



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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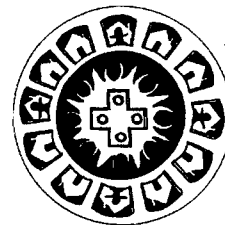
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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Third Sunday of Lent- Year C

Sunday 28 February 2016



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3.11-32



Liturgical Jottings

Throughout the Mass, we pray the words of Scripture. When the priest raises the host, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God," we hear words of John the Baptist in John 1:29. There, John points out Christ to the crowd, saying "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." The Lamb of God is the undefiled lamb. The second part comes from Revelation 19:9, in which the angel says, "Blessed are those who have been called to the supper of the Lamb."

Quote of the Week

If one has the answers to all the questions - that is the proof that God is not with him. It means that he is a false prophet using religion for himself. The great leaders of the people of God, like Moses, have always left room for doubt. You must leave room for the Lord, not for our certainties; we must be humble. *Pope Francis*

Looking at the Readings

The Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion that is integral to the act of repentance.

Luke tells us that some among the crowd report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. They want Jesus to explain why good people suffer. At that time it was usual to attribute suffering as evidence of sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than themselves. Jesus replies that violence, fatal accidents or natural disasters ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin. These daily life event should not be attributed to God's will. Jesus strongly warns them (and us) that unless we turn away from sin we will not have life.

The parable that follows of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit. The image of the property owner is often assigned to God the Father - the judge who balances the books and holds everyone to account for the fruitfulness of their life. Similarly Jesus takes on the role of the gardener who toils for three years (in his public ministry) to tirelessly provide the tree with every possibility to yield fruit. The underlying emphasis to the parable is on the mercy of God and the hopefulness that ongoing opportunity will yet bring us life.

These readings remind us that God is offering us life; but eternal life doesn't simply fall into our laps. God does not override our freedom of choice but nurtures and leads to us choose well. Faith is about choice and living with uncertainty; we are offered the tending efforts and grace of the gardener to help us with our choices.

On the Lighter Side

Songs that Biblical people may have inspired:

Noah: "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"; Adam and Eve: "Strangers in Paradise"; Lazarus: "The Second Time Around"; Esther: "I Feel Pretty"; Job: "I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues"; Moses: "The Wanderer"; Jezebel: "The Lady is a Tramp" ; Samson: "Hair"; Salome: "I Could Have Danced All Night"; Daniel: "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"; Peter: "I'm Sorry"; Esau: "Born To Be Wild"; The Three Kings: "When You Wish Upon a Star"; Jonah: "Got a Whale of a Tale"



Notices

Formation FOR ALL MINISTRIES New and Old

On this Tuesday March 1st and next Tuesday March 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.

The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Aired 28th February

This week on *The Journey* we hear a Gospel reflection for the 3rd Week of Lent from Fr Ken Barker; Sr Hilda Scott OSB *Wisdom from the Abbey* challenges us to “Shine where you are.” We get some great parenting advice from Marilyn Rodrigues *The Peaceful Parent* who reminds us parenting is a lifelong deal and Fr Dave Callaghan *The Call* asks the question; do we only call on him when we need him? Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Cuppa After 11am Mass this Sunday 28th of February.

The Syro Malabar Community will be our hosts this month so please stay around for coffee and cake and a chat!

'ARTS and FAITH' – a lovely resource for Lent

<http://www.loyolapress.com/arts-and-faith-lent.htm>

Sacramental Program

Enrolments for the 2016 parish Sacramental Program are taking place this weekend, after the 6pm and 11am Masses in the Monsignor Jeffrey Centre. If you haven't yet collected an information pack and enrolment form— please see Laura at the above times or email Laura at sacramental.coord@bigpond.com

Enrolments close Wednesday 2nd March.

St. Brendan's Parish AFL Footy Tipping Competition 2016

Attention all footy lovers! The St. Brendan's Parish Footy Tipping competition is on again this year, and we would love everyone to sign up and be a part of all the fun. Test your footy brain against all your family and friends. The tips are entered online, so all you need is an email address and access to the internet via computer, tablet, or smartphone and you are set to go. Entry fee is \$25, payable at the parish office before Friday 15 April. This year, we will have prizes for the first four tipsters. The size of our prizes will be announced once everyone has signed up. In addition, as part of the AFL.com competition, all entrants can share in over \$550,000 worth of additional prizes.

Joining can be done prior to payment, so follow this link: <https://tipping.afl.com.au>

Returning players can use their 2015 login details. New players just sign up and follow the instructions. Once registered, click on the “Comps” tab and join “St Brendan's Parish Tipping Competition” (note punctuation) and use invite code “ES3UUVTE”.

Rosary will be prayed 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.

Serra Club This coming Friday March 4th at 7.00pm

Fr Berny will celebrate Mass for vocations and our priests. Afterwards we will gather in the Mons Jeffrey centre for a cuppa and this month our special guest will be Adi Indra, one of our seminarians for the Sandhurst Diocese. Adi is working here with us in St Brendan's Parish for a few months. He will share with us his journey so far.

It is always a special night for us when we have one of our seminarians join us. So please join in. Everyone is welcome.

Palm Sunday Service at Mt. Major.

20th March. See notice board for details.

World Day of Prayer This year the annual World Day of

Prayer will be held on Friday 4th 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.

St Paul's Lutheran Church is delighted to invite you to the **Concert in the Chapel** - The Enchanted Flute. Melissa Doecke and Mark Isaacs. The concert will begin at 2pm on Sunday 6th March at 54 Poplar Avenue, Shepparton. Complimentary afternoon tea will be served following the performance. Tickets \$30 / \$20 concession (\$25/\$15 if pre-booked) Book at: www.trybooking.com/KFKP Queries call Melissa 0435 495493

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 29th February 7.30 – 9 pm (meals from 6pm optional) *Palestine /Israel – An Eye-Witness Account* by Rev Joan Fisher. Enquiries to Kerry 0408 579904.

St Vincent de Paul “Doing Good Works” are looking for some people who would be interested in manning the phone for two hours per fortnight. Please phone Denise for more information on 0432 054003.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – KRAKOW (POLAND) 2016

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.

~ 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.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion
Boxes and envelopes are now
available.

Mass of the Holy Oils is on Tuesday 15th March at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend this beautiful Mass.



**The Adelaide Congolese Fraternity
Catholic Choir**

will sing at 11am Mass this Sunday.
They will have CD's available for purchase.

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.

A generous donor has requested \$2,500 for a "chattel or ornament in the church."

**All suggestions to
Fr Joe.**



Being Enriched

Coveting is not just about wanting to amass more and more possessions but, we become greedy - we want everything, every experience, everything the other person has and more - more friends, more possessions, a higher position. And we want what 'they' have! We can become dissatisfied with our own lives and we begin to resent others' achievements, success, good looks, intelligence, athletic abilities, health, friends, family background... well, just about anything really. That can lead us to try to bring them down, to put them in their place - a story here, a negative comment there, a bit of gossip to spread and so on. Comparison can lead to a lot of unhappiness. I have been in workplaces where that happens.

Where does your heart lie, where are your treasures? Some time to reflect on questions like these may help identify them:

What are five essential values we want our children to embrace above all others?

What are the five things you are most thankful for in your life right now? What are some of the things you do to show this thankfulness?

What is an accomplishment you feel most proud of?

Your biggest goal in life?

Before you die, what would you like to have accomplished?

What fears do you wrestle with the most?

What movie or television program have you seen in the last year that you wish all your friends could see?

If you didn't have to worry about making a living, what would you most like to do for the rest of your life?

There are lots of other questions we might ask ourselves but mostly we want to find the things that really enrich our lives, rather than those things which just satisfy our desires.

~ Excerpt from 'Along the Track, Being Enriched'
by Jim Quillinan 23rd February, 2016

Welcome

Welcome to Adi Indra who is working with us here in the parish 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!

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 5th & 6th March

6pm M Keyte, Volunteer required

8am MA Demase, G Quinlan

11am JM Mupenda, B Carey



RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Leo Clurey, Marie Barwick, Luke O'Brien, Bernard O'Shea, John Stein, Angioletta (Jeanie) Sfirro, Frank Currie.

Reflection

"Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life:

The one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast;

The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache"

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Taken from "The Little Black Book"



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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 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.