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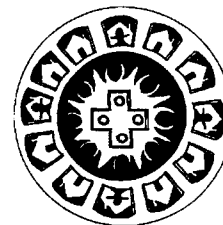
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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 31 January 2016



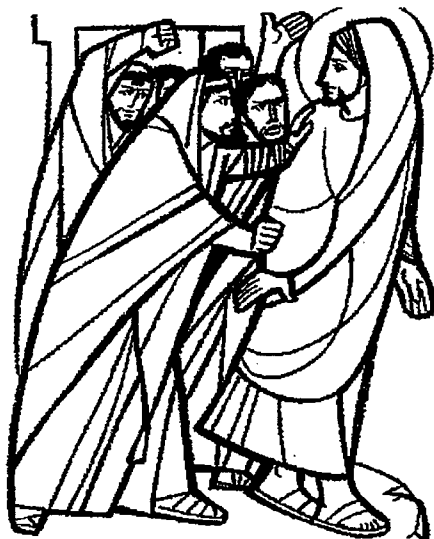
Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 1:4-4, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30



Readings for next Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



Liturgical Jottings

In the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest states, "Let us give thanks to the Lord." The word "Eucharist" means thanksgiving, and throughout the Eucharistic Prayer, we offer praise and thanksgiving to God. In this Prayer, we acknowledge that God makes what is good, blesses it, and fills it with life. What we are most thankful for is Jesus Christ who gives us his Body and Blood. At the last supper according to John, Jesus washed the disciples' feet before dying, loving them until the end. With the Eucharist, Christ continues to love and nourish us.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Let us enter more deeply into the Gospel where the poor experience God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to the works of mercy so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples.

Pope Francis *Misericordiae Vultus* no 15

Looking at the Readings

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Sharing our Tradition

The mission of Christ to bring hope and mercy continues through many agencies and movements of the church both locally and globally. We are Christ's disciples: "By living with the mind of Christ, Christians hasten the coming of the Reign of God, "a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." They do not, for all that, abandon their earthly tasks; faithful to their master, they fulfil them with uprightness, patience, and love. Catholic Catechism §2046

On the Lighter Side - Punny Words IV

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.

A lot of money is tainted. It taint yours and it taint mine.

Without geometry, life is pointless.

Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.



Notices

Shepparton Serra Club invite you to join us this coming first Friday February 5th to pray for vocations and our priests. Adoration will continue until 7.15pm. We will then have a blessing followed by Mass. Afterwards we will go to the parish centre have a cuppa and watch a film. All welcome.

The Aussie Camino Pilgrimage Walk Portland to Penola

in the footsteps of **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**
departing on Monday 11th April returning on
Tuesday 19th of April, 2016.

The Penola pilgrimage walk was inspired by the life and journeys of *Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop* and offers pilgrims a challenging but spectacular experience with many opportunities for personal solitude, peace and spiritual reflection.



Information is also available on the website www.aussiecamino.org

An information session will be on **Sunday 21st February** in the small room in the Mons Jeffrey Centre from 12midday until 1.30 with a light lunch provided. Luke Mills, co-ordinator for the Aussie Camino, will lead the session. At this stage the total cost of the walk will be around \$1000 all inclusive. For further information phone Anthony on 0408 269426.

Little Black Books are now available in the narthex and side entrance. They are a six minute reflection on the weekday Gospels of Lent. The idea is to find six minutes of quiet time each day of Lent and can use it anywhere. They're \$5 each. Envelope is provided in the book, just drop it at the office.

Anointing Mass to be held 11am Wednesday 3rd February

Celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Candlemas Day

2nd February at Seiters Grotto, 11 Kaarimba Road, Wunghnu (200 meters from the highway). Angelis at 6pm, then Rosaries and hymns until Mass at 7.30pm (beginning with the blessing of candles). There will be a cuppa afterwards and everyone is welcome to come along. Enquiries to Alf Seiter 5862 1740.

Christian Meditation starts again this Monday 1st February at 7.30pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. All welcome.

Missing The crib belonging to our Faith & Light Community. Members of our parish Faith & Light group are very upset that the Christmas Crib that was built especially for them has gone missing. If you know of its whereabouts please return it asap or contact Denise on 0432 054003.

Information night: Thursday 4th February 5.30—6.30pm for Sandhurst Diocese 'Journey of Christ Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2016' 14th—29th September 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 St, Shepparton.

Eucharistic Adoration re-commences this

Friday 5th February from 3pm to 6pm.
How much time do you spend in silent prayer with Jesus? Jesus asked His disciples in the garden of Gethsemane to watch one hour with Him (Matthew 26:40). Eucharistic Adoration is an opportunity to respond to Jesus' request. Adoration is held every week at St Brendan's on Thursdays 7pm to 8pm and Fridays 3pm to 6pm and everyone is welcome to spend a little time in the presence of the Lord.

Catholic Church Insurance

As the Church's own insurance company, CCI provides support to the Catholic Church and its community, Home & Content, Car, Landlord, Personal Accident, Travel, Caravan. For more information call 1300 655 003 or visit www.catholicinsurance.org.au

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During 11am Mass. Starts next Sunday 7th February and will continue weekly for the term. All primary school children are invited to come and hear God's word. There is no need to sign up; children come forward when invited by the celebrant.

Faith and Light Community

Welcome back to all members of St Brendan's Mary of the Cross MacKillop Faith and Light Community for 2016. We gather together next Sunday 7th February at 11am Mass and then continue in the Mons Jeffrey Centre where we will enjoy lunch together and have role play on this month's theme of *The Joy of being Family*. We are in need of volunteers to assist with lunch preparation and clean up. If you can help please phone Denise on 0432 054003.

Altar Servers

If you are an existing Altar Server or would like to join this very special ministry, please complete your details on the yellow A3 form in the narthex & side foyer. We are currently in the process of updating roster times and looking for new recruits so it's important to include your preferred Mass times and contact details on the form. As we are updating rosters in the coming weeks, can all altar servers attending Mass please check to see if they are needed to serve.

Thank you to our existing list of servers. We appreciate your commitment and dedication to this great service. Thank you. ~ Patricia Chalkley, (Catholic Identity Coordinator, St. Brendan's Primary School)

Daily Mass Books available in the Piety Stall for \$20.

Readers and Commentators

In an effort to cut costs, copies of the weekend readings will no longer be left in the sacristy for lectors. If you would still like a copy of the readings to practice on beforehand, there are three alternatives:
- phone/email the office and we can email a copy to you
- call in to the office and we can print a copy for you
- get the app *Universalis* on your phone which includes all the readings for Sundays and special days.

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 10th February, 2016
Mass times
 7am, 9.15am and 6pm.

Also at St Mary's Church, Saddleback Road, Dookie
 on Tuesday 9th February at 7.30pm.



Fr Joseph Alluri will be returning permanently to India after Easter this year. We thank him for his ministry amongst us here at St Brendan's and pray for God's continuing blessing upon his priestly work.



Lent calls us to reflection on the Mystery of Jesus journey towards his death and resurrection.

All parishioners are welcome to join in

Activities during Lent

◆ **Meditation**

~ on Thursday mornings in the Mons Jeffrey Centre commencing 11th February at 7.15am and continues every Thursday morning until 24th March at 7.15am.

◆ **Gospel Discussion Groups**

~ Monday afternoons during Lent in the small meeting room in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 1.30pm.

~ Tuesday nights at 7.30pm at 8 Norton Avenue, Shepp.

2016 marks a significant anniversary in the story of the Sisters of Mercy in the Sandhurst Diocese.

The following is taken from the diocesan website: Following his episcopal ordination in Ireland in September 1874, Bishop Martin Crane set out to recruit nuns to staff schools in the newly-created diocese. After approaching several convents, he obtained some volunteers from the Sisters of Mercy convent at Swinford. He arranged for these to follow him to Australia as soon as possible.

On 1st October 1875, three nuns and four postulants sailed from London on board the *Dunalistar* bound for Melbourne.

The passenger list gave their details as follows: Mrs M Aloysius Martyn,

Mrs M de Sales Dooley, Mrs M Ligouri O'Hara and Misses Annie Woods, Ellen Gough, Eliza Byrne and Bridget McDonald.

The group was given a grand liturgical welcome on Sunday, 23rd January 1876. Bishop Crane presided at St Kilian's church, which at that time was the original stone church. Bishop O'Connor of Ballarat was also present.

Another grand event occurred at St Kilian's on March 26th when the three postulants received the habit of the Sisters of Mercy and became novices.



This Tuesday 2nd February marks the end of the Year of Consecrated Life. We pray in thanksgiving for the love and generous commitment made by religious to the Diocese of Sandhurst and ask that Our Lord will send more labourers into the harvest.

Did you know . . .

There are 10 Religious Congregations in our Diocese?

- * *Brigidine*
- * *Community of Sons and Daughters of God (Dookie)*
- * *Faithful Companions of Jesus (Shepparton)*
- * *Daughters of Our Lady of Sacred Heart*
- * *Franciscan Sisters of the Divine Motherhood*
- * *Marist Brothers*
- * *Presentation Sisters*
- * *Poor Clares*
- * *Sisters of Mercy*
- * *Sisters of St Joseph*

See the posters in the side entrance.

Parish Office Hours Phone 03 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 Village 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 5.30pm

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 from 7th Feb
Sacraments

Baptism, 4th Sunday of each month except December which is the 3rd Sunday, January by arrangement.

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 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 month

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

Men's 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 - 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm

Lectors 6th & 7th February

6pm D Tarquini, M Keyte
8am L Boschetti, P Guthrie
11am M Sarkady, D Segafredo



RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Leo Lane

ANNIVERSARIES: Daniel Kerlin.

Reflection

If there is
light
in the soul,
there is
beauty
in the person.
If there is beauty in the
person, there will be
harmony
in the house.
If there is harmony in the
house, there will be
order
in the nation.
If there is order in the nation,
there will be
peace
in the world.

~ MM111 Affirmations Australia Pty Ltd
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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. Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am - 11am.
Ash Wednesday 10th February 10am and 6pm.