



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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heart of our faith

Second Sunday of Lent- Year C

Sunday 21 February 2016



Readings for  
this week:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 9:28-36



Readings for  
next Sunday

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15  
1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
Luke 13:1-9



## Liturgical Jottings

With whom do we offer the sacrifice of the Mass? We offer it not only with the priest and those gathered with us at the liturgy but with the communion of saints. Eucharistic Prayer I specifically names the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and then 24 saints, 12 of whom were apostles and 12 of whom were martyrs. When we are at Mass, we are not just with those around us but all those who have gone before us in faith. The Body of Christ is composed of both those on earth and those in heaven.

## Quote of the Week

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. *Pope Francis*

## Looking at the Readings

Each year the Gospel on the first Sunday of Lent are the temptations of Christ and on the Second Sunday of Lent the Transfiguration. There is a great connection in these accounts between the commitment to follow Jesus, the Son of God, and the fulfilment of God's promise. Today's three readings identify the elements of promise, trust and fidelity. The countless descendants promised to Abram in Genesis and in response we are told 'Abram puts his faith in The Lord; the promised reward told by Paul to the Philippians "the Lord Jesus Christ will transfigure the wretched body of ours into the mould of his glorious body" and his exhortation "to hold firm in the Lord".

The appearance of Moses and Elijah with the transfigured Jesus also symbolises Jesus as the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets - a testimony that God has kept his covenant with his people.

The temptations in the wilderness warn of the difficulties and challenges facing those who commit to follow Jesus. It is not an easy and carefree path but one filled with temptations to turn away, take the easier path and satisfy our own needs and wants with no concern for others. The Gospels recognise our human frailty and inclinations – just as the three disciples were sleeping at the time of his transfiguration, so also were they sleeping during his agony in the garden at Gethsemane.

Today's Gospel offers encouragement and promise to all disciples facing adversity and trials. Indeed the voice of God commands the disciples "listen to him" perhaps not in an authoritative or menacing tone, but one that implores and beseeches. Lent continues to present opportunities for each of us to examine our personal relationship and commitment to Jesus the tempted and transfigured.

## On the Lighter Side



When a poor but devout woman ran out of food she prayed to God thanking him for any help he may give. Her atheist neighbour heard this and thought to himself. "Hmph! ... I'll fix her." He bought a bag of groceries, put them on the doorstep, rang the doorbell and hid in the bushes. When she opened the door and saw the groceries, she praised the Lord with all her heart. The atheist jumped out of the bushes and said, "You crazy lady, God didn't buy you those groceries, I did!" Well, she said, "I knew the Lord would provide me with food, but I didn't know he was going to make the devil pay for them!"

# Notices

## **Formation FOR ALL MINISTRIES New and Old**

On Tuesday March 1st and 8th, we will be holding formation sessions for all ministries with Fr. Tony Hill between 7.30pm and 8.30pm in the Noel Daly Centre (behind Mons Jeffrey centre). These will be the initial training/formation sessions for all of our Parish ministries. As such, we would like all existing volunteers to attend as well as new volunteers.

Fr Tony will discuss *Understanding the Eucharist* at the first meeting and Fr Joe will conduct the second.

If you are interested in joining one of the many important ministries within the parish please come along.

These will be followed up with specific sessions for each ministry, starting with Ministers of Communion on Thursday April 28th between 5pm and 6pm.

**These informative sessions are open to everyone.**

We are looking forward to having a huge turnout!

## **The Aussie Camino Pilgrimage Walk . . . Information & registration session will be held this Sunday 21st February**

in the small room in the Mons Jeffrey Centre 12 to 1.30 with a light lunch provided. Luke Mills, co-ordinator for the Aussie Camino, will lead the session. For information phone Anthony on 0408 269426. [www.aussiecamino.org](http://www.aussiecamino.org)

## **Cuppa After 11am Mass** next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

The Syro Malabar Community will host the next *cuppa after Mass* so please stay around for coffee and cake and a chat!

**Sacramental Program** If you are thinking about enrolling your child into the 2016 Parish Sacramental Program you will need to collect an information booklet from the Parish office during office hours or contact Laura at [sacramental.coord@bigpond.com](mailto:sacramental.coord@bigpond.com) to have the information emailed to you. Enrolments will be held in the Mons Jeffrey Centre next Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February after 6pm Mass and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February after 11am Mass.  
**Enrolments close Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**Parish Men's Group** Our Men's Group will have a guest speaker at our next breakfast on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30am in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

Dan Murphy will speak on "*Men of Mercy: How can an Aussie man participate in the Year of Mercy?*"

Dan is a very engaging speaker. He and wife, Mary, moved to Euroa 2 years ago. Dan has a long history in ministry roles, including ordained ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat for over 20 years (a year-mate of Fr Joe!) and Pastoral Care roles in healthcare at a senior level in Melbourne. He is working 2 days a week currently at Wangaratta Hospital as a Pastoral Care Worker, and has conducted Clinical Pastoral Education training in Wangaratta and Shepparton since moving to this area.

This will be a great opportunity to come along, listen and learn. Any questions call Anthony on 0408 269426.

**Parish Friendship Group** will meet for lunch on the third Sunday of each month from now on. Our next lunch is at The Last Straw Café, 26 Keppel Street, Shepparton this Sunday 21st February at 12.30pm. For catering purposes please phone Pat on 5821 1269. All parishioners are invited to come along and enjoy lunch together.

**Rosary** will be recited after 8am Mass each Sunday in the Marion Chapel in the Church. Everyone is welcome. Special graces and blessings are given by Our Lady to those that pray the Rosary.

## **Please help . . . Projectionist needed for 6pm Mass**

We are in need of a projectionist to relieve from time to time at 6pm Mass. If you think you can help please let Fr Joe know or contact the Parish office on 5821 2633.

**'Opening the Door of Our Heart' Catholic Charismatic Renewal** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February Mons Bones Hall (next to Church). 1pm to 4.30pm. Fr Berny is the presenter. Please bring afternoon tea to share. Coffee and tea provided. All welcome. Enquiries phone Pat Cooper 5821 1671.

**World Day of Prayer** This year the annual World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and hosted by the Salvation Army in Nixon Street, Shepparton at 10am. The focus this year will be on Cuba. All welcome to attend.



## **News from St Vincent de Paul Society . . .**

During January 2016, St. Brendan's Conference assisted 69 households in the Shepparton area, comprising 108 adults and 103 children. Our clients were assisted in such areas as accommodation costs, food vouchers, transport and medical expenses, utilities, education costs, vouchers to the Vinnies store, and other items. Apart from material assistance, clients are also assisted with referral to financial counsellors, assistance with dealing with energy providers, and general information as appropriate. Sometimes the main support is just by way of spending time talking over one's situation and being heard.

**Altar Servers** A new roster has been prepared for the altar servers. If you are an altar server and have not received your new roster please collect it from the narthex. Thank you for the important ministry you provide to our Parish.

**Spirituality in the Pub** at the Terminus Hotel, 212 High Street, on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 – 9 pm (meals from 6pm optional) Join the conversation following *Palestine / Israel – An Eye-Witness Account* by Rev Joan Fisher. Pick up a flyer in the narthex/side entrance. Enquiries to Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 5821 4362 or Fran 5829 0301.

## **WORLD YOUTH DAY – KRAKOW (POLAND) 2016**

Young participants have the option of joining one of four different pilgrimages. More details are included on the WYD Victoria website: <http://www.cam.org.au/wydvictoria/Pilgrimages>

Registrations can be processed on the WYD2016 website: <https://wyd2016.com.au/pilgrimages/archdiocese-of-melbourne> If you are interested in attending World Youth Day and you are a student at Notre Dame College, we strongly encourage you to fill-in an Expression of Interest Application Form through the college. **Applications need to be completed by February 29.**

Forms can be collected from Student Reception or please see Georgia and Zoe in the Faith & Ministry Office. *\*The College will be contributing up to \$10,000 to the final cost for the total number of students who attend (the individual amount will depend on the final number of applicants).*  
~ Jessica Alampi, Youth Ministry Leader

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

- ◆ **Stations of the Cross**  
~ Every Friday evening at 6pm during Lent
- ◆ **Meditation**  
~ Thursday mornings in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7.15am and continues every Thursday morning until 24th March.  
~ 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

### Holy Week

Reconciliation Tuesday 22nd March 6pm

Holy Thursday 24th March 7pm

(no morning Mass)

Good Friday 25th March

3pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion

8pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 26th March 7pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 27th March 8am and 11am.

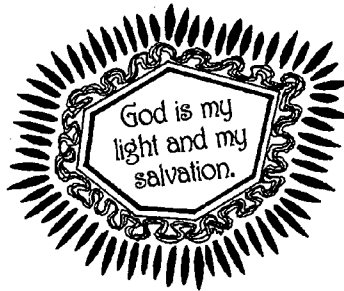
*Bishop Les Tomlinson will visit the Parish on 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th March. This is a Pastoral visit to St Brendan's and St Mary's in Dookie and he will visit schools, MCP, and meet with members of the parish for discussion. He will celebrate all Masses.*



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to David & Mary Lyons who  
celebrate their 71st Wedding  
Anniversary on Sunday.

Next week **Seminarian Adi Indra** arrives and will be working with us here at St Brendan's prior to going to Rome to study Theology. Adi will be here until June and would like to gain as much Pastoral experience within the parish as possible.

Please help Adi by including him in as many parish experiences as possible.

He also needs to gain as much experience in the Italian language as possible so if you can help that would be most appreciated!

**African Choir** will sing at 11am  
Mass next Sunday 28th February.

They will be travelling from  
Adelaide and will require billets  
for members of the choir. If you  
can help please phone Marita on 5821 5343.



**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

### *Holy Rosary*

Pray the Rosary after 8am Mass Sundays

### *Stations of the Cross*

6pm Fridays during Lent

*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* - Third 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

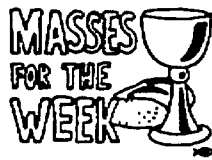
*Society of St. Vincent de Paul* - 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm

### *Lectors 27th & 28th February*

**6pm** A Kilmartin, J Howley

**8am** T Francis, A Leahy

**11am** P Chalkley, P Crane



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kevin O'Hagan,  
Eileen Mooring (sister-in-law of Jack & Fay  
O'Connor)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rosily Devassy,  
Martin O'Dwyer, Josephine Ormiston.

## *Reflection*

### **Do You Pray or Escape?**

It happens pretty regularly at the end of powerful prayer gatherings and retreats: no one wants to leave. So many times people have told me how sad they feel about having to go back to the real world.

Peter feels the same way in this week's Gospel. The Transfiguration baffles many people. But just think of it this way: Jesus and his closest friends go up a mountain and pray and during their prayer they realise the importance of Jesus and his mission. They connect his mission to historic religious leaders like Moses and Elijah. They feel God's presence. Peter wants to stay.

But maybe the most important part of the story is the end. They go back down the mountain and head toward Jerusalem, where their insights will change how they live in the real world.

We know how the story ends.

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*Holy God, Giver of life, help us to  
recognise and value who we really are  
- made in your image, holy in your  
likeness. Help us see ourselves as you  
see us - able to give life and love.  
Amen.*

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~ Excerpt from GPBS eNews 16/2/16

### *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 Mooropna*, 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.  
*St Joseph's Undera*, 2nd Sunday of the month 8.30am.