



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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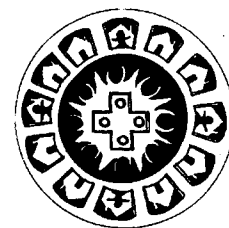
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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Palm (Passion) Sunday - Year C

Sunday 20 March 2016



Readings for this week:

Luke 19:28-40 (Entrance)

Isaiah 50 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56



Readings for next Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43

Colossian 3:1-4

John 20:1-9



Liturgical Jottings

The Sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, and has its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection. (GNLY 18, 19)

A Thought for Holy Week

At the end of the Holy Thursday Liturgy the altar is stripped bare, the tabernacle is empty! We realise from this time and through Good Friday, confrontingly, that Jesus is really dead! The Church is empty we are grieving. But we wait with anticipation for Easter Sunday and the risen Christ. Give your all to Christ who gave his all for you. (*Thrive-Living Life as God Intended*)

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Looking at the Readings

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday, the first day of Holy Week, the Sunday with a split personality. Today we begin with an upbeat Gospel reading telling us of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey complete with a parade route strewn with palm branches. In those days, Kings used to travel in such processions on horseback during wartime, but preferred to ride a donkey in times of peace. To the shouts of 'Hosanna!' which as a slogan of greeting meant 'God save the king of Israel', Jesus enters the Holy City as King of Peace. But almost before the dust has been shaken off the cloaks and the palm branches gathered up we quickly progress to the stark reading of Jesus' passion, bearable only because we already know its joyous ending.

Two names for the same day: Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. The same crowd that was cheering during the festive parade was jeering a few days later. They'd followed Jesus, hung on his every word, been fed with loaves and fishes and healed by him but as soon as the tide of popular opinion began to turn, so did they. Their cries of "Hosanna" turned to shouts of a very different kind: "Crucify him!"

This would not have come as a surprise to Jesus: the gospels tell us that he knew the human mind and heart all too well. He would not have been misled by the cheers and, the 'Hosannas' He had 'set his face like flint.' With no delusions of grandeur he was on a mission and nothing would deter him. Not the things that we avoid fear of ridicule, fear of suffering, or abandonment by our closest companions. Our second reading tells us that he had willingly emptied himself of all but his true passion – his Father's will.

As we carry the palm leaves to our homes today, we are declaring our choice to accept Jesus as King and ruler of our lives and our families. We are also marking the beginning of Holy Week which, as we consciously and actively take part in its liturgies, will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

On the Lighter Side

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon with, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." Then with more gusto: "And all the wine... and all the whisky in the world, I would throw it into the river." He sat down. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn number 365: "Shall We Gather at the River."



Notices

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday 3rd April, 2016

1pm: Divine Mercy DVD—"In the name of Miracle"

2pm: Exposition of the Blessed—Sacrament and Reconciliation (Several priests)

3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

3.30pm: Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Berny. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image after Mass. DVD's, books, leaflets and pictures are for sale after Mass.

Jesus said to St. Faustina, "I am prolonging the time of Mercy for the sake of sinners. But woe to them if they do not recognise this time of my visitation. Before the day of Justice I am sending the day of Mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of my mercy must pass through the door of my justice."

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING

Cake Stall & Fair Trade Easter Bunnies Young Pilgrims attending World Youth Day will be selling cakes & slices & fair trade Easter Bunnies after masses this weekend & next weekend to raise funds to assist with travel costs to attend the Krakow Connect Pilgrimage in Poland.

Raffle An Easter Hamper Raffle will also be held with all proceeds going towards travel costs. Tickets will be sold after each of the masses. Tickets are \$2 each and will be drawn after 11am Mass on Easter Sunday.

- 1st prize: Easter Hamper (worth \$150) *Donated by Catholic Church Insurance Community Assist Program*
- 2nd prize: Easter Bunny + \$50 Coles Myer Voucher
- 3rd prize: \$30 Lemon Tree Voucher

Your support is greatly appreciated.

CCI has kindly donated a hamper to the value of \$150. As the Church's own insurance company, CCI provides support to the Catholic Church and it's community. Home & Content, Car, Landlord, Personal Accident, Travel, Caravan.

For information call 1300 655 003 or visit:

www.catholicinsurance.org.au

Slavery-free Chocolate

Every person ought to have the awareness that 'purchasing is always a moral—and not simply an economic—act.'

~ Pope Francis, January 2015.

What can you do? **Buy slavery-free chocolate, **Visit facebook page www.facebook.com/sfchoccampaign **Check the Good Egg guide.



St. Brendan's Parish AFL Footy Tipping Competition 2016

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. 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 "ES3UUUTE". Tipping online each week is then so simple! For queries contact Ashley on 0412 475290.

Farewell and Thank you Fr Joseph

We will have a presentation for Fr Joseph at 11am Mass this Sunday and then you're all invited to share a cuppa in the Mons Jeffrey centre afterwards.

Ministers of Communion - Holy Week Ceremonies

There will be no special roster for the Holy Week Triduum. If you are a Minister of Communion and will be attending any of these ceremonies at St Brendan's, please volunteer to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. THANKYOU! ~Loretta.

Bulletin notices this coming week Being a short week please ensure all bulletin notices are at the Parish office by 11am on Wednesday 23rd March. *Thank you.*

Fiesta of San Pedro Calungsod Saturday 2nd April 11am Novena & Mass. At St Mel's Church, 18 Hamilton Street, Shepparton. All are most welcome. Enjoy fellowship together afterwards, please bring a plate to share. For more details phone Rubie on 58322194

Our **Men's Group** will meet next Saturday 26th of March in the Mons Jeffrey centre at 7.30 am. This being Easter Saturday we will reflect and renew our understanding of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, "The Paschal Mystery." Our group last week hosted Bishop Les who enjoyed the atmosphere, breakfast and discussion. If you have any queries, call Anthony on 0408 269426.

Gospel Discussion Group Second & Fourth Monday monthly at 1.30pm in the small meeting room in the Parish Centre. *Meetings will re-commence on Monday 11th April.*

Children's Liturgy is on Sundays at 11am Mass during school term. This weekend is the last Children's Liturgy until Sunday 17th April.

There will be **NO Meditation on Monday 28th March** as it is Easter Monday.

Sacramental Program 2016 'Completed Profile'

Please ensure that your child's completed profile is returned to school or the parish house BEFORE NEXT Wednesday 23rd March. If you did not receive a pack, please contact Laura on 5821 2633 Wednesday mornings or via email sacramental.coord@bigpond.com

News from St Vincent de Paul Society During February, St. Brendan's Conference conducted 88 appointments at the Welfare Centre and did 2 home visits. 99 adults and 109 children were assisted, with 65% being previous clients and the remaining 35% new clients. The large majority of our expenses last month continued to be food, in the form of food vouchers and supermarket gift cards, where clients are able to customise the assistance to best suit their household's needs and also to free up some cash to cover other expenses. The Conference currently has 30 members, 25 of whom currently work in groups of 3 to cover the fortnightly roster in the Welfare Centre. We would always welcome enquiries from interested or prospective new members. Phone Peter on 0434 244940.

~ Holy Week ~

- ◆ **Meditation**
 - ~ Thursday morning in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7.15am.
 - ~ Monday evening in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7.30pm.
- ◆ **Gospel Discussion Group**
 - ~ Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at 8 Norton Ave.



Reconciliation Tuesday 22nd March 6pm

**Holy Thursday 24th March 7pm Mass
(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 Mass and 11am Mass.



Sacramental Program – Seeking Potential Facilitators

Each year our Sacramental candidates and their families are placed into "Home Groups". They meet weekly and work through the Steps in Faith Booklet. There are ten gatherings from April to August. Home Group Gatherings will begin the week of Sunday 24th April.

This year we would like to involve parishioners and are calling for Potential Facilitators (leaders). Your home group would be no more than 12 people and be in a home or a parish facility. The sessions go for no longer than an hour and resources and materials as well as support will be provided throughout the program. If you think that this is a Ministry you would like to participate in, please talk to Fr. Joe or contact Laura at the Parish House on Wednesday mornings 58212633.

A warm welcome to *Susan Bond* who is to be Baptised at 11am Mass and baby *Kur Mawien Alou Kuol* who is to be baptised at 6pm Mass.

Please also keep *Sara Cartwright* in your prayers as she prepares to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Easter Saturday.



New Parish email address The Parish has a new email address: shepparton@cdos.org.au
Please use this email address when corresponding with the Parish by email. Thank you.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Please return Project Compassion boxes at Masses during Easter.

Corpus Christi College Building Appeal 2015 To those who donated to the Corpus Christi College Building Appeal, thank you for your support.
Our Parish raised \$4274 towards the appeal.
The overall total raised was \$520,388.30.

We would like to thank St Brendan's Parish community for their hospitality, warmth and kindness when some of us visited the parish last week for the Rite of Candidacy of Adi Indra. We would love to come back one day!
God bless.
~ **Corpus Christi College Seminary, Melbourne**

Three Things We Can Do To Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy:

As Catholics, the Jubilee Year of Mercy offers us a unique opportunity to open our own "doors of mercy" in our everyday lives and embrace opportunities to share the grace that has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

Here are a few ways you can celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy in your daily life:

1. Make Confession a Priority

One of the primary focuses of the Jubilee Year of Mercy is to place the sacrament of God's mercy (penance and reconciliation) at the forefront of Catholic life. Making confession a priority shows that we recognize that God's mercy is essential for our salvation and reminds us that we are forgiven for our sins, dependent on God's mercy, and surrounded by his love.

If you haven't gone to confession in years, make a commitment to go. If you regularly attend confession already, talk to others about how the gift of God's mercy has transformed your life and encourage them to commit.

2. Forgive Those Who Have Wronged You

"Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ," (Eph. 4:32).

As humans, we struggle with the idea of forgiveness. Our pride deceives us into believing that we deserve to carry grudges and that holding onto that pain is our right. But we are wrong—unforgiveness is a burden, a weight that only harms us, and we need to release it.

Jesus taught us this lesson over and over again to the point where he forgave the very men who put him to death. And as God has shown us mercy through the cross, through confession, and through every day of our lives, we must show mercy to others every day. Forgive someone who has wronged you. Invite God into that situation and ask for healing where it is needed.

3. Show Mercy and Kindness to Strangers

In the Book of Matthew, Jesus speaks of how anytime we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, or visit those ill or in prison that we are doing those things unto him (Matt 25: 31-46). One way to open our own "doors of mercy" is to seek out opportunities to do those things Jesus told us to do.

Those little acts of kindness create habits of mercy and kindness in our daily lives that God can build on to transform us even more into his likeness.

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

Tuesday 22nd March 6pm

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 (not in March)

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

***will re-commence Monday 11th April.

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 26th & 27th March

6pm Sr F Kennedy, J Boccabella

8am M Hicks, S Hicks

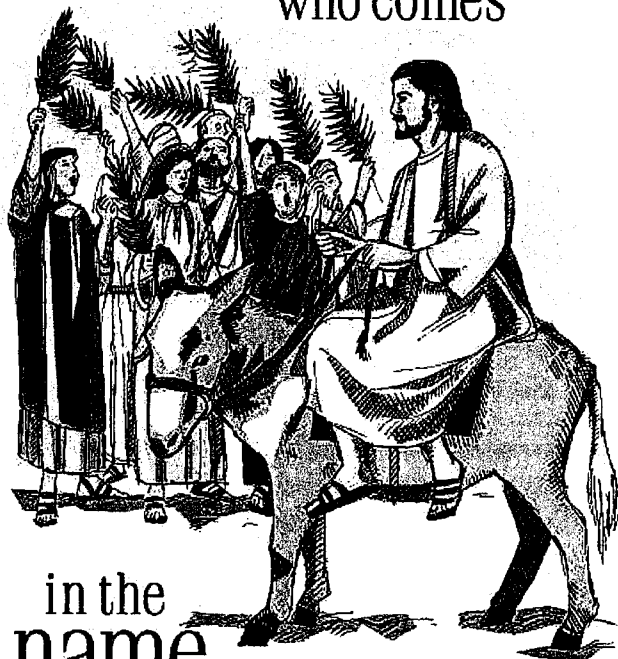
11am A Madeira, P Cooper



RECENTLY DECEASED: Ken Lavaring, Anthony Bell, Michael Mammone.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ken Brassil, Catherine Stein, Edith Ferrera, Jack McLinden, Edward Phelan, Gerald & Maureen McNamara, Mary Kerlin, Frances O'Connor, Angela Rizzeri.

“Blessed is the king
who comes



in the
name
of the Lord!”

Luke 19:38



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Mass times in neighbouring Parishes

St. Mel's Shepparton South, Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm,

Tuesday to Thursday 8am,

Friday Way of the Cross with Mass to follow at 6pm.

Saturday 9.00am, 1st Saturday 9am followed by Devotions.

Reconciliation, Saturday morning after 9am Mass,

Thursday 17th March at 7pm.

Holy Week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Mass at 7pm

Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 9am Stations of the Cross and

3pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion,

Easter Saturday Vigil 7pm, Easter Sunday 9.30am and 5.30pm.

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 and

Monday 14th March at 7.30pm.

Holy Week: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 3pm,

Easter Saturday Vigil 7pm, Easter Sunday 10am.

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

Easter Sunday 8.30am.