



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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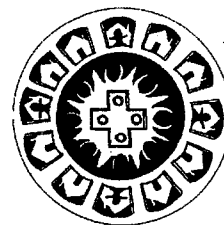
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Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith

Ascension of the Lord

Sunday 8 May 2016



Readings for  
this Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11

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

Luke 24:46-53



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11

Romans 8:8-17

John 14:15-16,23-26



## Liturgical Jottings

The liturgy of the Feast of the Ascension encourages us to pray in a way that is truly responsive to the sheer wonder of this event. The Prayer after Communion today focuses on the interaction between the human and the divine in the Ascension of Jesus, "Almighty, ever living God, who allow those to earth to celebrate divine mysteries, we pray, that Christian hope will draw us onward to where our nature is united to you. Through Christ Our Lord."

## Quotable Quote

God's loving is not only a once-and-for-all event in our historical past but also a transforming energy communicating itself in all places, times and lives.

*Anthony J Kelly SJ, The Heart of Christian Faith*

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## Focus on the Gospel

The Gospel according to Luke speaks of the Ascension of Jesus with amazing simplicity.

It says only that Jesus took his disciples to the outskirts of Bethany, blessed them, withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. Despite the simplicity every phrase of that account is full of meaning. This final meeting of Jesus with the disciples whom he loved as dear friends took place at Bethany where he had spent many happy hours. This implies that Jesus rejoiced at being one with us right up to the very moment of his departure. This is further emphasized by the fact that his last act was to bless those he loved so dearly. Then there comes the unexpected phrase that he withdrew from them. This gives the merest hint of the sadness that is always part of leaving dear ones. Then the wondrous nature of his departing is described without a single adjective, "He was carried up to heaven."

The gospel reading last Sunday indicated that Jesus had prepared the disciples for his departure. "If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father ...

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe." That explains why today's reading ends by telling us that the disciples went back to Jerusalem full of JOY.

For us too there is good reason to celebrate the Ascension of Jesus joyfully. That is because it epitomises a set of enduring relationships that are at the heart of our faith. Jesus told his disciples at the Last Supper that he would not be with them much longer but would be returning to the Father whom he loved. He would of course be returning to the Father as one of us making us partners in that loving relationship. Consequently he told his disciples and, through them told us, to love one another just as he had loved us. By this means he would be forever one with us despite returning to the Father.

## On the Lighter Side

In a morning Mass homily the celebrant succeeded in getting some very young primary pupils to offer suggestions about how to show our neighbours we care about them. After many good suggestions one little girl said, "You can smile." They were the wisest words I heard for the whole week.



# Notices

## 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.

## 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, 8th May, 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 1aramonth.

**Please give generously....you can change the quality of many lives.** ~ Thank you

## Goulburn Valley Hospice Care Service

Invite you to the *Service of Remembrance* to be held on Sunday 22nd May at 2.30pm at the Wesley Uniting Church, 134 Maude Street, Shepparton. All welcome.

**Life Hike** Join us on an invigorating Life Hike from Thursday 26th May to Saturday 28th May with Right to Life Australia to raise money to protect the unborn child. This year's Hike is in the majestic Grampians, Victoria. For more information go to: [www.righttolife.com.au](http://www.righttolife.com.au) or phone 93850111.

**St Brendan's Friendship Group** will not meet for the monthly lunch in May as it coincides with St Brendan's Feast Day on 15th May. Come along after Mass and join in the celebrations at the parish instead. All welcome.

**Lost Items** On a table in the narthex there are some items left behind in the church. If you have lost anything or left something behind please take the time to look through these items and collect what belongs to you. ~Thankyou.

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

**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.

## HELP WANTED PLEASE . . .

Set up and clean up on the day of our Feast Day celebrations on 15th May.

We need help from 9am to set up and then clean up after the celebrations. Please consider giving a hand as this helps to spread the workload!

*Just turn up at the Church.*

**Mass at Tarcoola** this Wednesday 11th May 10.30am

## The Merciful God of the Prophets Next Wednesday 11th May 7.30pm

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.

**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)**

## Invitation and Appeal to All Concert for a Cause

A group of priests from Bohol, the state where I was born and where our family is, is coming to St Mel's with their Bishop, Patrick Daniel Parcon DD, as part of their concert tour in Australia.

The concert '**With Love and Faith**' is on Monday 13th June at 3pm in St Mel's Hall, 35 Hamilton Street, Shepparton. Ticket is \$30 (children 12 years and under free).

The proceeds are for the renovation/refurbishment of centuries-old churches damaged by the 7.2 earthquake that struck Bohol in 2013.

We really hope and pray for your kind support.

For tickets/enquiries phone St Mel's Parish 5831 2194.

~ Fr Joven Lustre, Parish Priest, St Mel's Parish.

See the flyer on the noticeboard

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!**

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

*There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* **2016 Melbourne weekend dates:**

**17-19 June, 19-21 August, 11-13 November**

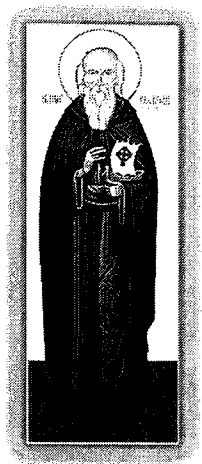
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.

Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel  
9733 0997 Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

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

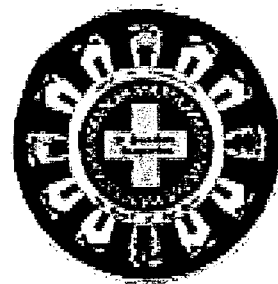


After 11am MASS

**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  
Soup and barbecue supplied. (Gold coin donation appreciated)  
Entertainment and lots of Fun.

There will be something for Everyone—Children, Youth, Mums and Dads  
As well as Grandparents and Friends in general.

*On this day, we honour those who have mothered us and cared for us.  
We pray that our lives may reflect the love they have shown us.*

We pray for older mothers whose children are grown

**Grant them joy and satisfaction in how their children's lives unfold.**

We pray for those with adult children, but whose lives are still shaped by their children's needs and cares.

**Grant them strength, patience and wisdom.**

We pray for new mothers experiencing changes they could not predict.

**Grant them rest and peace and confidence as the days unfold.**

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be mothers.

**Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

We pray for mothers who face the demands of single parenthood.

**Grant them strength and wisdom.**

We pray for mothers who enjoy financial abundance.

**Grant them time to share with their families.**

We pray for mothers who are raising their children in poverty.

**Grant them relief and justice.**

We pray for the challenge of blended families, and those who take on care of others children.

**Grant them patience and understanding and love.**

We pray for mothers who are separated from their children.

**Grant them faith and hope.**

We pray for mothers in marriages that are in crisis.

**Grant them support and insight.**

We pray for mothers who have lost children through illness, or death come too soon.

**Grant them comfort that their children are held in divine embrace.**

We pray for mothers in developing countries who die in childbirth due to inadequate maternal health care, or whose children die too young.

**Grant that generosity may abound, that money will be released for resources, and to attract skilled personnel who can support the women and children.**

We pray for mothers who gave up their children for adoption.

**Grant them peace and confidence that the children will be held in good care.**

We pray for adoptive mothers.

**Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift of life entrusted to them.**

We pray for girls and women who think about being mothers.

**Grant them wisdom and discernment.**

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

**Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.**

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother.

**Grant them love and peace in their grief.**



**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 10am at The Last Straw Cafe

*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

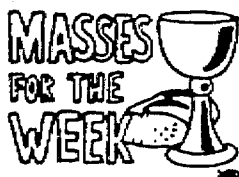
*Society of St. Vincent de Paul* - 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm

### *Lectors 14th May & 15th May*

**6pm** J Boccabella, Sr F Kennedy

**8am** S Hicks, M Hicks

**11am** J Collinson, MA Demase



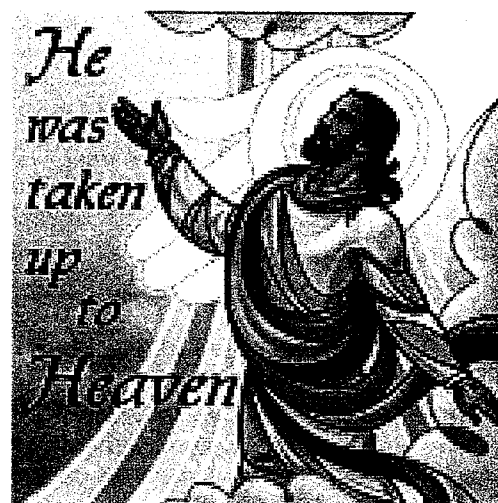
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Zara Vessey.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry McManus, Soledad Lee, Mitchell James Hilton, Barry Connolly, Jim McCluskey, Kevin & Marie Coppinger.

## Reflection

*As we begin each day we are faced with the challenge of life. It is the way of the Christian to consciously pause. To take time to be with God and in prayer and worship reflect upon His Gospel and to know His peace. A peace that the world cannot give. A peace that passes all understanding.*

*It is right to begin with a time of confession. A time of calling to mind those moments in which we have been less than the person God has created us to be. We use the words of the thief on the cross beside Jesus as we seek to confess our failures. Jesus remember me.*



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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.