



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 25 October 2015



Readings for this week: Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Hebrews 5:1-6  
Mark 10:46-52



Readings for next Sunday: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12



## Liturgical Jottings

### Chair

The chair of the Priest Celebrant must signify his function of presiding over the gathering and of directing the prayer. Thus the more suitable place for the chair is facing the people at the head of the sanctuary, unless the design of the building or other features prevent this: as for example, if on account of too great a distance, communication between the Priest and the congregation would be difficult, or if the tabernacle were to be positioned in the centre behind the altar. *GIRM 310*

## Laudato Si'

Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. *Pope Francis no. 36*

## Looking at the Readings

*Master, grant that I may see.*

Who is the blind one here in the context of this gospel? Bartimaeus, Bar means son, so son of Timeaus. Bartimaeus becomes a disciple of Jesus, a follower. He is asked the same question that James and John are asked in last week's Gospel, "What do you want me to do for you?" He does not think only of his position.

Bartimaeus recognises Jesus as the Son of David, one of the many titles given to Jesus, the Messiah. The Messiah or the Christ was to come from the House of David or be a descendant of King David.

This week meditate on the following two statements:

- "What do you want me to do for you?"
- "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy".  
(Psalm response)

In the first case how would you answer Jesus? Have a conversation with Jesus. Don't forget to stop talking and listen deep within your heart to what Jesus is saying to you.

In the second one consider all the great things God has done for humankind and for you personally and the great things he continues to do for us. Then give thanks.

Bartimaeus is able to name his deepest need and seek the one who can fulfil it. Can you do the same?

## Quote of the week

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves." - *St. Francis de Sales*

## Prayer from the Psalms for the week

Give thanks to the Lord; proclaim his name.

Make known his deeds among the peoples. (Ps 105)

## On the Lighter Side

An old dollar note and an even older \$50 arrive at the Reserve Bank to be retired. "I've had a pretty good life," the \$50 says. "I've been to Flemington Races, the Gold Coast and on a Cruise." The \$1 says: "Oh, I've been to the Catholic church, the Uniting church, and the Anglican church." "Wait," the \$50 interrupts. "What's a church?"



# Notices



We would like to form another group of singers and musicians for Saturday night Masses. 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 Ministry, please call the Parish office on 5821 2633.

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.

### 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**



### St Brendan's Men's group.

**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.

**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.

### Seeking Assistance

*Asking for help from male parishioner who has a trailer, and can help clear and transport rubbish to the tip and also Commos Metals. If you can help Graeme Quinlan with this matter, please call him on 58252816 or 0439401356*

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

### Can you share your Cooking Skills and Friendship?

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.



**All Saints Day** Sunday 1st November

Normal Sunday Mass times

**All Souls Day** Monday 2nd November

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

Mass at St Mary's, Mooroopna at 7pm.

(No Mass at St Brendan's on Monday)

Rosary will be recited by Fr Joven at Shepparton Cemetery at 10am followed by Mass at the Cemetery.

**New Rosters** for the period commencing 8th November for Ministers of Communion, Lectors and Offertory have been emailed to everyone. Those without email addresses have been posted. *If you have an email address please advise the Parish office as this is the preferred way of sending out rosters as postage costs are prohibitive.*

Thank you all for your dedication to these Ministries.

*Sincere Thanks to the diligent team of volunteer gardeners for their continual maintenance of the Parish grounds whilst Frank is recovering from illness.*

### Parish Pastoral Council

We had a fantastic October PPC meeting. Sr. Frances led us in formation about Pope Francis' Laudato Si.

We have resolved as a parish community to look further into what we can be doing for our environment, as individuals and as a community and look forward to running some sessions for parishioners in 2016. Peter Chalkley, the Chair of the Stewardship Program spoke to us about the program and what it hopes to achieve for our Parish.

Please look at all the information and opportunities coming out in the next four weeks carefully and consider how you can increase your involvement in the fantastic parish we call our own. We once again discussed the safety issues in the driveway after Masses, particularly the 6pm and 11am ones.

So far we have not had any response to our request for volunteers for safety marshals at these times. It would involve approximately 15 to 20 minutes after Mass, keeping an eye on traffic in and out of the church yard at this time, and supporting people to leave the area safely, so please think about it and let the office know if you can help.

We are often reminded how fortunate we are in the relationships we have with our three Parish schools, and were once again at this meeting when John Cortese from Notre Dame College offered us the use of the College's maintenance staff to set up and dismantle the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre when events are held there during the week. This will assist our Parish staff enormously.

We were excited to hear that our Parish will be welcoming another Associate Priest this Wednesday, Father Berny Agustines joins our team from Wodonga.

We finished our meeting with a prayer for the Syrian refugees, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers in the coming months.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday November 18 at 7pm and is our Annual General Meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us for this gathering. If you are interested in joining PPC, please contact Kathy Hunt on 0416058431.

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

## **PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2015**

Sincere thanks to Pater Chalkley for taking on the role of Chairperson of the Stewardship Program.

Our Parish Stewardship Program officially commences this weekend and will run for four 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. Please participate in the Program, making time to read the materials, listen to our speakers and discuss the issues raised with your families and fellow parishioners.

At all Masses this weekend we will hear from Kathy Hunt, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council. She will invite your support and introduce a special message of welcome from the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Monsignor Greg Bennet.

As you are leaving the church today please collect your individually addressed envelope which contains the Program brochure, a Time & Talent sheet listing the groups and ministries available in the parish, as well as a covering letter from Fr Joe. The letters are in **STREET ALPHABETICAL ORDER**. Members of the Program Leadership Team will be on hand at all Masses to assist with any queries. They will assist you in obtaining a replacement if you cannot find your letter. Please note that for convenience letters for both **parish primary school families** will be sent home from the school via their eldest child.

**If anyone can help deliver left over letters, we would love to see you in the CHURCH at 10.00am on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. The more volunteers, the less postage will be needed.**

### **WORKING BEE**

A big Thank You to the wonderful people who helped with the **Working Bee** last Friday! A wonderful effort....

### **PARISH INFORMATION MEETING**

A reminder that all parishioners are warmly invited to the Parish Information Meeting on **Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November**. This is the key meeting of our Stewardship Program and we will gather as a parish community to celebrate our achievements and plan for the future. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Please join us in praying for the success of our Stewardship Program.

#### **STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRAYER**

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.  
Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.  
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.  
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.  
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.  
Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,  
to grow in faith and service  
and to give without counting the cost.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

## **Decluttering**

### *Part one*

In the town where I live, the rather scruffy railway precinct has been developed into a car park. Old sleepers, rubble and rails have been removed, an old building has been relocated. What was once a pretty unsightly area has been rejuvenated. As an added bonus, the restoration has revealed an unobstructed view of the wonderful, historic railway station building. It was always there but before it was obscured and rather unappealing, but now!

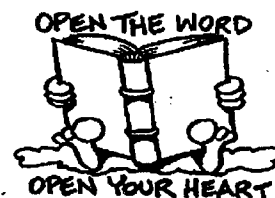
Sometimes we have to get rid of stuff, clean up the mess and discard what we have hoarded 'in case they might come in handy sometime'. Don't we pack suitcases for travel that way too? Not many of us are minimalists. Do you ever watch those shows about selling houses? What a difference decluttering can make! It can reveal all sorts of things, bringing out the beauty of what might have lain hidden. Not a bad metaphor for life really.

*Excerpt from "Along the Track" Jim Quillinan*

### *Thank you*

**The St Brendan's Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society** would like to thank the generous parishioners who recently made donations to the Poor Box (located in the narthex). The money will be put to good use to support those in need in our community.

The Society also recently received \$220 from the IGA Community Fund. Thanks again to those parishioners who nominated St Brendan's Conference of the SVDP Society as their designated beneficiary whilst shopping.



**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**

**31st October & 1st November**

**6pm** M Phillips, B Phillips

**8am** J Zampaglione, D Teitzel

**11am** E Murphy, M Hicks



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Monsignor Bryan Long, Doug Johnson (in New Zealand—Father of Pat Cummins), Pauline Bellette (Sister of Mary Pelly), Kevin Atley, Greg Appleton (Geelong).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anastasia "Sylvia" Guiliani (one month mind), John Pendergast, Desma Bicknell, Pasquale & Francesco Demaria, William Farrell, Rita Sexton, Alf Townsend, Carmel Bryant (Cummins), Des Vallenge.

*Lord God,*

*In a world being torn apart by wars and violence,*

*And wounded by individualism which divides human beings...*

*May we and all Christians, Offer a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion.*

*May we care for one another And encourage and accompany one another*

*So that, by this everyone will know that we are your disciples, if we love one another.*

*Let us never be jealous of others. Let us know we are all in the same boat and headed to the same port.*

*We ask for the grace to rejoice in the gifts of each, which belong to all Amen*

### **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.