



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Trinity Sunday

Sunday 22 May 2016



Readings for
this Sunday:

Proverbs 8:22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15



Readings for
next Sunday:

Genesis 14:18-20

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17



Liturgical Jottings

With the pouring of water in the sacrament of Baptism come the words, "I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." If this pouring of water happens during Mass we all clap and so we should. We are celebrating the reality of a child loved by its parents becoming a child of God. That same joy was experienced when new people were welcomed into the new communities of faith that developed in response to the teaching of Paul and the Apostles.

Feast of the Week

Our Lady Help of Christians was declared patroness of the Church and people of Australia at the first synod of Bishops in 1844. We pray to her for wisdom for our leaders and integrity for our citizens, so that, under her protection, Australia may know harmony, justice and peace. Her feast day is on 25 May.

Looking at the Readings

In one of Gerard Manley Hopkins poems there is a line which says there lives the dearest freshness deep down things. As we reflect on the experiences of the Apostles each Easter we get some insight into how they reacted first to the abject cruelty of the execution of Jesus who had become their friend, teacher and inspiration. Then came his rising from the dead and the growing awareness that beyond the grave their friend and mentor really was still with them. Then came the Ascension and the realisation that this time he was leaving them to return to his Father. Remember the apostles were fishermen and workman, but not scholars or especially creative people. Then came Pentecost with the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate sent by the Father to be with them always and to equip them for the mission Jesus had entrusted to them.

Then came their awareness of the dearest freshness deep down things. It is what we celebrate today. That the one true God was their Father and Creator, their Saviour and friend and the Advocate who would be with them to be their light and strength forever. The wonder is that the freshness deep down this most wonderful of all mysteries is still there for us to discover and be part of us in ever new ways.

This feast day in celebration of the Holy Trinity is refreshing to our minds and our hearts simply because we are integrated so deeply into this mystery. It is not remote or incomprehensible. Remember it was delivered to us by simple people who were given the responsibility of handing it on in order to renew the face of the earth. The collect, our first prayer in the Eucharist today, begins with the words, "God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery ...". All the freshness of the relevance of the Holy Trinity to our daily lives is there in those words. They describe how awareness of the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, became part of the life of the Church and something for us to share with others.

On the Lighter Side

As a mother was driving home from school with her daughter who just started school this year the little girl said out of the blue, "Our teacher told us there were three of them." "Three of what, dear?" her mother asked, quite perplexed. "Well there's the Father and the Son and I think the other one is the Holy Spirit," replied her daughter. It's good to be reminded that our insight into deep mysteries often has a simple beginning.



Notices

Goulburn Valley Hospice Care Service

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

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

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

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.

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.

"The Fringe of His Garment" Two Day Course

Do you want to be healed of wounds and their effects? You are invited to touch "The Fringe of His Garment" a two day Catholic School of Evangelisation course to be held at St. Therese's hall Albion St., Kennington Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th June. For details contact Denise Ilott 0407 506813.

St Anthony's Feast Day Celebrations

St Mel's Parish, Hamilton Street, Shepparton, extend an invitation to join the festivities to celebrate St Anthony's Feast Day. Sunday June 12th starting at 9:30am with Mass and continuing with music, dancing and a shared lunch BBQ. For more information phone St Mel's Parish Secretary, Tonina, on 5831 2194

2016 Maria Forde Celtic and Music Tour of Ireland

departs 12th September for 2 weeks. For information call Chris at Emerald Travel on 03 96709696.

New Parish email address

Please note our new parish email address is: shepparton@cdos.org.au

Parish Sacramental Program

We have 90 children enrolled in the program this year and over the last few weeks our sacramental candidates with their families have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Next Tuesday 24th May at 7pm the children will celebrate this beautiful sacrament for the first time. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Parish Visits to the home or hospital

Pope Francis has encouraged us to be like a field hospital reaching out to those in need. Our parish visits many people in the home or in hospitals. If you know of a friend or family member who cannot get to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion in the home please contact the parish office on 5821 2633.

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.



"I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to the Ministers of Communion who visited me when I was in Kyabram and Shepparton GV Hospitals when I was so ill in March and early April. Receiving Holy Communion was the most important part of my Sundays and week and kept me positive that I would have a good outcome. I am slowly returning to good health and mobility."

Warm wishes and Blessings. ~ From a grateful parishioner

"A big thank you to the person who found my 18ct gold earring and handed it in. Thankyou so much." ~ Faye Whyte

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.

Invitation and Appeal to All Concert for a Cause

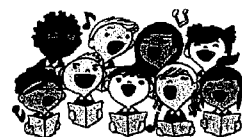
A group of priests from Bohol, the state where I was born and where our family is, is coming to St Mel's with their Bishop, Patrick Daniel Parcon DD, as part of their concert tour in Australia.

The concert **'With Love and Faith'** is on Monday 13th June at 3pm in St Mel's Hall, 35 Hamilton Street, Shepparton.

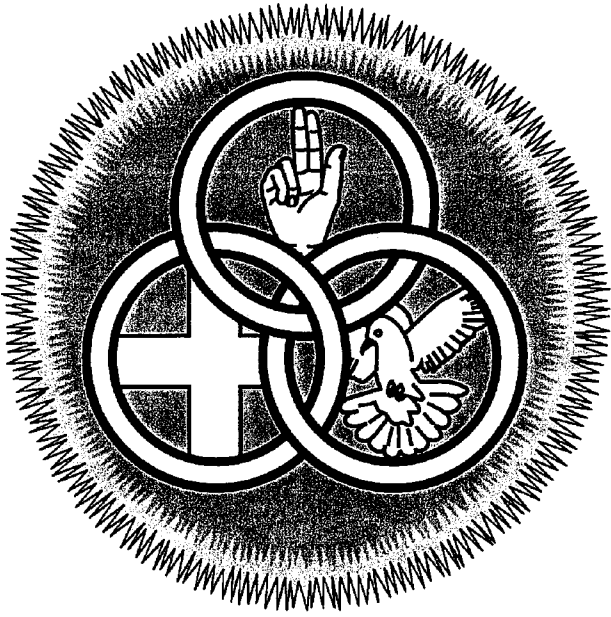
Ticket is \$30 (children 12 years and under free). The proceeds are for the renovation/refurbishment of centuries-old churches damaged by the 7.2 earthquake that struck Bohol in 2013. We really hope and pray for your kind support. Tickets available at the Parish office or phone St Mel's Parish on 5831 2194.

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

See the flyer on the noticeboard



Feast of the Holy Trinity



The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this:

There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons;

the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God!

The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit.

The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son.

No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth.

But I submit humbly and say:

Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.

~ www.catholicculture.org

*May is the month
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Hail Mary Full of Grace
The Lord is with thee
Blessed are you among women
And blessed is the fruit of
your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen*



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*24th May is the
Feast of Our Lady
Help of Christians
Patron Saint of
Australia*

Ave Maria in partnership with St. Brendan's are planning to establish a parish playgroup based at Ave Maria Village. We would warmly welcome expressions of interest from community members interested in supporting this venture by volunteering some time and energy as we seek to bring different generations together. For further information please contact Kathy Hunt on 0416 058431 or Liz Grogan on 0427 557042.

"The Aparecida Document says, "Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives" (No. 447). This relationship and this dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened!"

~Pope Francis 2013.

Farewell to Adi After 11am Mass Sunday 12th June. (Details to follow). If you would like to contribute to a gift for Adi, please leave your contribution at office in a clearly marked envelope

Annual Service and Breakfast for the Martyrs of Uganda
Saturday 4th June, 2016

St Brendan's are hosting this annual service this year. It has been a tradition for several years to join together with parishioners from St Augustine's Anglican Church to commemorate the sacrifice of the brave Christians from the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches.

The Ugandan Martyrs were Christian converts who were murdered for their faith in the historical kingdom of Buganda, now part of Uganda.

The service will commence at 8am and will be followed by breakfast in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

(For catering purposes please RSVP by 2nd June)

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 28th May & 29th May

6pm F Scheibel, J Howley

8am Sr R Crowe, A Leahy

11am P Chalkley, P Crane

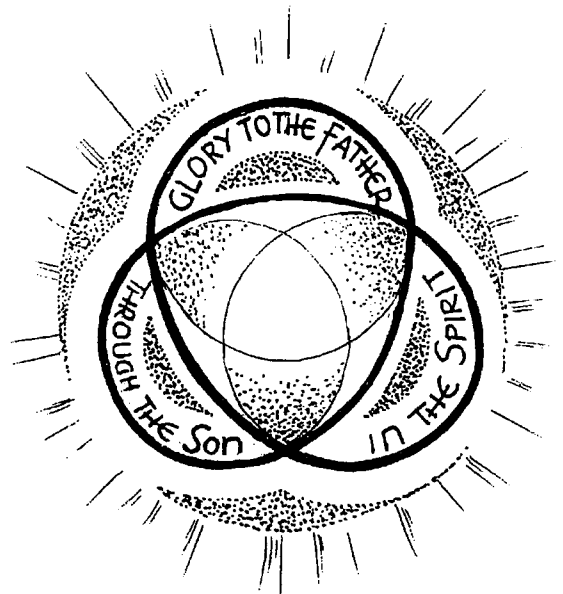


RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Tom Carey, Lilian McCart, Michael Clurey, William Dunne.

Reflection

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the
beginning,
is now and ever
shall be,
world without end.
Amen*



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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.