



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Thlrd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10 April 2016



Readings for
this week:

Acts 5:27-32,40-41
Apocalypse 5:11-14
John 21:1-19



Readings for
next Sunday

Acts 13:14,43-52
Apocalypse 7:9,14-17
John 10:27-30



Liturgical Jottings

The Gloria is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb. ... It is sung or said on Sundays outside Advent and Lent.

General Instruction Roman Missal #53

Quotable Quotes:

"We must believe in luck. For how else can we explain the success of those we don't like?"

– *Jean Cocteau*

From Today's Readings

"Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honour and glory and blessing." *Rev 5:12*

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Looking at the Readings

Easter is a time when we look at the faith we call our own and we hear the story of its beginnings, from humble, ordinary people who tried to be faithful but did not always get it right. We are part of a 2000-year history of trying to get our faith right. A history of grand attempts and marvellous failures. Ours is a 2000-year history of fallible people, trying their best.

How we act out our love of God is varied. Many of the people who are firing guns in the lands of Israel and Palestine do so because they believe they are defending a land given them by God. It is in God's name that they strap explosives to their bodies and head to the shopping centres. Extremists in faith – certainly; followers of God – apparently; lovers of people – doubtful.

I think Jesus wants more than our blind devotion. He died on a cross not so we would judge others, and disregard the needs of those who call out for help, but He died so that we would know what it is to love the "other". We need to be willing to stand behind our faith, but we need to question what we see as wrong, we have a right to justice, but not to vengeance; we need to forgive, we need to accept others in their need, and we need to talk to Jesus in prayer all the time. Because without the constant conversation with Jesus much of what we see in our world, and our country simply does not make sense. Even with prayer some things are just a mystery, but Jesus invites us to "Trust in God still, and trust in me". Sometimes that is all we as Christians can do. Trust in God.

In this week to come, spare a thought and a prayer for those who around our world struggle with their following of God, spare a prayer for the fallible, the lost, the forsaken, the unforgiven, and the ones that seem to just get it wrong. Spare a prayer that we will be patient, understanding, forgiving. Maybe just spare a prayer for someone else, because we all need it.

Memorable Memorial of the Week

St Stanislaus – Monday 11 April

Stanislaus was born of noble parents on 26 July 1030 at Szczepanow near Cracow, Poland. He was ordained a priest at Gnesen and then a Bishop. He was a great preacher, and became well-known for the wisdom he gave out in his sermons.

Notices

SOCIAL ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS:

A COMMUNITY FORUM TO TACKLE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH 'ICE' IN OUR COMMUNITY

organised by St Mary's Parish & School, Mooroopna.

Tuesday 19th April, 7.30 – 9.30 pm.

Speakers: Jenny O'Connell, an experienced and well known counsellor, Geoff Long, Detective Snr Sgt Paul Maher. At Sir Ian McLennan Centre, Echuca Road, Mooroopna (Mooroopna Football ground). More information: St Mary's Parish 5825 2034 or St Mary's Primary School 5825 2858. *See flyer on the noticeboard.*

"People Are Not For Sale"

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. Refreshments provided. Donations welcome.

To register and for information contact David Walker on 0439 201307. *See the flyer on the noticeboard in the narthex.*

Mass at Tarcoola this Wednesday 13th April at 10.30am.

Faith and Light Community Will gather at 11am Mass this 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.

Sacramental Program – Commitment Mass

At the 6pm and 11am Masses next weekend our Sacramental candidates, who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will be presented to the Parish. Families are asked to arrive 15 minutes before the start of Mass and meet Laura in the narthex.

Catholic Women's League (CWL) meeting next Thursday 14th April at 1pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

St Brendan's Friendship Group will meet for lunch next Sunday 17th April at 12.30pm at the Shepparton RSL Club. Come along & meet some of our parishioners. All welcome! Enquiries: Pat 0423343711 / Graeme 58252816.

Scripture Day with Fr Rob Galea 'Jesus The Path of Life'

Saturday 23rd April 1pm to 4.30pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. Please bring a shared afternoon tea, tea & coffee supplied. "... were not our hearts burning while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us"
Presented by CCR Sandhurst.

Please return **Project Compassion** boxes and envelopes as soon as possible. *Thank you.*

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.**

Aussie Camino This week we farewell our Parish pilgrims, who will walk from Portland to Penola, leaving tomorrow. We offer them our prayers and support as they walk in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. A special blessing will be bestowed upon them at 11am Mass. We look forward to their safe return in next week.
God Bless and good luck.

Ministers of Communion

Formation session to held on Thursday 28th April at 5pm in the church. All Ministers of Communion are asked to attend. If you would like to join this important Ministry, please come along.

Thanksgiving Envelopes Statements are available in the narthex for all parishioners who give through the envelope system. Please collect your envelope as you leave Mass today to avoid expensive postage costs to the parish. Thank you to all who are being so faithful to our pledges.

Pope Francis' New Document

On Friday 8th April 2016, Pope Francis published a new papal document called, *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home>

Have a look at our **new fence** (on the west boundary) — thanks to the parish finance committee and office staff for organising this. ~Fr Joe

Goulburn Valley Regional Council of St Vincent de Paul Society invites you to help us create a more just and compassionate Australia by joining or supporting the Good Works of St Vincent de Paul Society.

We're looking for volunteers to help meet the needs in our area and are having an Information Night on **Tuesday 26th April** 6.30pm for light refreshments 7.15pm start in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. RSVP by 20th April to Denise 0432 054003 or Coralie 0418 552672.

'The Journey' Catholic Radio Program – Airls 10th April

This week on *The Journey* Fr Richard Healey reflects on the Gospel of John during the third Week of Easter; Sr Hilda Scott OSB invites us to "Ask God into our Hearts," Bruce Downes *The Catholic Guy* reminds us that we are "Called to Forgive" and Trish McCarthy in *Milk and Honey* challenges us to "Enjoy and Savour our Mealtimes." This week's show is also full of great songs, so go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

World Youth Day (WYD)

Final registrations for pilgrimage options will close on **April 17**.

Visit: <http://www.cam.org.au/wydvictoria>

Pilgrim Formation Sessions (compulsory) The first of four pilgrim formation sessions will take place on Sunday, April 10 at Notre Dame College, Shepparton from 12.15pm. Please contact Mary-Anne DeLuca on 0488 665 383 or email youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au if you have any questions.

DVD of the Stations of the Cross

from Good Friday is available at \$20 each. Please place money in an envelope with your name, address and phone number and leave at the office.

Third Sunday of Easter



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Mark your Diary!

St Brendan's Feast Day
Celebration
Sunday 15th May

Something to Ponder:

The philosophy of Charles Schultz
the creator of "Peanuts"

1. Name 5 of the world's wealthiest people
2. Name 10 people who have won the Pulitzer prize.
3. Name the last 5 winners of the Miss America Pageant.
4. Name the last winners of the Academy Awards for best actor and actress.
5. Name the last decade's worth of World Series Winners.

How did you go?

The point is, none of us remember the headlines of yesterday. There are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their field. But the applause dies, awards tarnish and achievements forgotten.

Now. See how you do with these.

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name 3 friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name 5 people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who made you feel special.

Easier?

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.



Lord,
Show me the
path of life

Do You Love Me?

Pray with the Word

Find Jesus unexpectedly!

We find him at the moment of greatest aloneness.

Find Jesus joyfully!

We find him in the midst of a family celebration.

Find Jesus gratefully!

We find him when calm comes in the midst of crisis.

Find Jesus in the faith community!

We find him at work with others for justice and freedom.

Amen! Alleluia!

Prepare for the Word

Use these questions to prepare for the readings before attending Mass.

How do you demonstrate the love of God?
What does this love call you to do?

Reflect on the Word

Use these questions to reflect on the readings after attending Mass.

Hear Jesus say to you, "Do you love me?" How do you respond?

How do you respond when the question is asked again, and again?

How do your actions bear witness to your response?

Act on the Word

Peter is not the only one who is called to demonstrate his faith on the seashore. The other disciples respond to Jesus' instructions, witnessed the catch of fish, and recognised Jesus in the experience. Be attentive this week to the instances in which you may demonstrate your faith, through your actions or attitudes, your words, and deeds. Each evening, make a list of the opportunities for showing your faith in action during that day. How did you respond? What was the result? Following a few days' attentiveness to the opportunities to demonstrate your faith, seek out a new occasion in which to do so, one that will challenge you to grow in the strength of your resolve to show love of Christ to others.

Live with the Word

(Year of Mercy – Question of the Week)

Who in your family or community needs food for the life of the Spirit? How can you help to feed them?

~ GPBS eNews 5/4/2016

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
*** will resume on Sunday 17th April

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 at 12.30

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 16th & 17th April

6pm Youth Group

8am A Leahy, T Francis

11am Michael Collins, M Sarkady



RECENTLY DECEASED: Greg Sidebottom,
Thelma Poustie, Trish Holahan,

Frank Moylan (Perth-brother of Jack Moylan).

ANNIVERSARIES: Nina Demasi, Kevin Clurey,
Kevin McLaughlin, Thomas & Kathleen McMahon,
Ross Stevens, Teresa Borzillo, Nina Demasi,
Angelina Calabrese, Michael Corcoran.

Reflection

The Breaking of Bread

*Jesus, after your resurrection the
disciples recognised you in the
breaking and sharing of bread.
May the grace of Easter help us
to deepen our belief in your
Eucharistic presence.
May we receive this sacrament of
Eucharist often as a sign of our
faith and of our love for you,
our Redeemer and Saviour.'*

Amen

*~ 'Prayers at Your Fingertips'
By Barbara Bretherton*



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Mass times in neighbouring Parishes

St. Mel's Shepparton South, Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm
(1st Sunday of the month, Rosary before each Mass)

Tuesday to Thursday 8am, Friday 9.15am.

Saturday 9.00am followed by Rosary.

Reconciliation, Saturday morning 9.30am to 10am.

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.