



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 15 November 2015



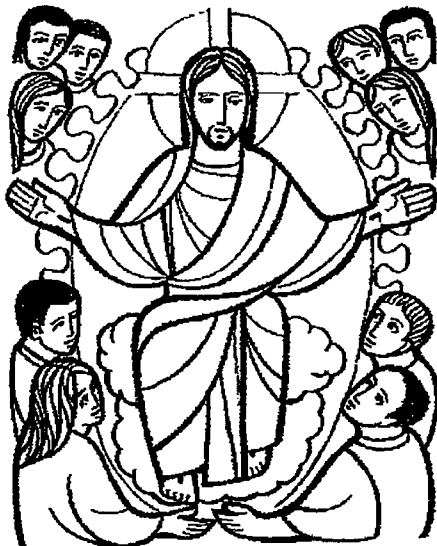
Readings for this week:

Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32



Readings for next Sunday

Daniel 7:13-14
Apocalypse 1:5-8
John 18:33-37



Liturgical Jottings

The Tabernacle (continued)

It is preferable that the tabernacle be located: (a) either in the sanctuary, apart from the altar of celebration, in a appropriate form and place, not excluding it being positioned on an old altar no longer used for celebration; (b) or even in some chapel suitable for the private adoration and prayer of the faithful and organically connected to the church and readily noticeable by the Christian faithful. GIRM 315

Pope Francis

"This is me, a sinner on whom the Lord has turned his gaze. And this is what I said when they asked me if I would accept my election as pontiff. I am a sinner, but I trust in the infinite mercy and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ, and I accept in a spirit of penance."

Looking at the Readings

We are counselled in today's readings, about the 'end times'. No doubt many people can recall fire and brimstone preachers who warned of the end of the world. Such sermons are no longer popular. That doesn't mean there is no relevance to today's world.

Indeed if one considers the signs of this time (just like the buds on the fig tree signify the coming of Spring) we may consider the time to be truly close at hand. These signs are listed in Mark 13 prior to today's passage:

- **The appearance of false prophets** (Mk 13:6) – there are many people who think they can solve the world's problems without any recourse to the Creator.
- **Wars and international disturbances** (Mk 13:7-8) – this appears to be a constant state somewhere in the world, throughout history.
- **Natural disasters** (Mk 13:8b) – some may argue that with global warming these are becoming more frequent and more intense.
- **Christians persecuted by civil authorities** (Mk 13:9,11) – Christian values seem to be under attack everywhere; whilst in Syria and elsewhere Christian are dying for their faith.
- **Worldwide evangelisation** (Mk 13:10) – there would be few places not touched by modern media and through it the awareness of the Christian message.
- **Families divided against each other** (Mk 13:12) – the recent Synod spotlighted the pressures and problems besetting family and society.

When will Jesus return 'with great power and glory' (Mk 13: 26)? When will these 'end times' occur? Basically the message of this Gospel is that only God knows. We are urged not to ignore the signs, but to ensure we use our lives well in preparation for our eventual meeting with God.

We are living in a time of grace which is freely and readily available to us when we seek God and his unconditional love. In making ourselves open and receptive to this divine love and mercy, we find that peace Jesus offers – rather than allowing fear and shame to dominate our relationship with him.

On the Lighter Side

A priest and a taxi driver died on the same day. St Peter showed the taxi driver to a mansion in heaven and then the priest to a rundown shack. "Shouldn't I be getting the mansion?" the priest asked, "since I prayed and went to Mass every day, preached God's word?" St Peter replied, "That's true but during your sermons, people slept. When the taxi driver drove everyone prayed!"



Notices

Keyboard player or Guitarist needed

We now have some singers for the new 6pm Saturday Mass music group however we are in need of a **keyboard player or guitarist.**

If you would like to participate in this music Ministry please phone the Parish office on 5821 2633.



Meditation for Advent

Meditation will commence on December 3, 7.15pm to 7.45pm in the Mons. Jeffery Centre.

Men's Group.

Our Parish Men's group will be gathering next Saturday 21st of November at 7.30am in the Parish Centre for breakfast and a faith topic for discussion. The group is very welcoming to all, if you would like any information about the group please call Anthony on 0408 269426.

The Little Blue Book

Six-minute Reflections for Advent and Christmas. These little blue books costing \$5 each are available in the narthex.

MINI RETREATS FOR ADVENT

IN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY WODONGA:

"God Who Longs to Come Close" with Mary Murphy.

Mary, who lives in Euroa, is a qualified Spiritual Director and experienced Retreat leader.

Monday 30th November 5.30 – 7.00 pm.

Tuesday 1st December 9.45 – 11.00 am.

Catholic Parish of Wodonga, Sacred Heart Church, Beechworth Rd, WODONGA. COST: \$5 (if possible).

RSVP: Wodonga Catholic Parish Ph: (02) 6024 3366 or E: wodonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Shared Meal Experience

Recently our Parish organised cooking sessions for asylum seekers and refugees.

We have already had two very successful cooking and shared meal evenings for Afghanistan and Arabic group, 15 men have joined us and all involved had great fun in cooking together, socializing and getting to know about others cultures, customs and food. At the end of the cooking sessions we were treated with superbly tasting chai tea with varies traditional spices. After Mass more than 40 people have joined us to share the meal and find out that we are more the same than different.

Our last session will be held on Saturday November 21, where our visitors will cook traditional meals for everyone who wishes to join in after 6pm mass at 7.00.

thanks

A huge Thank You to Parishioners who donated to the Poor Box at the back of the church. Your contributions were gratefully received. ~ St Brendan's Conference
St Vincent de Paul Society

A CONVERSATION WITH CARDINAL OSCAR RODRIGUEZ SDB

"From Romero to Francis: the Joys & Tensions of Becoming a 'Poor Church for the Poor'"

Thursday 26th November 7.30 – 9.00 pm, St Mel's Hall, Hamilton Street, South Shepparton. Cost: gold coin donation. Bookings: 5441 2544 or email adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au All welcome.

Remembrance Books There are 2 parish Remembrance Books at the front of the Church for the month of November—one for adults and one for babies. Please feel free to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the book.

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 1st Sunday each month (except January). You would be rostered so if you can help please phone Denise 0432 054003. *Thank you*



Flag Carriers for Christ the King

We are planning our traditional flag carrying procession for all Masses on the weekend of November 22nd for the feast of Christ the King. If you would like to carry in your countries flag or the flag of your ancestors, Please put your name down on the roster at the back of the church this weekend if you would like to be part of our procession at any of the Masses over next weekend. I will be in touch in the next week or so.

~ Kathy Hunt, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council

"Waiting with Angels A Twilight Retreat for Advent" with Margaret Mary Flynn.

Margaret Mary, who lives in Bendigo, is a Spiritual Director and member of the Outreach Team of the Campion Ignatian Spirituality Centre.

Tuesday 15th December 5.30 – 7.30 pm.

St Kilians Church, McRae Street, BENDIGO. COST: \$5 (if possible). RSVP: The Chancery Phone 5441 2544 or Email adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Parish Pastoral Council Annual General Meeting

THIS WEDNESDAY 7.00pm
in the Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre. All welcome.

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 23rd November 7.30 – 9 pm** (meals from 6pm optional) **'DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: a national issue - a local response'**. Speakers are **Nicole Robertson**, Coordinator, and **John Leckie**, Financial Capability Worker, both from Marian Community Shepparton. Run by Vincentcare, Marian Community provides support to women & children escaping family violence. This is a unique opportunity to understand more on this important topic. Enq: to Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 5821 4362 or Fran 5829 0301.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM AIRS 15 NOVEMBER 2015

This week on *The Journey* Fr Ken Cafe takes us through his Gospel Reflection of Mark; we hear from the ever favourite Sr Hilda Scott OSB; Trish McCarthy in her "Milk and Honey" segment gives us some tips on meditation; Bruce Downes talks about "Getting Spiritually Fit" and Byron and Francene Pirola give us tips on "Five Ways to Help a Struggling Marriage." Add some great music to the mix and we have a great show this week. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2015

Our Stewardship Program concludes this week as we focus on how Our Parish Community supports generously.

We welcome Father Tony Shallue, Administrator of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo, who will be with us for all Masses over the weekend. He will invite us to make a meaningful financial commitment to support our parish – and emphasise the need to plan and budget for it as a priority in our lives.

You may have already completed your pledge on the form available in the Program brochure and brought it with you today. If so, simply place it in the basket when called to do so. If not, you will have the opportunity to complete a pledge card at Mass. By completing and returning your pledge this weekend you will assist in keeping the follow-up work of our Program Leadership Team to a minimum.

Your completed Time and Talent Sheets will also be collected at all Masses this weekend. Please note that the Parish Office will confirm your offer to join/re-join our groups and ministries and where appropriate new rosters will be forwarded in the coming weeks. Additional Time & Talent Sheets are available at the back of the church.

Therese Proy from the Parish Development Office of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and members of the Program Leadership Team will be available at all Masses this weekend to assist with any queries.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

DISTRIBUTION MEETING

Parishioners who have generously volunteered to help with follow-up are reminded of the Distribution Meeting at **7.30pm on Tuesday the 24th of November** in the Parish Centre. If you have not yet volunteered and would like to help please feel free to join us. Your support will be very much appreciated.

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

The Presence of God in Our Midst

Throughout human history the art of storytelling has developed in many cultures as a way of keeping the past alive and comforting the people when the future looked bleak. Every country has its heroes and heroic stories.

An example of this can be found in the stories surrounding William Wallace, an early Scottish leader, who managed to unite the clans in their self-identity and rouse them to fight off the forces occupying his country. His short-lived rebellion was ultimately put down, yet even today his name continues to inspire a passion in his country, and the myths surrounding his achievements have grown through the centuries. A 1995 film, Braveheart, captures something of this, as Wallace rallies his band of followers before a battle in which many of them will undoubtedly die. He convinces them that, in spite of the fate awaiting them, no one can take away their inner freedom.

Jesus of Nazareth would have been familiar with the imagery and comforting message of a bright new future, contained in the stories of his people and expressed in the book of Daniel, written about 150 years before his birth. He too lived in restless times under occupation. Yet, in a world much more connected to the earth and the changing of the seasons, Jesus talked about the signs of spring as an indication of our liberation. The words of this Gospel were written to reassure a Christian people suffering persecution that the end would come soon, heralded by great cosmic signs. The truth is that, as Jesus himself says, no one knows for sure when these things may occur, not even the Chosen One himself.

As we act out the human story of our time, can we discern similar attitudes to those faced by the Jews in the book of Daniel? On the whole our Western society seems unsure of itself. Some seem to be turning to superficial forms of spirituality that offer easy answers with no commitment. We have a choice: accept the prevailing culture and its attendant confusion, or be a people of vision, a people who attempt to discern the signs of the times for ourselves and the world around us. Christ offers us a chance to be truly free, to glimpse the future possibilities and present reality of his kingdom working in our world.

As a community of faith, we are called to go beyond the superficial, and be alert to our world in the light of Christ, knowing that he is already saving the world. As the Church, that does not mean always rushing to condemn those around us. Nor does it mean simply waiting for the end times. Perhaps we are called in some way to be signs of his life and freedom here and now, even if that means swimming against the tide. Discerning his presence means highlighting and supporting the good that we detect in our world, And, with God's help, planting the seeds of hope around us that they might flower into the presence of God in our midst. ~ GPBS eNews

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 at 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 21st & 22nd November

6pm N Naughton, P Naughton

8am G Quinlan, M-A Demase

11am D Segafredo, M Taverner

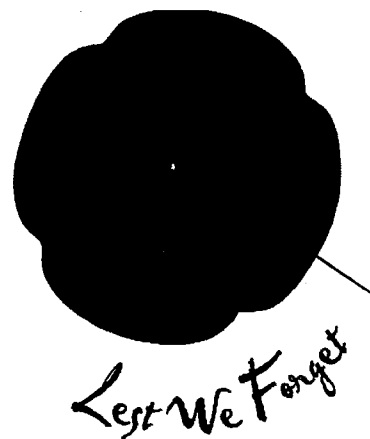
RECENTLY DECEASED: Joan Thomson,
Betty Marlow (Mitiamo).

ANNIVERSARIES: John MacManus,
Michele (Mick) Villani (1 month mind),
Serafino Loverso, Allan Townsend.

"They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow
old;

Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the
sun
and in the morning
We will remember them."



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,

Friday 10am Mass. Saturday 10.30am - 11am Reconciliation.