



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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 17 January 2016



Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



Liturgical Jottings

We have left Christmas Time to once again enter into Ordinary Time. What is "Ordinary Time"? Is it when little happens? During these 33 or 34 Sundays, we do not celebrate a particular aspect of the Paschal Mystery. Instead, the Mystery of Christ is honoured in its fullness. On each Sunday we celebrate Christ's victory over sin. On these Sundays the vestments are green. Green is the colour of hope. Our hope is in the Lord. St Paul writes: "For in hope we were saved" (Romans 8:24)

Jubilee Year of Mercy

In a special way the Psalms bring to the fore the grandeur of God's merciful action: "The Lord forgives all your iniquity, he heals all your diseases, he redeems your life from the pit, he crowns you with steadfast love and mercy" (Ps 103:3-4).

Pope Francis *Misericordiae Vultus* no 6

Looking at the Readings

The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Sharing Our Tradition

Marriage is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. "On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign - at his mother's request - during a wedding feast. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence." (Catholic Catechism § 1613)

On the Lighter Side - Punny Words II

With her marriage she got a new name and a new dress.
She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.
Every calendar's days are numbered.
When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.



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Go Forward in love, Truth and Goodness

Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God. EG 272

Goodness always tends to spread. Every authentic experience of truth and goodness seeks by its very nature to grow within us....EG

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

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.

Concert in the Chapel Celeste Cari

30th January at 7pm at St Paul's Lutheran church,
54 Poplar Ave, Shepparton.

Entry by gold coin donation, 50% of proceeds to Orygen Youth Health and the balance to support Celeste's music career.
Supper provided



For those wishing to send a card or letter to Sr Peter Wilson FCJ—her new address is: Sr. Margaret Wilson FCJ, Room 40, St Catherine's Aged Care. 1 Clayton Rd, Balwyn 3103.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2016

This year's theme is **Learning More, Creating Change** which celebrates the power of learning and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

This theme demonstrates how education, training and sharing knowledge empowers individuals and communities to transform their futures and create lasting change.

A meeting will be held at St Brendan's Parish Centre on Wednesday 27th January, starting with a cuppa at 5pm, meeting at 5.30pm and concludes at 7pm.

This year Ash Wednesday is 10th February and Easter Sunday is 27th March.

Sandhurst Diocese 'Journey of Christ Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2016' 14th—29th September

Information night Thursday 4th February 5.30—6.30pm
Steven Green (Director, Olive Tree Travel) will give a briefing and Question & Answer time in a virtual meeting. All welcome.

Enjoy a taste of Holy Land wine and Middle Eastern nibbles. RSVP Marina Scott 5445 9910 or email mscott@ceosand.catholic.edu.au to attend.

At Catholic Education Office, 36 Welsford Street, Shepparton.

Recently Deceased: Rita Nardella

Anniversaries: Bill Quilty, Jean Clare Deane, Jim Mullins, Brian Mullins, Anne Gervasoni, Margaret Hart, Tom Hopkins

Holy Hour Thursdays 7pm to 8pm.

Lectors & Commentators 23rd & 24th January, 2016

6pm M Phillips, B Phillips

8am A Leahy, T Francis



SALVATION
FLAMES
LIKE A TORCH.

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan; helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.

~ www.cam.org.au/development

SPECIAL MINISTERS/LECTORS/OFFERTORY rosters for the period 13/03/16 to 10/07/16 (incl) are being prepared shortly. If you are unavailable during that period please contact the Parish Office by 29th January. Thank you

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS (CANDLE MASS DAY)

2nd February at Seiters Grotto, 11 Kaarimba Rd, Wunghnu (200 meters from Hwy.) Angelis at 6pm, then Rosaries and hymns until Mass at 7.30pm (beginning with the blessing of candles). There will be a cuppa afterwards.
Enquiries: Alf Seiter 58621740

St Brendan's Friendship Group will meet for lunch a week earlier on Jan. 24th at the GV Hotel at 12.30pm. Enquiries Pat (58211269) or Graeme (58252816)

COUNTERS ROSTERS Please take your copy of the roster for 2016 as you leave Mass today. Thank you to those Parishioners who contribute to this ministry.

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.

Expressions of Interest

St Brendan's Men's Group Shepparton invites men and women 18 years and over to participate in a guided Aussie Camino pilgrimage from Portland Vic. To Penola in SA, departing Monday 11th and returning Tuesday 19th April, 2016.
The Penola pilgrimage route was inspired by the life and journeys of Australian Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and offers Pilgrims a challenging but spectacular experience with many opportunities for personal solitude, peace and spiritual reflection. Based on traditions of Camino de Santiago de Compostela, Aussie Camino offers Participants a unique historical and inspiring experience. For more info or to register your interest, Contact Anthony Kilmartin on 0408269426.

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.

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