



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 7 February 2016



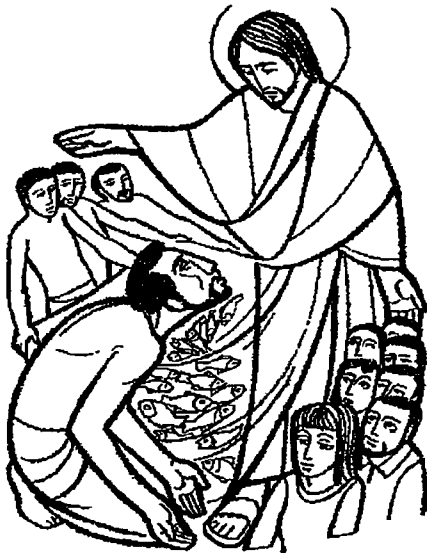
Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



Liturgical Jottings from the Ordo

Lent begins next Wednesday. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way the whole church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. In the Liturgy during Lent a spirit of penance prevails, displays of flowers are minimised, Alleluias are omitted, music is subdued.

Quote from Pope Francis

Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.

Looking at the Readings

Today's Gospel tells of a day full of surprises that may have started out in a very mundane manner. For Peter and his companions they had had a long and unproductive night. Imagine their surprise when Jesus gets into their boat and tells them to put offshore a little so he can address the crowd: they did as they were asked. At that moment Peter's life changed forever. Jesus had entered his everyday life. Just as Jesus invites Peter to "Put out into the deep", so too are we invited to place our trust in Jesus. Just as Peter reacted, we may not see the wisdom or significance of the invitation but Jesus encourages us with the words "do not be afraid".

Peter's trust in Jesus' words was rewarded with an abundance where, by his efforts alone, there had been scarcity. Many people who act with trust in Jesus' words experience a result far beyond their expectations or hopes and their efforts to love others bring a bountiful reward of happiness.

For Peter and his fellow fishermen life was never the same again. Jesus invited them to a special life and role with him – through many wonderful experiences and frightening and tragic events. Jesus invites us also to participate in the same mission – to announce the 'good news' to those we meet and through our lives introduce them to Jesus. There are many ministries and gifts but only one mission.

The message of this Gospel for us today, in the midst of the Year of Mercy, can be summed up in the Latin phrase so beloved by John Paul II: "Duc in altum!", "Put out into the deep!" This is Jesus command to Peter and it remains his will for the whole Church. Yes, we are facing a hostile environment; Yes, there are "bad fish" out there; Yes, we have been labouring for years "in the night" and don't seem to have gotten anywhere. None of that prevents the Lord from delivering an abundant catch and we through a trusting response and action to His invitation, can participate in 'hauling' it aboard.

On the Lighter Side

A priest, an evangelist, and a minister were in a boat fishing. They had caught nothing all morning. Then the evangelist stands up and says he needs to go to the bathroom, climbs out and walks on the water to shore. He comes back ten minutes later the same way. Then the minister decides to go, so he too climbs out and walks on the water and comes back the same way. The priest decides that his faith is just as strong as theirs and walk on water, too. As he steps out, he makes a big splash down into the water. The evangelist looks at the minister and says, "I suppose we should have told him where the rocks were."

Notices



The **St Brendan's Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society** would like to thank the generous parishioners who support the Conference. The Conference has recently benefitted by \$120.90 in 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 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 held on **Sunday 21st February** in the small room in the Mons Jeffrey Centre from 12 midday 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.

Piety Stall There are still a few 2016 Columban Calendars available for purchase. A great price at \$9 each. They will no longer be available after this weekend. Also **Daily Mass Books** available in the Piety Stall for \$20.

FOUND: A small purse was found in the Marion Chapel in the Church. It can be claimed at the Parish Office.

Our **Parish Men's Group** will gather next Saturday 13th of February 7.30am in the Mons Jeffrey Centre for breakfast and a faith reflection topic. All are invited to join us. Any questions phone Anthony on 0408 269426.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday at 11.00am Mass during school term.

VOLUNTEERS desperately needed to help lead Children's Liturgy of the Word. No qualifications needed, just a desire to spread God's word with our young parishioners. You are rostered on with a partner one Sunday a term. Notes and instructions provided. Please contact the Parish Office – 58212633 if you are interested.

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.

Email Address for Roster distribution

As the new rosters are currently being prepared we would greatly appreciate it if as many rosters as possible could be sent out by email. This will help to reduce postage costs considerably. If you have an email address and haven't already advised it to us or have changed your email address, please advise the Parish office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Estela Hutchings, Psychologist 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. *Estela may also be contacted directly on 0419 033 473.*

PARISH OFFICE PLANS

A final floor plan is on display on the noticeboard in the narthex. Many plans and options have been explored as well as cost considerations to the Parish. This plan provides extra office space and pastoral space as well as storage for both areas. An extra storage area is also being built at the back of the centre for easier access to tables and chairs.

Faith and Light Community Welcomes all members of St Brendan's Mary of the Cross MacKillop Faith and Light Community back for 2016. We gather together this Sunday 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)*

ANNUAL RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

Feathertop Chalet, Harrietteville. 18th, 19th & 20th April. Cost \$250 includes all meals BYO towel and toiletries A bus will run from Shepparton leaving at 9.30am. (Extra cost) Arrangements can be made to meet public transport from Melbourne. Lunch on the 18th (buy or bring), noon, Myrtleford. Bookings needed by Monday 4th April. Phone Margaret Lucas on 5862 1080 or Margaret Spedding on 5480 6957. *See the flyer on the noticeboard in the narthex.*

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.

Project Compassion

This Sunday is Project Compassion Sunday.

Boxes and envelopes are available this weekend.

Please take one home with you.

Lent begins shortly, invites us into a time of reflection in our relationship with God, with others, with our world. Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides an opportunity to open our eyes to see where this relationship is not as it should be, and to stand in solidarity with the poorest, and enable them to take control of their lives.

Lent and Almsgiving

Almsgiving is important. Lent reminds us that we need each other. We can easily get wound up in our own lives, our own 'rat race', we can become very self-absorbed, very focussed on our own needs and goals, ambitions and dreams. Learning that 'giving is part of living' is important. It is good to see in our schools, Project Compassion and other activities that encourage personal generosity, that raise awareness right from the start that we are a human family, each dependent on one another. It is even better, however, if that is modelled in the home.

It is not by chance that Lent highlights almsgiving, not just as another way of doing penance but rather the Lenten discipline of almsgiving reminds us that all we have is a gift - life itself and just about everything thereafter. In contrast, advertising would have us believe that we create ourselves, we make our own future and happiness is dependent on the things we purchase, what we own, what we amass. Almsgiving can be a reality check - it gives us the opportunity to reflect on the saying, 'if you want to see what people really believe in, take a look at how they spend their money'

Almsgiving also gives us the opportunity to place the needs of others before ourselves and give generously from our own resources. In the words of Pope Francis, gratitude should be one of the characteristics of being a Christian because 'aware of having received everything from God freely, that is without any merit, (a Christian) learns to give to others freely'. Almsgiving is a sign of genuine gratitude because 'alms are given to someone from whom you would not expect to receive anything in return'.

- An excerpt from "Along the Track" by Jim Quillinan

National Christian Heritage Sunday celebrates the Gospel of Jesus Christ arriving on Australia's shores.

Australia's first minister was the Reverend Richard Johnson. He arrived with the first fleet.

On 3rd February 1788 Rev. Johnson held the first Christian service in Australia, a day now celebrated on the first Sunday in February each year.

For more information go to: www.nchs.net.au

St. Valentine's Day is approaching and booklets are available in the Narthex and porch that celebrate "The Joy of Difference". *Please take one home with you.*



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**

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

~ *Monday evenings* in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7.30pm.

◆ **Gospel Discussion Groups**

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

~ *Tuesday evenings* at 7.30pm at 8 Norton Avenue, Shepparton.

◆ **Eucharistic Adoration**

~ *Thursday evenings* 7pm to 8pm

~ *Friday afternoons* 3pm to 6pm



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

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
Ash Wednesday 10th February 7am, 9.15am & 6pm.
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 13th & 14th February

6pm C Naughton, P Naughton

8am J Zampaglione, D Teitzel

11am M Taverner, P White



RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Ellen Frances Cullen,
Francesco Dominica

Reflection

Love is patient and kind.

*It doesn't envy or boast, and it's
never proud.*

Love is not rude or selfish.

*It doesn't get angry easily, or keep
track of wrongs.*

*Love doesn't delight in bad thing,
but rejoices in the truth.*

*Love always protects, trusts, hope
and perseveres*

Love never fails..

1 Corinthians 13:4



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.

Ash Wednesday 12 noon and 7pm.

St. Mary's Dookie, 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays 9.30am
Tuesday 9th February Ash Wednesday Vigil 7.30pm.

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.