



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 1 May 2016



Readings for this week:

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

John 14:23-29



Readings for next Sunday

Acts 1:1-11

Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23

Luke 24:46-53



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Rite of Peace

After the "Our Father" there follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament. General Introduction to the Roman Missal no 82

## Amoris Laetitia

My advice is never to let the day end without making peace in the family. And how am I going to make peace? By getting down on my knees? No! Just by a small gesture, a little something, and harmony within your family will be restored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary. But do not let the day end without making peace in your family. n104, Pope Francis

## Looking at the Readings

The new city of God is built on the foundation of the apostles, but on its gates are inscribed the names of the tribes of Israel. These names represent the openness to all nations, races, peoples and tongues. The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God.

What must we do to be saved? The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same. We must believe and we must love God and love one another. We will be recognised as resurrection people by our active faith and by our unselfish love, not by an exterior mark, regardless of how sacred. This change in requirements for membership does not diminish the rigour of our religious obligations. Rather, it suggests that we may always have to reinterpret the law, for what is appropriate at one time and in one place may be inappropriate in another. With the early Christians, we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very delicate process. This is why the departing Jesus assures us that the Spirit will come to us to teach us all things.

The final gift that Jesus promises to give is his own peace, a peace that he has won by overcoming sin and death. This peace issues from the union that Jesus enjoys with God, a union which we are now invited to share. © Dianne Bergant CSS

## Famous Feast of the Week

### Saints Philip and James, Apostles (Tuesday 3 May)

Philip was born at Bethsaida and started as a disciple of John the Baptist. After the Baptist's death he followed Christ. James, a cousin of the Lord, was the son of Alphaeus. He ruled the Church at Jerusalem; wrote an epistle; led an austere life; and converted many Jews to the Faith. He was martyred in the year 62.

## Quotable Quote

If you want peace work for justice. Pope Paul VI

## On the Lighter Side

Jennifer Fulwiler, a somewhat introverted reporter, started attending Mass. Observing many confusing gestures and words she started writing a guide for others like herself: "It is not acceptable to avoid the sign of peace by pretending to choke, retying your shoelaces, or dropping your hanky. This is a form of the Fulwiler Dodge and is strongly discouraged."



# Notices

## **Notre Dame College Annual Open Day**

*Friday 6th May.* Tours commence from the Admin building at the Knight Street campus at 9.15am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.45pm, 2pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm and 4pm.  
Emmaus campus Year 9 Program (enter via St Luke's Primary School, GV Highway) 2pm until 4pm.  
For information phone the college on 58228400.

**LOST: A silver & pearl broach** was lost on 17th April. It has sentimental value. If you have found this item please call Phyl Fitzsimmons on 58312892.

## **A request to support the people of East Timor . . .**

**This weekend Geoff & Vicki Woodhouse will address us re their work in Timor Leste.** We will have a special collection on Mother's day for their work to raise money to assist the Mothers of Aileu to develop their cooking and kitchen hygiene skills. Vicki and Geoff Woodhouse are heading to Aileu on May 10<sup>th</sup> to continue their ongoing voluntary work. Geoff provides Dental care at Projeto Montanha, whilst Vicki assists in the training of local women with sewing and cooking education.....all worthwhile life skills. Projeto Montanha is a small Non Government Organisation run by Gi and Eduardo Trucco a Christian couple from Brazil, who are committed to providing educational programs to young people and their families. These beautiful people have been following God's direction in Aileu for almost ten years with the firm belief that God can change lives through nurture and care. \$5 is all that is needed to enable a Mother to attend a cooking course at Projeto Montanha for 1month.  
*Give generously....you can change the quality of many lives.*

**FOOTY TIPPING:** For parishioners who haven't paid to participate in the tipping it would be appreciated if you could do so by the middle of May.

Our **Sacramental candidates** have begun meeting in home groups in preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. The home groups will continue for four weeks and on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May the children with their families will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Please keep the children & their families in your prayers.** Also as a way to involve the sacramental candidates in their parish the children will participate in the special ministry of Greeters. This will be a wonderful experience for all involved. Finally, a reminder to families that Ministry Classes begin this Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the Monsignor Jeffrey Centre starting at 4pm.

**CWL Blumes Fashions Morning** at Mons Jeffrey Centre on Monday 2nd May at 10am. Everyone welcome to come along and have an enjoyable morning. \$5 entry.

**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.

**DVD of the Stations of the Cross** from Good Friday is available at \$20 each. Put money in an envelope with your name, address and phone number and leave at the office.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** restarts today and we invite all primary aged children to participate in this very special ministry. A great opportunity to hear the Word of God explained in age appropriate words. Children come forward when called by the celebrant. Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at 11am Mass during school term.

*Next Stronger Youth Group Mass  
will be Next Sunday 7th May*

Our **Parish Men's Group** will meet for breakfast next Saturday morning 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30am in the Monsignor Jeffrey Centre. Our guest speaker this week will be seminarian, Adi Indra, who will share some insights into his journey from his childhood growing up in Indonesia to placement here at St. Brendan's Parish.

**Serra Club** This coming Friday May 7th is 1st Friday. The Serra Club have organised for Eucharistic Adoration to continue until 7.15pm and Mass for vocations and our priests will begin at 7.30 pm. All most welcome.

## **The 2015 Encyclical letter of Pope Francis: Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home**

An opportunity for exploration, reflection and discussion of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical is available in two sessions facilitated by Anna McNally and Frances Kennedy fcJ, and members of the Parish Pastoral Council.  
On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May and on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm – 8.30pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.  
All most welcome.



*Do not let your hearts  
be troubled or afraid.*

## **The Merciful God of the Prophets**

*In this Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, Fr Brian Boyle will help us explore the merciful and compassionate God of the Old Testament as preached by some of the great Prophets. This message of the mercy of God inspired Jesus in his own preaching. The Prophets' message of the compassionate love of God is still relevant and inspiring for us today.*

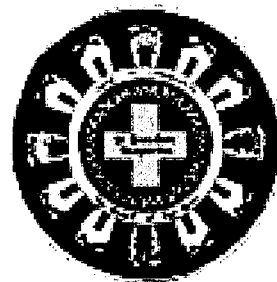
*Father Brian Boyle is a lecturer in Scripture at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. He is a priest of the Diocese of Sandhurst and is also the Bishop's Vicar for Education in our diocese. He is very interested in Adult Faith Education and in opening the treasures of Scripture with and for other adults. Fr Brian is author of 'A Friendly Guide to the Prophets' published recently by Garratt Publishing.*

**WEDNESDAY MAY 11 7.30 – 9.00 pm Mons Jeffrey Centre**  
**RSVP: [adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)**  
**'Phone 5441 2544 OR message [www.facebook.com/lyn.breenministry](http://www.facebook.com/lyn.breenministry)**  
**NO COST: Free Faith Education Evening.**  
**PROGRAM Presentation: 7.30 (50 min)**  
**Cuppa: (10 min) Discussion: 8.30 (30 min)**

# CELEBRATE WITH US ON ST. BRENDAN'S FEAST DAY



After 11am MASS  
SUNDAY 15th MAY



The Parish, Youth and Families

Dear Parishioners

This is a Special Invitation to join us on this Special Day

Let us Celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint

By getting together for a Luncheon (supplied), Entertainment and lots of Fun.

There will be something for Everyone

Children, Youth, Mums and Dads

As well as Grandparents and Friends in general.

**Helper, Encourager, Comforter, Friend**

**Prepare for the Word**

Use these questions to prepare for the readings before attending Mass:-

When have you experienced discord or disagreement in the past week? What happened?

When have you experienced peace in the last week? What happened?

**Reflect on the Word**

Use these questions to reflect on the readings after attending Mass:-

What word, phrase, or idea will you carry with you from your participation in Mass today?

How are the love of Christ and peace connected to one another?

**Act on the Word**

This week, begin each day with a brief prayer, asking the Spirit to inspire your living. Think about what it means for you to keep Christ's Word throughout the day. If you have particular situations that challenge your commitment to Christian life and discipleship, be especially conscious of these circumstances as you pray and ponder your choices of words, actions, or attitudes. At the end of the day, reflect upon the ways in which you did or did not act as Christ teaches. How was the Spirit an Advocate for you by providing what you need to learn and to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

*Live with the Word (Year of Mercy – Question of the Week)*

How does the merciful and compassionate Jesus dwell with you in your home? How do you show this compassion and mercy to your family?

~ GPBS– Weekly Parables



**FINANCE UPDATE:**

- An engineering firm, Tierney has evaluated the presbytery and church.
- The recommendations for the presbytery are in the chart opposite.
- We await the report on the church.
- Hopefully work will soon start on the roadway between the church and car park.

~ Parish Finance Committee

Works	Estimated budget	Recommended time frame to have works completed by
Roof Survey & replacement of damaged & rusting flashings	\$25,000	3-6 Months
Asphalt & Floor Grates	\$15,000 - \$30,000 Dependant	12 Months
Full interior paint, with patching to all cracks and removal of any drummy plaster.	\$30,000	2 Years
Carpet replacement	\$7,500 - \$12,000 Dependant	3-4 Years

**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.

**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

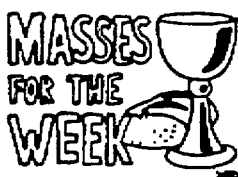
**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** - 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm

### **Lectors 7th May & 8th May**

**6pm** Youth Group Youth Group

**8am** P Naughton, C Naughton

**11am** L Ferguson, W Hunt



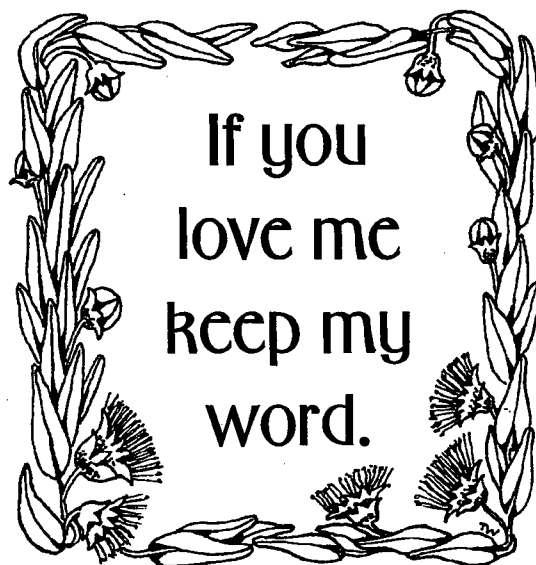
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anthony Tamburro, Charlie Taylor (father of Fr Peter Taylor, Benalla), Nicolaas Bernard Wiersma (Holland), Mercia Tremellen.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Raleigh, Peter and Beth Raleigh, Thomas Francis, Kath Hutchinson, Carm McCart, Neil Allowings, Teresa Varapodio, Albert Mori, Nell Gledhill.

## Reflection

*Let gratitude be the pillow  
upon which you kneel  
to say your prayer.  
And let faith be the  
bridge you build  
to overcome evil  
and welcome good.*

*Maya Angelou,  
Celebrations: Rituals of peace and prayer*



**If you  
love me  
keep my  
word.**

### **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 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.