



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Easter Sunday - Year C

Sunday 27 March 2016



Readings for this week: Acts 10:34,37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9



Readings for next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16
Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19
John 20:19-31



Looking at the Readings

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show! (Sequence Mass of Easter Sunday)

In the Church's liturgical year, Easter is far more than just a one-day celebration. Easter is actually a seven-week season that begins at sundown the evening before Easter Sunday and lasts for six more Sundays until Pentecost.

Signs of Christ's new life fill the Church during this season, such as the colour white, representing Christ's victory over death; and a large Easter candle reminding us that Christ is the light of the world. This candle having been lit for the first time from the blessed fire at the vigil remains in a prominent position throughout the Easter Season and is lit throughout the year for celebrations such as Baptisms. At funerals its light shines again reminding us that having received the Light of Christ at Baptism we live in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

Since the earliest days of the Church, it is on this wonderful night of nights before Easter Sunday dawns, that those wishing to be Baptised are called forth and welcomed with great joy. The Blessing of the Water and the Baptismal Liturgy, during which the penitential rite takes the form of sprinkling the people with the newly blessed water, is a time of new promise, new life and new energy. At this time especially and throughout the entire year the Church reminds us in so many ways that we are indeed people of the resurrection - Easter people.

The Easter liturgies instil within us the same wonder as experienced by Mary Magdalen and the other women who went to Christ's tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. We understand their surprise and even the distrust of the disciples at the news of the empty tomb - until they saw for themselves and believed. Two thousand years later, we still sense the wonderment and the unspeakable emotion at the words 'He is not here; he has risen.'

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy may the risen Lord enlighten our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life.

On the Lighter Side

After morning Mass, a mother commented, "The choir was awful this morning." The father commented, "The sermon was boring and too long." Their 7-year-old daughter added, "You've got to admit it was a pretty good show for a dollar."



Liturgical Jottings

The Paschal Candle is placed near the Ambo (lectern) or the altar until Pentecost Sunday and is alight during liturgical celebrations. After Pentecost Sunday the Easter Candle is given a place of honour in the baptistery. (From the ORDO)

Prayer for the week

(From the Easter Praise-Exultet)

O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hand, an evening sacrifice of praise, ...

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honour of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night. Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

Notices

Jubilee Year of Mercy *Divine Mercy Sunday 3rd April*

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."

Little White Books for the Easter season are now available.

These little books are great way to pray and reflect and only takes six minutes a day. \$5 each.

Children's Liturgy Sundays at 11am Mass during school term. Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 17th April.

Anointing Mass next Wednesday 30th March at 11am.

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 (\$4 ea) after Holy Week Masses to raise funds to assist with travel costs to attend the Krakow Connect Pilgrimage in Poland.

Raffle St Brendan's is providing an Easter Raffle with all proceeds going towards travel costs for 9 young people travelling to World Youth Day in Poland. Tickets will be sold after Holy Week 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

Stronger Rally Our first Stronger Rally for the year will be hosted by St Mary's in Mooroopna! All youth are invited to join us for a BBQ, games, Praise and Worship and talks with Fr Rob and the Stronger Band.

Marian Centre, (St Mary's School) corner McLennan St & Toolamba Road, Mooroopna. **Friday April 22nd, 6-9pm.**

Annual Retreat for Catholic Women

Feathertop Chalet, Harrierville. 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.*

New Parish email address: shepparton@cdos.org.au

Please use this email address when corresponding with the Parish by email. Thank you.

Faith and Light Community will not be meeting on Sunday 3rd April. We will gather at 11am Mass on Sunday 10th April and then at the home of Steve and Venetta Di Petta for Easter egg hunt and Gospel role play. Phone Denise on 0432 054003 for further information.

Serra Club This Friday April 1st in the Church. Adoration (which starts at 3pm) will continue until 7.15pm when we will have a blessing followed at 7.30pm with mass and prayers for vocations and for our priests. Afterwards we will enjoy a cuppa in the Mons Jeffrey Centre and our film this month is the "Staircase." All welcome.

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.

St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program . . . Profiles
Completed profiles need to be returned to the PARISH HOUSE no later than next Friday 1st April to ensure they are on display in the Church for our first Commitment Masses on Saturday 16th April 6.00pm and Sunday 17th April 11am.

Garabandal Presentation Patricia and Francis Seymon from The Workers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel of Garabandal, Victoria, invite you to attend and view a film on Our Lady's reported apparitions in the Spanish village of San Sebastian de Garabandal. A Crucifix kissed by Our Lady during the reported Apparitions will be available for veneration. At Holy Rosary Parish Centre, (Fr Ted Harte Centre), 4 Hamelin Street, White Hills. Bendigo.
Sunday 10th April 2016 at 2pm See flyer on the noticeboard.
Enquiries to: Michael Wilson 5475 2897, John 0411 434 446 or Patricia & Francis Seymon 9459 7151.

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 5832 2194.

ACRATH Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans Wednesday 13th April at St Mel's Hall, Hamilton Street, Shepparton. ~ What trafficking/modern day slavery is, ~ learn about what ACRATH does, ~ hear case studies, ~ consider ways to learn more & respond. Parishioners invited to attend the morning session from 9.15am to lunch time. For information contact David Walker on 0439 201307.
See the flyer on the noticeboard in the narthex.

We recently distributed \$600 to each of the following from the recent Christmas collections:

- Fr Godwin Muhangi
 - Mons Gerard Kalumba
 - Holy Cross Church, Veerapalli, India (to help rebuild the church in Fr Joseph's parish)
 - St Brendan's Youth Ministry
- Thank you to all parishioners who gave so generously.

HE IS RISEN



Just as He

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“Jubilee Year of Mercy”

Prayer Cards are available in the narthex and side entrance. Please take one and spread the wonderful gift of God’s mercy to yourselves, friends and family.

Jesus is Alive Alleluia!

Jesus your resurrection

is the source of our

elation

is the reason for our hope

is the sign of our

salvation

is victory over death.

Alleluia to our King.

~ Excerpt from

‘Prayers at your Fingertips’

by Barbara Bretherton



Congratulations to *Sara Cartwright* on being fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this Saturday. Sara and her sponsor Carmel have been learning and growing in their understanding of the Love that Jesus has for us and how important the Parish community is in nourishing our Faith.

Also *Abuk Nyuol* will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Abuk has completed her other sacraments and formation before arriving in Shepparton. Congratulations

Abuk and thank you to her sponsor Achuil.

We also welcome *Sienna, Bernard, Tomas and Leo* who are to be Baptised on Easter Sunday.

Please keep them all in your prayers.



Farewell Fr Joseph, we wish you well

Fr Joseph, we wish you all the very best in your new post at home in India. God bless you and thank you.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Please return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes as soon as possible.

A **Hearing Loop** is available in the Church (but not in the side chapel). Look for the audio signs.

The latest **SandPiper** is now available.

Bishop Les Tomlinson has recorded an Easter Message at St Joseph’s church, Axe Creek, part of the Kennington parish. You are most welcome to view this on the diocesan website: www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au Also you can read Bishop Les’ message on the noticeboard.

Last Friday night the St. Brendan’s Parish presented the first of three **debutante balls** for 2016. A magnificent night was had by all, with the debutantes and their partners being presented to Fr. Joe Taylor, Mrs Kathy Hunt and Mr John Cortese. The young people participating danced beautifully, carrying themselves in a manner that was truly exemplary of what a debutante ball represents; a formal acknowledgment of transition into a new and exciting time in their lives. We would like to wish all of the debutantes and their partners the very best for what will undoubtedly be a bright, promising future. ~ *Arlene Austin, Notre Dame College*

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word 11am Mass during term
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.

*** will re-commence on Monday 4th April.

Faith and Light Community - 1st Sunday month

Friendship Group - Third Sunday monthly

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

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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 2nd & 3rd April

6pm G Gill, A Kilmartin

8am C Naughton, P Naughton

11am J Pilkington, Maureen Collins



RECENTLY DECEASED: Beverley Warburton,
John Hassall,

ANNIVERSARIES: Stan Bicknell, Edith Ferrera,
Kieran Contreras, Angela Nicolaci, Filomena Nappa

Reflection

*Healing God,
May we be helped and healed.
Let us find places
where our faith in the crucified and
risen Jesus is renewed,
where the most profound questions
and daily concerns are shared,
where deeper discernment about our
experiences and life itself is
undertaken in the light of
the Gospel,
so that our decisions for ourselves
and others
are directed towards the
good and beautiful.
Amen*

*~ Prayer from Pope Francis' words '
'The Joy of the Gospel'
(Evangelii Gaudium), 77*



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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.

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 .

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