



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 27 September 2015



Readings for this Sunday

Numbers 11: 25-29  
James 5:1-6  
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48



Readings for next week:

Genesis 2:18-24  
Hebrews 2:9-11  
Mark 10:2-16



## Liturgical Jottings

Each celebration of the Eucharist is a reminder that we are all called to service the spread of the gospel in ways that can reasonably be expected of us. As we reflect on this, words come to mind like integrity in all our relationships, generosity towards those who are disadvantaged and respect for our own dignity and the dignity of others. These words suggest that the ways in which we service the spread of the gospel are also essential to the success of society as a whole.

## Prayer from Pope Francis

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, That we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

## Focus on the Gospel

The gospels are not always a comfortable read. But sometimes an uncomfortable passage touches our lives very deeply. The words spoken by Jesus in the reading from Mark today is one of those passages: *But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck.*

Obviously Jesus had a special concern for those whom he spoke of as 'little ones who have faith'. Quite likely abuse of children was an issue for society then as now. The context for his concern, so strongly expressed, is that the love we have for children is a key aspect of loving one another as Jesus expects us to.

It is important to reflect on this from the child's point of view. Our humanity is seen at its best in children's affection and trust for parents and grandparents, siblings, friends and teachers. Our response to their affection calls for such qualities as loving care for their welfare. Our response to their trust in us is to trust in their ability to find their own way, given our support.

These interactions are especially important not just for the well-being of our shared humanity but especially for that of our faith community. Consequently the betrayal of the love and trust of little ones who have faith has implications for them and for us, implications too important to be overlooked. Hence the unusually vehement words of Jesus.

## Quotable Quotes:

God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us.

*St Augustine*

God's loving is not only a once-and-for-all event in our historical past but also a transforming energy communicating itself in all places, times and lives.

*Anthony J Kelly, The Heart of Christian Faith*

## On the Lighter Side

A collector of rare books ran into an acquaintance who told him he had just thrown away an old Bible that he found in a dusty, old box. He also mentioned that Gutenberg had printed it. "Not Gutenberg?" gasped the collector. "Yes, that was it!" "You fool! You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!" "Oh, I don't think this book would have been worth that much," replied the man. "The margins were scribbled all over by some dude named Martin Luther."



# Notices

Parish Office will be closed on  
Friday 2nd October due to public holiday  
"Grand Final Friday".

All bulletin notices need to be in to the office by  
Wednesday 30th September, 12 noon. The bulletin will  
be printed in A4 format for next week only. Thank you.

### **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.*



St Vincent de Paul Society The St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works* has been in operation for 159  
years in Victoria. And continues  
to assist families and individuals across our region through a  
number of programs. Induction and orientation is offered to  
all new and existing members. **Come and see. SUNDAY,  
11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

**Accommodation Request:** Person looking for  
accommodation for Jan 2016 in share house/spare room.  
Graduate midwife at GV Health. Ring Fiona if you can help  
0447 967 631

### **CCR Sandhurst Diocesan Annual Conference 2015 "The Power to Live."**

October 16th-18th 2015 at Melbourne University Agricultural  
College, Dookie. Guest Speaker Fr. Francis Otobo. More  
details available in the Narthex.

**St Brendan's Friendship Group** will meet for lunch TODAY  
Sunday 27th September at the Sherbourne at 12.30pm.  
Everyone is welcome. Enquiries Pat(58211269) or  
Graeme (58252816)

### **Good Friday—Stations of the Cross 2016**

Due to Easter being in March next year, expressions of  
interest are now being taken for those who are  
interested in participating in the Stations of the Cross  
on Good Friday as actors, etc. If you are interested  
please phone Dale 0408 216 522

### **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

### **Parish Census Cards**

If you have not completed a census card over the last  
three weekends can you please call into the Parish  
Office and complete one. This will enable the parish  
records to be updated.

**ROSTER FOR ST. BRENDAN'S USHERS:** A new roster  
was emailed to all parishioners during the week. If you did  
not receive your copy please contact the parish office.

### **STRONGER LIVE 18+ EVENT @ NOBLE MONKS**

Stronger LIVE is a new initiative from Stronger Youth for  
Young Adults 18+.

Come and join us for faith, discussion, great food and  
fellowship.

The guest speaker for the evening will be ODIN who will  
be sharing his lived experience of anxiety and depression.

**WHERE:** Noble Monks

**WHEN:** Thursday October 15

**TIME:** 6:30pm For more info contact Mary-Anne,  
sandhurst@strongeryouth.com (03) 5445 3615.

There will be no Anointing Mass on this Wednesday  
30th September.

**PRIESTS RETREAT** Priests in the Diocese will be  
attending a retreat in Melbourne this week.  
Whilst they are away Fr. Denis Stanley will be helping in  
our parish and saying morning mass during the week.  
*Please note that there will be no weekday masses  
during this week at St. Mel's or St. Mary's in  
Mooroopna.*

**SECRETARIES CONFERENCE**— The parish  
secretaries in the Diocese will be attending a  
Conference in Bendigo on October 6 and 7. The Office  
will remain open by volunteers to help where possible.

### **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.

**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.



## Social Justice Sunday

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday today 27th September. The 2015-16 Social Justice Statement is titled *For those who've come across the seas: justice for refugees and asylum seekers*. In this Social Justice Statement, Australia's Bishops ask us to re-examine our responses to refugees and asylum seekers. [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 4 (weather permitting)

In honour of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment.

2.00pm At the Northern end of the Victoria Park Lake, Wyndham Street, Shepparton

Followed by a walk around the lake for those who wish to participate.

This event is for everyone who loves animals. All animals must be on a lead, in a basket or cage at all times and be under the control of the owner.

## MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP

This annual fundraiser for our parish has created a lot of interest amongst parishioners every year for many years.

Tickets will be on sale before and after mass. \$2.00 each or \$10.00 per book. First prize \$500.00



## POPE FRANCIS' LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

More workshops with Sr Cecilia Merrigan CSB and Lyn Breen Adult Faith Ed Sandhurst. Option to buy "Laudato Si" \$10. RSVP: E: [adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) OR Ph: (03) 5441 2544

**Tuesday 29th September 2015 7.00 - 8.30 pm,**  
Stirling Room, Foundry Arms Hotel, High St, BENDIGO.  
Special Bendigo guest: Ian McBurney, Ecological Sustainability Practitioner, Educator.

**Wednesday 30 September 2015 7.00 - 8.30 pm,**  
Our Lady's Parish Meeting Room, Cnr White St and Murdoch Rd, WANGARATTA SOUTH.

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

14<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 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 [mscott@ceosand.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mscott@ceosand.catholic.edu.au). Further information: Lyn Breen [adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) OR Katrina Maggs T: 03 8488 9696 or 1300 55 08 30 [katrina@olivetreetravel.com.au](mailto:katrina@olivetreetravel.com.au)

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE BUILDING APPEAL

help  
them  
Serve



**Please support our seminarians.**

**They are our priests of the future.**

This weekend the Archdiocese of Melbourne and dioceses of Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst will be conducting a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of building eight additional rooms urgently needed for Corpus Christi College.

**We welcome Jackson Saunders, a first year seminarian who will speak at masses this weekend.**

Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church, please bring them back at next weekend masses.

## Celebrating Marriage



During all Masses on the weekend 10th & 11th October, all married couples will have the opportunity to renew their vows and receive a special blessing. A beautiful and significant way to celebrate the sacredness of the Sacrament of Marriage.

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 27TH SEPTEMBER 2015.** This week on The Journey Fr. Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of Mark; Sr. Hilda Scott OSB challenges us to "Trust in God" totally, Trish McCarthy asks us to "take a moment". Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au)

## Serra Club

This week Pope Francis is in America, and he will canonise Junipero Serra, while in Washington. Junipero Serra established 21 missions in California between 1769-1784. Serra Clubs were first set up in 1935 "to foster and promote vocations to the Priesthood and all religious vocations in the Catholic Church". The Serra Club in our parish meets every 1st Friday of the month. This coming Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October we will have a blessing at 7.15 pm followed with mass at 7.30 pm. After Mass there will be a cuppa in Monsignor Jeffrey Centre and more on the life of Junipero Serra. All welcome. (Bernie Macgill 58299660)

## 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 (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.

**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*, there will be **NO** Anointing Mass this

Wednesday 30th September 2015

*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**

*3rd October & 4th October*

**6pm** P Naughton, C Naughton

**8am** V Fox, A Leahy

**11am** M Frizzell, I Garla

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Simon Fewings (Fr. Andrew Fewings brother), Sylvia Giuliani, Robert Anstice, Fr. John Hannah OMI

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lina Villani, Joseph Keyte Elizabeth & Seamus Cusack, Maria Portea, Joe Garla, Barney Oliver, Kathleen Norden, Gertrude O'Grady, Domeneco Leo, Camela Lucia Rossi, Piero Rossi

## **A prayer for Justice**

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

As I face you in prayer, God of Compassion,

I remember my country's words:

*Send them back or Stop the boats.*

Then I fear, not your anger

But the steady gaze of boundless love  
and unlimited compassion

That impel me to hear Jesus' command:

*Love one another, as I have loved you*

Or Pope Francis' call to open our hearts

To a universal communion

Which excludes nothing and no one.

Daring to step into such relationship, I pray

For those forced to leave family,  
home and all they hold dear;

May they find safe passage and helping hands.

I pray for an end to the wars and oppression  
that forced them to leave;

I pray that those who welcome them  
are blessed in abundance.

And with deep humility

And a heart hungry for justice,

I pray that we Australians, citizens and leaders,

Open our eyes, our minds and our hearts

That we may see, understand and welcome

Our brothers and sisters.

***"Never see a need without doing something about it".*** St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

### **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,