



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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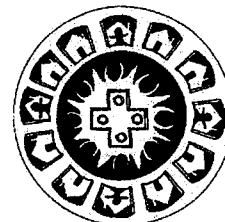
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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 11 October 2015



Readings for this week:

Wisdom 7:7-11  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30



Readings for next Sunday

Isaiah 53:10-11  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Mark 10:35-45



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Ambo

The dignity of the Word of God requires that in the church there be a suitable place from which it may be proclaimed and toward which the attention of the faithful naturally turns during the Liturgy of the Word. It is appropriate that generally this place be a stationary ambo and not simply a movable lectern. GIRM 309

## Laudato Si'

Jesus seeing the rich young man and knowing his restlessness, "he looked at him with love" (Mark 10:21). He was completely present to everyone and to everything, and in this way he showed us the way to overcome that unhealthy anxiety which makes us superficial, aggressive and compulsive consumers. Pope Francis no 226

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## Looking at the Readings

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

The young man is a good man who is wealthy. In his community wealth was a sign of great favour from God. However he would have been expected to share his wealth for the good of the poor.

The Ten Commandments are part of the Torah or Law, the Jews derived 613 laws from these commandments. The young man keeps all these commandments but Jesus asks for more than merely keeping the commandments but to sell up all he possess and give the money to the poor. For Jesus you must put God first. Possessions or attachments are distractions or stumbling blocks to keeping one's mind on the goal of eternal life.

Salvation is a free gift from God, not something you personally earn. Jesus is challenging us to risk all and give all in following him wholeheartedly. The young man treats salvation like a commodity he can buy. Like a monk called Pelagius he is seeking salvation without the need for Jesus. Jesus calls us to put our relationship with him first and then all other things will fall into place.

*Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.* Put yourself in the place of the young man. Feel Jesus look at you and know that he loves you. Bask in that for some time. Then look at your life and make your focus Jesus first and everything else second. What are you prepared to leave behind to follow Jesus? What attachments are holding you back from following Jesus wholeheartedly?

## Prayer from today's Psalm

Show forth your work to your servants;  
Let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
Give success to the work of our hands. (Ps 89)

## Quotable Quote

You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all." - St Therese of Lisieux

## On the Lighter Side

A Uni student and a male graduate had gone out a few times. After some weeks passed, the girl texted the boy: "Dead? Delayed? or Disinterested?" He texted back: "Hunting, fishing or camping!"



# Notices



**Michael Condon**, a singer at 6pm Mass, is retiring after more than 30 years service to the Music Ministry. We sincerely thank Michael for his dedication and commitment to this important Ministry.

We invite new **Singers, Musicians and laptop operators** to be involved in the Music Ministry particularly at 6pm Mass on Saturdays on a monthly basis.

If you are interested in participating in this way, please call Cheryl Garnham on 0412 525093.

**Notre Dame College will hold their Year 12 Final Mass on Tuesday 20th October at 9.15am.** Parishioners and parents are welcome but due to reserved seating for all Year 12 students and staff we ask parishioners and parents to sit in the "Unreserved seats." Thank you.

**CCR Sandhurst Diocesan Annual Conference 2015 "The Power to Live."** October 16th-18th at Melbourne University Agricultural College, Dookie. Guest Speaker Fr. Francis Otobo. Phone Gerri 0438 206082.

The **Parish Bereavement Support** group invites the family and friends of parishioners who have passed away during the year to a Special Memorial Mass to be held in the Church on Thursday 5th November at 7.30pm. All are invited to join us for supper in Mons Jeffrey Centre after the Mass. We hope you can share this time with us.

### **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.

At Noble Monks Restaurant this Thursday October 15th

At 6:30pm For more info contact Mary-Anne, sandhurst@strongeryouth.com 5445 3615.

### **YOUTH-LED MASS & STRONGER DGROUP**

Saturday October 15, the Stronger Team would like to invite you to join us for our Youth-Led Mass at 6pm, followed by our DGroup Series Night: Alpha Youth at 7pm in Mons Jeffrey Centre. Looking forward to seeing you all there!!

**New People are needed to help on the Committee for Christmas Eve Mass.** Only 4 meetings a year are held. If you are interested in helping on this committee please call the Parish office.

### **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're interested phone Dale 0408 216 522.

### **Recent Minister of Communion & 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.

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

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2015**

Our Parish Stewardship Program commences in two weeks.

Under the banner of **Parishes – the Heartbeat of the Church**, the Program will provide a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a member of Our Parish Community here at St Brendan's Parish.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Stewardship recognizes that everything we are and everything we have is a gift from God. Genuine thanksgiving means using those gifts as God would want – developing them and sharing them with others. It is our responsibility as good stewards in St Brendan's Parish to respond to the words of Pope Francis – ".....to set ourselves on the ideals of service that makes our talents fruitful."

#### **PARISH INFORMATION MEETING**

All parishioners are warmly invited to the key meeting of the Program, the **Parish Information Meeting on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.** At this meeting we will gather as a parish community to celebrate our achievements and plan for the future - please mark this date in your calendar. More Program information will be available over coming weeks.

### **ST BRENDAN'S PARISH MEN'S GROUP- FILM NIGHT**

**11th October** in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at **6pm.** Pizza and fellowship followed by film "Of Gods and Men". Cost \$10 (or as much as you can afford) **ALL WELCOME**

**Saturday October 31st**, Noel Daly Centre, Notre Dame College. 8.45am until 4pm (lunch included) \$20 : "Contemporary Challenges for Men of Faith". This will be led by Mr Frank Burke, an experienced spiritual director from the Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality.

If you have not been to a men's group event before this might be a good way to start. Further information contact Anthony Kilmartin 58212633 or Paul White 5831 8700. All welcome.

### **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**



**FOUND:** A necklace was found near church. Please contact the Parish office if you think it may belong to you.

### **St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program 2016**

#### **Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Eucharist**

Enrolments in the 2016 Sacramental Program will take place late February next year. The children will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist over the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016. If your **child does not attend** St. Brendan's or St. Luke's primary school can you please register your interest in participating in the 2016 Sacramental Program by ringing Laura at the parish office on Wednesday mornings on 5821 2633.

**Also Children must be baptised to be able to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. If you are thinking of enrolling your child in the 2016 Sacramental Program and they are NOT baptised you will need to contact the Parish Office to enrol your child for Baptism THIS YEAR.**

For more information or questions please contact Laura at the Parish House, Wednesday mornings.

## A Quick Reflection on Marriage

Jonathon Doyle - 2015 Being Catholic.com.au

In his culture changing book Love and Responsibility, John Paul II said that a young man is never more vulnerable than when he is on his knees asking a young woman to marry him. If you think about that moment there is so much taking place. With a single word of a single syllable, his entire future hangs in the balance. 'Yes' or 'No'. The entire path of his life stretches out before him in a moment. He is at the mercy of another human person's radical freedom to choose.

For someone who has now spoken at live events to over a quarter of a million people, that night may have been the only time on record where I could think of nothing to say. I sat across the table from Karen and struggled to say anything of any great profundity. Later in the evening I took the great risk of vulnerability that John Paul described and went down on one knee. Karen spoke her one syllable and that, as Robert Frost famously said, "...has made all the difference."

I have now been married almost twelve years. That's nothing compared to some of the great marriages that I have witnessed. It's only after 20, 30, 40 or more years that it seems the true gold emerges and you encounter these amazing couples who are just bedrock. They breathe into our culture the whisper of what's coming. They mirror in some small way the eternal perfect union of the Trinity itself.

Let's get down to it. Marriage is about the Trinity. It is about bringing into the world the witness of the eternal, stable, perfect Trinity. Just as the Trinity is a community of persons whose perfect love overflows in abundant life that holds the very universe in being, so is marriage a community of persons that, when open to the grace of the sacrament which it reveals, becomes a life giving community of love that sustains the societies in which it flourishes. Even more simply; no marriage, no culture.

Marriage is a vocation because the root of that word vocare means to draw forth from within. Marriage calls us out of our terrible isolation and selfishness. It draws forth the life of grace from within if we will but slowly and humbly mirror the pattern of Christ himself, who came to serve and not to be served. As one friend, recently said to me in an email, "Marriage is a race to be the first loser."

Christ poured himself out on Calvary. Karen and I are called to pour ourselves out daily in love and service for each other and our children. And if I have learned one thing so far in twelve years it is that I cannot do this if my inner life is not hidden in Christ and in the heart of the Church. The sacraments bring Christ to me and Christ is slowly and patiently making me the husband and father I could never have been by willpower alone.

It was the witness of Christian marriages and families that arguably had the single greatest impact on Imperial Rome. At the time of Christ there was massive issues with divorce, infanticide, immorality and social breakdown. Sounds like the pages of any paper you could pick up today. However, in many ways it was the witness of Christian marriage and family life that transformed the Roman Empire.

God is the God of small things. He is the God of the mustard seed. A single marriage, lived under grace, sustained by the sacraments, embedded in the Church, can change the neighbours, the neighbourhood, the nation. The grace is always there. All we have to do is cooperate.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Mel's Majellan Club

Attention all past members, celebrations consisting of 9am Mass at St. Mel's Church in Shepparton followed by a luncheon for past and present club members on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

Any enquiries to Camille 5823 1237 or Helen 5821 3526.

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF

Matthew 22:39

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal.

This year we are invited to reach out and support the practical and spiritual work of the Catholic Church and selfless missionaries right here in Australia—to reach out to our neighbours—our Australian brothers and sisters. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.



Reach out. Give life.

Freecall: 1800 257 296

[catholicmission.org.au/Australia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Australia)



Envelopes for World Mission Week will be in the Narthex. Please collect one if you wish to donate.

### NEW DIOSCESAN APPOINTMENTS

**Father Berny Agustines** will take up his appointment as Assistant Priest here at St Brendan's on the 28th October 2015.

**Father Stephen Bolling** - Assistant Priest to Cathedral, Quarry Hill and Golden Square on 28th October.

**Rev Junray Rayna** will be ordained on the 23rd October and will be appointed as Assistant Priest at Wodonga.

**Fr Cornelio (Jinjo) Solis CMF**—Assistant Priest, to Wodonga .

**Rev Novelito Lim** - Assistant Priest to Wangaratta and Wangaratta South.

*We congratulate Sandra & Charlie Gatt who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this week. Please keep them in your prayers as they celebrate this wonderful milestone.*



### 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.

December 3 - Saturday December 5, 2015 in Adelaide at the 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

\*\*\*Thursday 5th November Holy Hour will be 6pm to 7pm

**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 17th October & 18th October**

**6pm** Sr F Kennedy D Tarquini  
**8am** M-A Demase L Boschetti  
**11am** P Cooper, J Pilkington

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Myrna Nunan FCJ.  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lily Tricarico, Matteo Sfirro, John O'Keeffe.

May the blessing of strength  
be on us.

May the blessing of gentleness  
be on us.

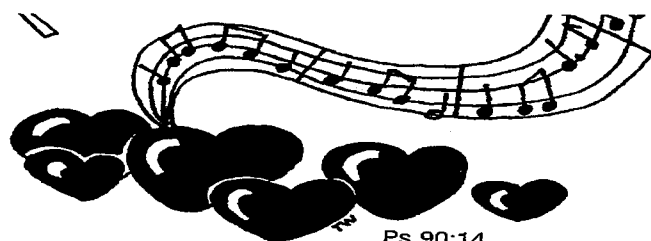
May the blessing of peace  
be on us.

May the blessing of patience  
be on us.

May the blessing of friendship  
be on us.

May the blessing of forgiveness  
be on us.

May the blessing of love  
be on us.



Ps 90:14

Fill us with your love  
and we will sing for joy.

**Mass times in neighbouring Parishes**

**St. Mel's Shepparton South**, Sunday 9.30am & 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,