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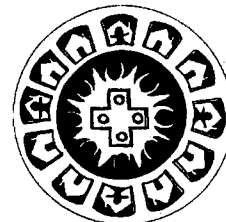
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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 15 May 2016



Readings for
this week:

Acts 2:1-11
Romans 8:8-17
John 14:15-16,23-26



Readings for
next Sunday:

Proverbs 8:22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15



Liturgical Jottings

From the very beginning of the life of the Church the Holy Spirit has energised the sacramental life of the Church. The Eucharist we celebrate this Pentecost Sunday is a good example. We gather in church today to express and confirm our union with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also to receive the nourishment we need to sustain our faith lives.

Quotable Quotes

In the prayers of Masses during the Easter Season we, the church, prayed for each of the following: to grasp and rightly understand by whose Spirit we have been reborn; for renewed youthfulness of spirit; that under God's protective care we may bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal; that by God's grace we may pass from former ways to newness of life; that what we celebrate in faith we may possess in unending love.

Looking at the Readings

Pentecost Sunday is the final Sunday dedicated to celebrating the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. It is one of the most significant days in the liturgical year because it celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and consequently the birthday of the church. It fulfils the promise of Jesus to the apostles that after ascending to heaven he would ask his Father to send another Advocate to be with them forever.

It is interesting that the passage from John's gospel chosen for this Sunday begins with the words of Jesus to his apostles, "If you love me you will keep my commandments". Following these words Jesus tells them that the Advocate whom the Father will send, the Holy Spirit, will help them understand everything his presence in the world had achieved and remind them of all he had ever said to them. It is appropriate to recall on this day that Jesus once said that the first and greatest commandment is for us love God with our whole being and the second is to love one another as he has loved us. This continues to be the essence of the faith life of the church whose birthday we celebrate today.

The focus of Pentecost is conveyed perfectly by the passage from today's gospel which says, "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him." What is emphasised on this Pentecost day is that the relationship of God with his Church is a bond of deep personal love conveyed through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our gratitude for this gift is then expressed by the sincerity of the love we have for each other, once again a life style made possible by the gift of the Holy Spirit. The continuity between the event of Pentecost and our faith lives today is truly remarkable.

A Thought for the Birthday of Our Church

The community of those that are gathered around Jesus in faith that expect to share in his fulfilment in hope, and in him are linked with the Father and with one another in his Spirit through love is what we call the Church. *Karl Rahner*.

On the Lighter Side

Acts 20:8 reads: "On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, ... Paul continued speaking until midnight." The Sunday Eucharist was assuredly part of the church life then. But a homily lasting until midnight sounds a bit much! Homilies today of five to ten minutes are surely more appropriate.



Notices

Pope Francis: Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home An opportunity for exploration, reflection and discussion of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical is on **this Monday 16th May at 7pm** in the Mons Jeffrey Centre facilitated by Anna McNally and Sr Frances Kennedy fcl, and members of the Parish Pastoral Council. All most welcome to come along.

To the Parish Council and the whole St. Brendan's Community Thank you

What an amazing result, \$8,500 raised for the special collection last weekend for the people of East Timor. When we arrive in Aeliu and share with Giselle and Eduardo at Projeto Montahna they will praise God and the people of St. Brendan's. Vicki and I will ensure that this offering is put to achieve the best result for the families of Aeliu. GOD BLESS. ~ Geoff Woodhouse

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 30th May 7.30 – 9 pm** (meals from 6pm optional) Pope Francis declared 2016 a year of mercy so come and join the conversation as we reflect on

THE QUALITY OF MERCY and how we might respond?

Speakers are **Br Mark O'Connor**, Director of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, author of *Reflections on the Works of Mercy*, and **Nathan Carroll**, RE Leader at Notre Dame College. For more information and enquiries phone Kerry on 0408 579904, Frank 5821 4362 or Fran 5829 0301. *Pick up a flyer in the narthex.*

Courageous Victorian M.P. Dr Rachel Carling-Jenkins M.L.C. has introduced the **Infant Viability Bill 2015** into Parliament. Under this bill, abortions would no longer be allowed from the 24th week of pregnancy. Instead women will be offered holistic support! See www.infantviability.org.au Right to Life Australia as well as Pro Life Victoria are asking you to write to your representatives. The bill is scheduled to be debated on 25th May 2016 in the Legislative Council. ~ 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.

Lectors - Save the Date . . . for Tuesday May 31st 6-7pm for new and all experienced readers. Please call at the Parish office to collect pre-reading material or we can email a copy.

2016 Maria Forde Celtic and Music Tour of Ireland departs 12 September for 2 weeks. For information call Chris at Emerald Travel on 03 96709696.

St Brendan's Friendship Group will not meet for lunch as it coincides with St Brendan's Feast Day this weekend.

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.

DVD of the Stations of the Cross from Good Friday 2016 Ordered copies of the DVD will be available in the next week. Some spare copies are available at \$20 each. Put money in an envelope with your name, address and phone number and leave at the office. Thank you.

Congratulations to Fr Joe on his 42nd Anniversary of Ordination Wednesday 18th May.

Office Closure The Parish office will close at 10am next Tuesday 17th May. Therefore the office will only be open from 9am to 10am this Tuesday.

Friendship Walk

Following the joy that was participating in the recent Aussie Camino, a group of keen pilgrims have decided to keep gathering for walks and fellowship.

Our next walk is planned for Saturday 28th May in Murchison. We will be meeting at the Murchison Bakery at 7.30am for approx. a 3 hour walk finishing with coffee. For transport details please contact Mary-Ann Demase on 0409 393067. *All parishioners are welcome to join in.*

Ecumenical Service Everyone is welcome to attend an Ecumenical Service to be held on Sunday 29th May at 5pm at the Uniting Church in Maude Street, Shepparton.



Our freezer is in need of meals . . .

From time to time ready meals are needed for distribution to families in our parish in times of need. If you are able to cook a meal for the parish freezer, **containers** are available in the narthex and side porch to be used for this purpose.

Thank you.



May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The latest edition of the **SandPiper** is now available for you

A new release of the CD "The Journey" is now available. This popular music CD, with the music group from 11am Mass, can be purchased from the Parish office at \$20 each.

Our **Parish Men's Group** will meet next Saturday 21st May in Mons Jeffrey Centre for breakfast at 7.30am.

We will welcome back some of the pilgrims from the Aussie Camino, some of the group will share their experience with the group. If the talk is as good as the photos it should be a great morning.

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

Come and celebrate today St Brendan's Feast Day



After 11am Mass

The Parish, Youth and Families
This is an invitation to join us for this
Special Celebration today celebrating 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!

HELP WANTED PLEASE . . .

Set up and clean up this Sunday for the Feast Day celebrations. 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.*

Pentecost Sunday



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*The seven **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** are enumerated in Isaiah 11:2-3. They are present in their fullness in Jesus Christ but are found in all Christians who are in a state of grace. We receive them when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God within us—as, for example, when we receive a sacrament worthily. As the current Catechism of the Catholic Church (para. 1831) notes, "They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them." Infused with His gifts, we respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as if by instinct, the way Christ Himself would.*

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel (right judgement), Fortitude (courage), Knowledge, Piety (reverence), Fear (awe) of the Lord.

*The twelve **Fruits of the Holy Spirit** are works that we can perform only with the aid of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the performance of such works is an indication that the Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian believer.*

The twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit are :

Charity (love), Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-control, and Chastity.

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 not meeting in May due to St Brendan's Feast Day celebration

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

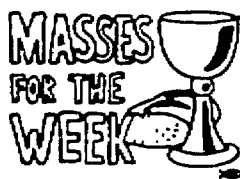
Society of St. Vincent de Paul - 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm

Lectors 21st May & 22nd May

6pm A Kilmartin, Volunteer

8am D Teitzel, G Jelliff

11am M Harmer, P Scanlon



RECENTLY DECEASED: Tim Vallence

ANNIVERSARIES: Nola Appleton, Brendan Farnan, Maria Zurawski, Maria Piroli, Mark O'Brien, Peter O'Brien, Anne Lowe (O'Brien), Maria Scrimizzi, Italo Scrimizzi.

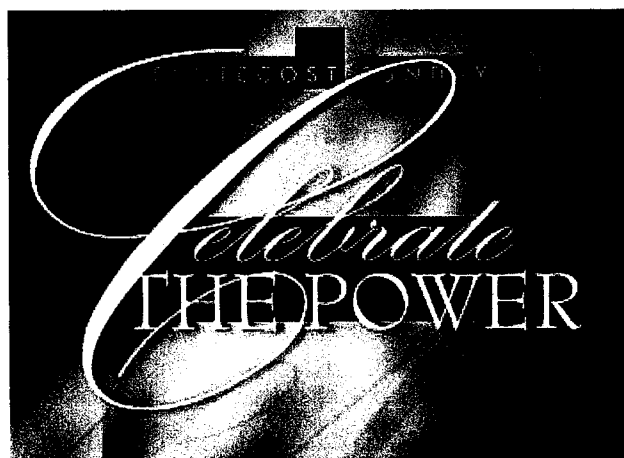
Reflection Sharing the Tradition

Coming to faith is not so much acquiring a new set of beliefs about God as it is discovering God's existence within the realities of our daily lives.

The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit help us to be more attuned to the actions of God in our lives and in our world.

At Baptism the Spirit comes upon the newly initiated Christian and at Confirmation the Spirit of God is renewed and confirmed in the faithful.

~ The Summit February 2016



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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 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.