who became one of us so long ago but promised to remain with us always. Despite the good will that brings us to church we also have our shortcomings. For this reason we always follow the warm greeting with which our Sunday liturgy commences by acknowledging our sinfulness, asking forgiveness and renewing our intention to renounce ourselves and take up our cross each day.

Laudato Si'

Just as Mary the Mother's pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power.

Pope Francis para 241

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Focus on the Gospel

On this September day we are invited to reflect on a day when Jesus awakened in his disciples a new understanding of who he was and of what he had come into the world to do. It is an understanding that has to be constantly reawakened in our lives. In response to his question "Who do you say I am?" Peter showed more insight than those who could only guess who Jesus was. He said, "You are the Christ." It was the right answer but Jesus needed to explain what it really meant.

He broke new ground for all his disciples by explaining that he was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the leaders of his own people, to be put to death and, after three days, to rise again.

Peter still had the hope that the mission of Jesus was to restore the kingdom of Israel and he simply refused to accept what Jesus had said so openly for the first time. Jesus rebuked Peter severely for that. He then called the people and the disciples together and told them, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Taking up the cross for us today may mean dealing with suffering and sorrow in our lives without losing faith or hope. It may also mean helping others as best we can with their suffering and sorrow. But remember Jesus concluded his description of his mission by saying he would rise again. That means that Jesus endured pain and rejection to awaken for us the power of his Father's love to restore our fallen humanity.

The Heart of Christian Faith

"We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for love of us and we ought to lay down our lives for one another." 1 John 3:16

A Prayer for Today

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own and to live it in our lives. Opening prayer for each session of the Second Vatican Council.

On the Lighter Side ~ more bible riddles

Q. Why didn't Noah go fishing?

A. He only had two worms.

Q. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

A. Because he knew there was something fishy about it.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah; he floated his stock while everyone was in liquidation.



Notices



Happy Birthday Fr. Joe!

May God Bless you today and always.



Carpark and Driveway Marshals

At our recent PPC meeting we discussed the near miss incident in our church driveway after Mass. We have decided to trial having 'marshals' dressed in high visibility vests in strategic places after Mass. We will provide some training for these people. If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more about this, please give your name and number to the Parish office, or contact myself, Kathy Hunt on 0416058431.

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.

ORDINATION—Saturday 19th September

Deacon Steven Bolling will be ordained at Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo on Saturday 19th September at 11.00am. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The St Vincent de Paul Society in this region continues to assist families and individuals through programs that support and encourage. **Come and See. SUNDAY, 11th OCTOBER, 2015**

Thank You

The St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program for 2015 was once again a wonderful celebration and faith enriching journey for all involved.

I would like to sincerely thank the wonderful and supportive team that works with me throughout the year; I truly appreciate your help.

A special thank you to the families of our sacramental children. The success of the program is due to your positive and faith filled commitment to the Program.

Thank you. Laura O'Sullivan

"I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding."



FOUND in Notre Dame Car Park. One Soft Toy Bunny. Contact the Parish House.

FATHERS' DAY COLLECTION

Thank you to all those who contributed. If there are any envelopes outstanding, please return them to the office this week.

White balloons

The white balloons in our church this weekend are recognition of the close of National Child Protection Week. For more information about this, please visit www.NAPCAN

Catholic Womens League will be holding a Blumes Fashion Show in the Mons. Jeffery Room on Monday 21st September at 10am. \$5 entry. All welcome

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. Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904 Frank 5821 4362

ROSTERS: The next period of rosters will be the 8th of November to 6th of March. If you know you will be away at anytime during this period please ring the Parish Office or send an email.

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

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.



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. 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 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.

The Patrician (an arm of the Legion of Mary) invites you to know more, to understand deeper and to learn to speak out and to deepen our Catholic faith.

- When: Sunday 20th September, 2015, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- Where: Holy Rosary, White Hills
- Contact: Fr Junjun Amaya 0459 356 917

Open to all Catholics (even those non-practicing).

Come and learn how beautiful our faith is.

Recent Minister of Communion and Lector Formation.

At our recent formation sessions for these ministries there were several small but significant changes discussed. If you assist our community in one of these ministries, please collect a 'tip sheet' from either the sacristy over the weekend, or from the Parish office next week.

GARABANDAL We invite you to come along to Mass this Tuesday morning **15th September at 10.30am** followed by a report and short film about Garabandal events. Francis & Patricia Seymon will be visiting. We will also see 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. All welcome. For enquiries phone Ellie on 58216359.

Sandhurst Diocese "Journey of Christ Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2016"

14th – 29th September 2016

with **Fr Junjun Amaya** (Chaplain), Assistant Priest, St Liborius' Eaglehawk & **Ms Maria Weatherill**, Sandhurst CEO. Organised by Adult Faith Education Sandhurst & Sandhurst Diocese Catholic Education Office, with Olive Tree Travel.

Price per person: including taxes, tips, entrance fees and more, twin share, based on 35+ pilgrims **AUD \$6,690** (Single Supplement AUD\$1575). Optional Extension to Petra, Jordan, twin share, based on 8-10 passengers **AUD\$950** (Single Supplement AUD \$265).

CONTACT for brochure, itinerary, registration of interest & booking forms: Marina Scott T: 03 5445 9910 msscott@ceosand.catholic.edu.au. Further information: Lyn Breen adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au OR Katrina Maggs T: 03 8488 9696 or 1300 55 08 30 katrina@olivetreetravel.com.au

A Reflection on Our Christian Duty to Welcome the Refugee

Refugees can expect one of four fates. They can return or be forcibly returned to their own countries. They can be resettled in another country. They can be assimilated into the society of the nation where they first arrive. Or they can arrive in camps, awaiting a better future. The choice of destiny is rarely their own (Andrew Hamilton SJ, A History of JRS Asia Pacific 1979-1989).

Victims of conflict: Who is a "refugee"? Who is an "internally displaced person"?

Scripture points to the fact that the Holy Family started out as victims of conflict.

In Luke's Gospel, Joseph, Mary and Jesus are forced to leave all they have behind in Israel and to flee into Egypt:

The Holy Family as "refugees"

The Holy Family experienced two situations that have tragically occurred over and over again throughout history. The first is the real event of a family escaping persecution (not criminal prosecution) by their own State which is targeting them, or a class of persons to which they belong to, for a specific reason. This family is forced to flee without warning to a foreign third country and in fear that they (or a member of their family unit) will suffer serious harm at the hands of that State, leaving everything behind and living in fear of what will happen to them in the future. The Holy Family would today meet the definition of a refugee under the 1951 United Nations Refugees Convention, which has been adopted as law by more than one hundred nations.

The Holy Family as "internally displaced persons"

The second event, which has also painfully occurred throughout history, is the return of a family from a country foreign to their own, only to find that returning to their own region within their country is dangerous or that they return to devastation and ruins. This forces the family to move to another region within their own country that is unfamiliar to them and which might be unwelcoming and suspicious to them or hostile to their moving to this region for various internal reasons. The Holy Family would today fall within the category of persons known as internally displaced persons. These persons however are not refugees by definition because they are displaced within their own country and have not left their country of origin.

Scripture reminds us that hospitality and love to the stranger, including the refugee, is our Christian duty. Church documents also remind us of our responsibility in reaching out to the refugee in hospitality and love.

Reflection

- What is our understanding of a refugee? What is our understanding of an internally displaced person? What is our understanding of a victim of war and conflict?
- How is our understanding of a refugee, a displaced person or a victim of war and conflict influenced by media and public perception? How good are we in critiquing fact from opinion?
- Have we tried to approach a refugee and ask them if they would be willing to share their story with us? Do we actively listen to their story?
- Do we foster a community of "welcome" to refugees? Are we able to come to terms with our cultural differences to foster a community of solidarity?

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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

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

19th September & 20th September

6pm B Phillips, M Phillips

8am D Teitzel, J Zampaglione

11am P Crane, P Chalkley

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Julien Kisirani (Cousin of Maelie Mupenda),

Mick Touhey (Sara White's Brother-in-law),

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim Andrews,

Michele Sepe (One month mind), Carmela Sepe ,

Thomas Dolan, Pasquale Percy Barbaro,

John (Jack) Moylan, Katherine Phelan, Mary Ann Conway,

Mary Monica Michel, Fr. Peter McAlpine,

Joan Crowe McPhee

Reflection

A Prayer for Refugees

*Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee
and had no place to call his own;*

*look with mercy on those who today
are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them
relief;*

*inspire generosity and compassion in all
our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world
towards that day
when all will rejoice in your Kingdom
of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

GIVE THANKS...WITH A GRATEFUL HEART!

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.