



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 20 September 2015



Readings for
this Sunday

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



Readings for
next week:

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



Liturgical Jottings

Our faith is always affirmed by liturgical events in the lives of children. First there is the beautiful ceremony of baptism, always meaningful but especially so when a child is welcomed into the faith community during Sunday Mass. Later the fervour with which children approach their Confirmation and First Holy Communion is an inspiration. Let us pray today that none of these children will ever again be robbed of their innocence by anyone with a designated role in our faith communities.

From the Word of God

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Rom 8:14-16

Focus on the Gospel

Today's reading from Mark's gospel is an amazing reflection on human relations and it leads up to an event of deep significance in the life of the church today. First Jesus spends a quiet time with the apostles as they make their way through Galilee. He uses this time to explain to them that hostility to him will become more and more intense until he is delivered up to death; but that is not the end. In three days he will rise again.

Once again the disciples fail to understand what Jesus is saying because after he has spoken to them they begin to argue with each other about who is the greatest of them. This time Jesus does not get angry but simply points out that anyone who seeks greatness must be prepared to be the least of all.

To press this point home he does one of the most beautiful things in the whole gospel story. He enfolds a little child in his arms. Then he says, "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." These beautiful words, so meaningful at this time, help us to see what a loving person Jesus was. It is a love that is always within reach of people with faith in his divinity.

Quotable Quote:

Do not try to be anything but what you are and try to be that perfectly. St Francis de Sales

Laudato Si'

Men and women of our post-modern world run the risk of rampant individualism,... We see this in the crisis of family and social ties and the difficulties of recognising the other. Parents can be prone to impulsive and wasteful consumption, which then affects their children who find it increasingly difficult to acquire a home of their own and build a family... Hence there is an urgent moral need for a renewed sense of intragenerational solidarity.

Pope Francis, 2015 para 162.

On the Lighter Side

During a severe storm three Protestant ladies sought shelter in the porch a Catholic church. The priest saw them and whispered to the altar server, "Get three chairs from near the pulpit and take them to the protestant ladies down the back." The server could not quite make out what the priest said but anxious to do the right thing he got up into the pulpit and shouted, "Three cheers for the Protestant ladies!"



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. 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
good works

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a worldwide charity that continues to develop new ways of reaching out to those seeking our support. Through our programs, we are able to assist with educational expenses, utilities, access to holiday homes and network with other agencies. Come and See. SUNDAY, 11TH OCTOBER 2015 .



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

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

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

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 Faith & Ministry Office.

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.

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.

Inaugural Parish Footy Tipping Competition

The end of the home and away AFL season sees an end to the inaugural St. Brendan's Footy Tipping 2015. Thank you to all of the participants. We hope to be back bigger and better next year, so look out for announcements in the bulletin prior to Round 1. The prize winners were:

1st: Ashley Madeira, 2nd: Marlene Coppinger

3rd: Brian Coppinger

Last: Damien Sullivan

Ashley Madeira on behalf of the Parish Finance Committee.

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

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.



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 even 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.*

Estela Hutchings, a Clinical Psychologist

Estela is available at St Brendan's Parish for private and confidential consultation on a wide variety of issues. Estela will normally be available for consultations on Fridays. There is a small charge for a 60 minute consultation. For further information contact the Parish office 5821 2633.

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
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"

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

**Reverend Junray Rayna and
Reverend Novelito Lim**
will be ordained to the Priesthood on
October 23rd at 9am in Cebu.

*Please pray for them as they prepare
for their priestly ordination.*



CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE BUILDING APPEAL

help
them *Serve*



Please support our seminarians.

They are our priests of the future.

Next weekend the Archdiocese of Melbourne and dioceses of Ballarat, Sale & Sandhurst will be conducting a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of building 8 additional rooms urgently needed for Corpus Christi College.

You are invited and encouraged to take home the envelopes in the seats this weekend and bring back next week with your considered donation.

All over Australia seminaries are flourishing and Corpus Christi College is no exception. After years of decline, the tide has turned and we must build more rooms for the growing number of students.

With gratitude to God and to you all, we ask for your continued prayers and support in the time of great need.

If you would like further information please contact the Development Office: 9926 5731

**No Children's Liturgy during the school holidays. It
will recommence on the 11th October.**

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, 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

26th September & 27th September

6pm M Keyte, P Stein

8am G Jelliff Sr R Crowe

11am B Carey, P Chalkley

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian O'Connor, Greg Doyle, Fernando Lustre (Fr. Joven's father)

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Dolan, Bill Davies, Dominica Tripoli, Rocco Conte, Nicholas Zanelli, Carmel Phelan, Eileen McManus, Harry Gledhill, Terry Quinlan.

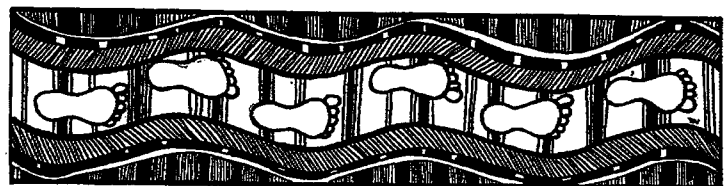
Reflection

This week, look for ways of serving others. So many teachers, priests and parents do this constantly. Servant leadership is not about being a doormat to be trodden under but leadership that puts others first. So we should by extension look at how we help the poor, the vulnerable, the homeless and the displaced. We need to pray about it BUT we then need to put these prayers into action or as St James say 'good deeds'.

Applying to Life Today

- *Are there times when you do not fully understand what is being said? I hope you are not afraid to ask questions.*
- *Are you sometimes jealous of your friends or colleagues wondering who is the best and forgetting to look after their needs?*
- *How do you minister to the needs of those whom our society considers unimportant?*

John Hogan's Gospel Reflection



May my footsteps be firm in keeping your precepts.

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,