



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 18 October 2015



Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52



Liturgical Jottings

The Ambo (continued)

From the ambo only the readings, the Responsorial Psalm and the Easter Proclamation (*Exultet*) are to be proclaimed; likewise it may be used for giving the Homily and for announcing the intentions of the Universal Prayer. The dignity of the ambo requires that only a minister of the word should stand at it.

GIRM 309

Laudato Si'

St Francis shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace. He helps us to see that an integral ecology calls for openness to categories which transcend the language of mathematics and biology, and take us to the heart of what it is to be human. *Pope Francis nos 10&11.*

Looking at the Readings

James & John, the Sons of Zebedee were nicknamed the *Sons of Thunder*. One wonders how they got that name. John, the beloved disciple, is often painted as a young lad on the quiet side. Obviously he was filled with zeal! This is the only gospel incident where they act on their own, Peter is absent.

Service is how Christians lead. They do not assume seats on the left and right hand sides of Jesus. They, like our current pope, Pope Francis, are called to serve the poor. The Christian call to looking after the poor and defenceless is our Gospel mission or to put it another way is *Faith in Action!*

The idea of leaders being servants seems foreign to us, even today. One of the Pope's titles is *Servant of the Servants of God*. Parents seems to exemplify this idea, think of how good parents constantly 'serve' their children.

Jesus asks the brothers James & John "What is it you want me to do for you?" Hear Jesus ask the same of you and then answer him from your heart.

Prayer from the Psalms for the week:

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars which you arranged,
What is man that you should keep him in mind,
The son of man that you care for him? (Ps 8)

Quote of the week

"Love God, serve God; everything is in that." - *St. Clare of Assisi*

On the Lighter Side

Jesus conferred the name "Boanerges" upon the sons of Zebedee, James and John. Mark translates the Aramaic name for the reader, "Sons of Thunder". The epithet's meaning is ambiguous. Traditionally it has been associated with their temperaments, excitable and impetuous, characteristics befitting former sailors. They do have fiery outbursts (Mark 9:38-41, 10:35-45), especially their offer to call down fire from heaven on a city of inhospitable Samaritans (Luke 9:52-54). It has been speculated that this vehemence translated into zeal and power in their preaching.



Notices



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

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.

Jim & Gwen Farrell are celebrating their 64th wedding Anniversary.
Congratulations from all the Parish.

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.

St Brendan's Men's group.

Our men's group will be having their **next breakfast on the 24th October at the park in Dookie.** We will gather with some men from Dookie Parish and also Benalla Parish. Meet at Dookie Park at 7.30am for breakfast, so anyone wanting to car pool we will leave St Brendans car park at 7.00am. As a group we are always looking for new ways to reach out to others, this breakfast will hopefully encourage others to become involved or start a group in their own Parish. We will gather for a meal, friendship and fellowship, while also sharing a faith topic for discussion as well as meeting some men from other Parishes.

Any questions call Anthony on 58212633.

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. For information contact Anthony Kilmartin on 58212633 or Paul White on 58318700. All welcome.

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.

St Brendan's Friendship Group will meet at the Victoria Hotel on the 25th October at 12.30pm. For more info. Ring Pat 58211269 or Graeme 58252816 All Welcome.

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 12th 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.

Can you spare a little time next **Friday 23rd October** to help out at the Parish house? We have 1200 letters needing to be put into envelopes. If you can help come to the Parish office at 10am.



Many thanks to all who brought food to us during the last couple of months, it was greatly appreciated.

Containers, crockery, etc. have been left at Parish house for you to collect, thanks again. ~ Anthony & Rosey Kilmartin.

Another Person is 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. Thank you to those who have volunteered.

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**



Holy Hour on Thursday 5th November will be from 6pm to 7pm (not the usual 7pm to 8pm) due to the Remembrance (Memorial) Mass being celebrated at 7.30pm that night.

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 26th, 27th and 28th 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.

World Mission Sunday 2015

'A passion for Jesus and his people'



Envelopes can be found in the narthex for World Mission Sunday.

Our Greater Shepparton community is home to a large number of asylum seekers. Many of these asylum seekers are men who have found themselves in a different culture, with little or no understanding of the English language and far away from their homes, families and friends.

St. Brendan's parish is offering a small group of them the opportunity to attend cooking sessions, preparing a meal together, then sharing it with any interested parishioners. We are inviting parishioners to come along and help with the planning or the cooking or to share in the meal.

Cooking will begin in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre behind the Church at 4pm and the meal will be ready to be shared after 6pm Mass on the following Saturday evenings: October 31, November 7 and November 15.

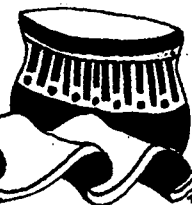
If you are interested in helping organize or cook please contact Bozena on 0426867647.

The **St Brendan's Faith & Light Community** are looking for people to help them with their monthly lunch service at their faith gathering on the first Sunday each month. Couples would be great and you would be rostered so if you can help please phone Denise on 0432 054003. *Thank you*



Whoever wants to become great must be your servant.

Mk 10:43



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF

Matthew 22:39

Please reach out to your Australian brothers and sisters today.

Across outback Australia, priests, religious and lay workers have to drive several hours through unforgiving terrain to reach the many small Aboriginal communities. Sadly due to the large distances and the lack of priests and religious, their opportunity to nurture the Catholic faith of these communities is limited.

The theme of this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal is inspired by the Gospel of Matthew, verse 22:39, 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. For 175 years, Catholic Mission has been reaching out through heroic missionaries to provide the spiritual and practical care our brothers and sisters in rural and remote Australia, and across the world, so desperately need.

This appeal invites parishioners to reach out through their financial gifts and prayers to support the work of the Catholic Church and selfless missionaries in our nation's most needy dioceses, supported through Catholic Mission's Home Mission Fund.

Sister Alma Cabassi from the Sisters of St Joseph, has been serving her neighbours right here in Australia for over 40 years. Today, she is based in the small remote town of Halls Creek in the Kimberley, in the Broome Diocese.

Using the vehicle provided by Catholic Mission, Sister Alma works at the grassroots level, assisting with adult formation classes, offering counselling services, managing the local op shop and facilitating retreats, all which are assisting communities in desperate need to achieve real, long, lasting change. As encouraged by Pope Francis in his message for this year's World Mission Sunday, Sister Alma reaches out in ways which reflect the local culture and language, thus empowering Aboriginal community members to minister to their own people—physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Bonnie Deegan, a renowned artist and Aboriginal elder in Halls Creek, relies heavily on Sister Alma to keep her family connected to the Catholic and wider community. She often has her grandchildren living with her, and is determined for them to grow up to know the Catholic faith, learn about God and have a positive lifestyle.

Sister Alma desperately needs our financial help and prayers, so that she can continue her vital work in serving the many remote communities. There is also a pressing need for more priests throughout outback Australia and vehicles for those priests.

Together, we can reach out and make a real difference to our neighbours—our Australian brothers and sisters.

All Saints Day Sunday 1st November

Normal Sunday Mass times

All Souls Day Monday 2nd November

Mass at St Mgl's, Hamilton Street, at 7pm

Mass at St Mary's, Mooroopna at 7pm. (No Mass here)

Rosary will be recited by Fr Jovn at Shepparton

Cemetery at 10am followed by Mass at the Cemetery.

Reverend Junray Rayna and Reverend Novelito Lim

will be ordained to the Priesthood this Friday 23rd at 9am in Cebu, Philippines.

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

Filipino Fiesta in honour of San Pedro Calungsod. Saturday 24th October at St Liborius Parish, Eaglehawk. Mass at 11am followed by lunch and program. Car boot sale from 7am. Please bring a delicacy to share. For information phone Arnel on 0423 483310.

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/>

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

***All Saints Day—normal Sunday times

***All Souls Day Monday 2nd November—

Mass at both St Mel's & St Mary's, Mooroopna at 7pm.

Rosary at Shepp Cemetery 10am followed by Mass at 10.30.

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

***No Mass at Tarcoola on Wednesday 11th November

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

24th October & 25th October

6pm J Howley, Volunteer required

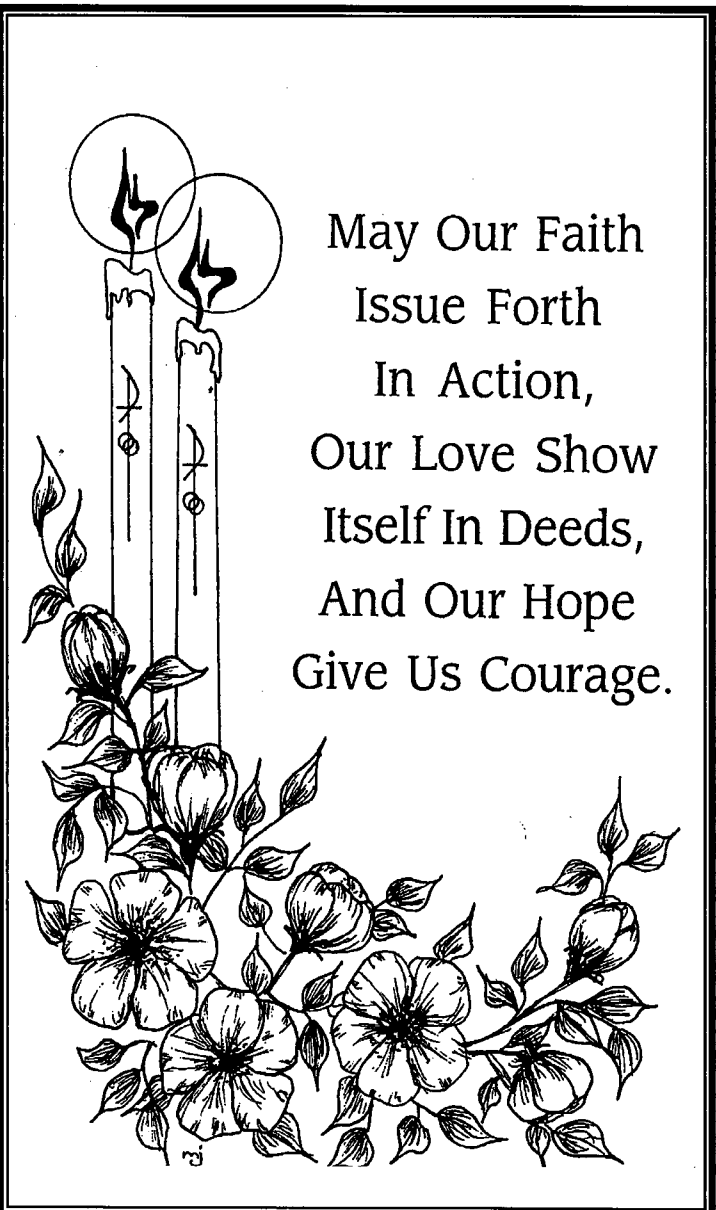
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11am A Kilmartin, Maureen Collins

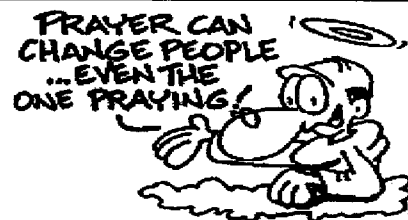


RECENTLY DECEASED: Jack Kirne, Tom Cullinan, Albert Dean, Rick Van de Paverd, Leone Baker, Michael Villani, Dora (Jean) Grist.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Kelly, Mary Kinna, Patrick Dale, Rosina Sepe, Guiseppe Petito, Elvira Szakall, Attila Sarkady, Guiseppi & Maria Antonia Monaco.



May Our Faith
Issue Forth
In Action,
Our Love Show
Itself In Deeds,
And Our Hope
Give Us Courage.



Mass times in neighbouring Parishes

St. Mel's Shepparton South, Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm,
Monday to Thursday 8am, No morning Mass Monday 2nd Nov
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.