



ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Weekend Mass times: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am and 11am

Weekday Mass times: Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Saturday mornings 9.30am to 10.30am and before 9.15am weekday Masses

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm (Closed Mondays & Public Holidays)



Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sunday 10 January 2016



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Readings for next Sunday

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11



Liturgical Jottings

On this last day of Christmas Time, our prayers and readings resonate that Christ, both Son of God and Servant, brings good news to the poor and justice to all. It is into this mission that we have been baptised. We are servants of God. At our Baptism, we were given a lighted candle and told to keep that flame of faith alive. We show our faith in the world when we help the downtrodden, seek rights for others, and provide solace. In these ways we are "a light for the nations."

Jubilee Year of Mercy

"Patient and merciful." These words often go together in the Old Testament to describe God's nature. His being merciful is concretely demonstrated in his many actions throughout the history of salvation where his goodness prevails over punishment and destruction.

Pope Francis *Misericordiae Vultus* no 6

Looking at the Readings

This feast of Christ brings to a close the Christmas season that reveals who God is for us and who we are to be for others in Christ. The baptism of Jesus inaugurates his ministry as the messiah of God. The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah that God intends Jesus to be. He will be a servant, one who, though mighty, is gentle, one who is chosen by the high God yet committed to the needy and the marginal, one who is the proclaimed Son of God and who still attends to the least within the human community. He may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

For whom did the messiah of God come? He came for people who were broken and suffering, blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins, beyond our view, where the circumstances of their lives will not trouble us – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who for any number of reasons threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction. © Dianne Bergant CSS

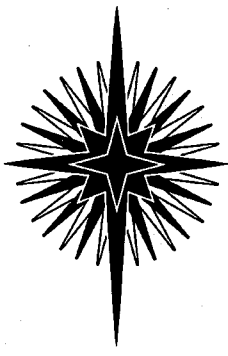
Sharing our Tradition

Baptism is the first of the seven sacraments of the Church. A Sacrament is a sign through which God communicates love, life and forgiveness to us. "Immersion in water symbolises not only death and purification, but also regenerations and renewal. Thus the two principal effects (of Baptism) are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit." (Catholic Catechism § 1262)

On the Lighter Side - Punny Words I

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.
What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway).
A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.





Welcome to St Brendan's Parish

"You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased."

baptism
sin
people
baptized
Baptist sinners
ministry Christ
John God
Jordan
Jesus

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To Build a Better World—God's Kingdom

All Christians... are called to show concern for the building of a better world. EG 183

An authentic faith... always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.

Let us believe the Gospel when it tells us that the kingdom of God is already present in this world and is growing, here and there, and in different ways.. EG 278

Words from Pope Francis's "The Joy of Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium)

Welcome
back!

We welcome Frank Scott back to work in the parish this week. Frank is our gardener and maintenance co-ordinator and has been recovering from a lengthy illness. We wish Frank all the best as he gets back into the swing of things!

We again sincerely thank the many volunteers who have helped out in so many ways during Frank's absence.

Honora (Noreen) O'Keefe would like to thank Fr Joe and the priests of St Brendan's parish for all prayers and visits. Also thanks to all parishioners for their prayers. I am back home now and doing really well. Thank you all. ~ Honora O'Keefe

Estela Hutchings, Counsellor who consults in the Parish is available for private and confidential consultation on a wide variety of issues. Estela is normally available for consultations on **Fridays**. There is a small charge for a 60 minute consultation. For information and bookings contact the Parish office on 5821 2633 during office hours.

There will be **NO** Mass at Tarcoola next Wednesday 13th.

Recently Deceased:
Anniversaries: Frank Corboy, Carmela Romeo, Carmel Lewis.

Holy Hour Thursdays 7pm to 8pm.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul (St. Brendan's Conference)
Next Meeting 14th January 7pm.
Lectors & Commentators 16th & 17th January, 2016
6pm J Howley, P Stein
8am G Jelliff, Sr R Crowe
11am Maureen Collins, E Murphy

Sr. Peter Wilson is moving to St Catherine's, North Balwyn, after five and half years in this Parish. We thank her for her presence and ministry in our Parish and wish her every best wish in her new home.



GV Gospel Concert Saturday 23rd January at Eastbank. For bookings phone 0432285567 or 0432405572. There are postcards with information in the narthex and side porch. You are welcome to take one.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service
WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr: 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME. WA 6725

Colouring Sheets for the children are located on the clipboards in the side entrance (west side) and in the narthex. These follow the story of Christ's birth, the Holy Family and the Baptism of Jesus. The children are welcome to take these home.

All parishioners are encouraged to subscribe to the **free emagazine** at www.cathfamily.org This is an excellent resource for the whole family eg. Faith and Family Life, Sacraments etc.

For the month of January, the weekend bulletin will be produced in this smaller, one page, A4 version.