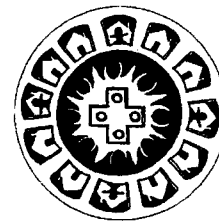




# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith

**Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**

**Sunday 29 May 2016**



Readings for  
this week:

Genesis 14:18-20  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Luke 9:11-17



Readings for  
next Sunday:

1 Kings 17:17-24  
Galatians 1:11-19  
Luke 7:11-7



## Liturgical Jottings

The sanctuary Lamp is a reminder to us of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. A dispute about the meaning of the Real Presence led Pope Urban in 1264 to establish the Feast of Corpus Christi (later known as the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ). This Feast raised devotion of the Real Presence of Christ in and through the Eucharist which has nourished our faith through the centuries...

## Feast of the Week

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday 3 June. This Feast honours the heart of Jesus as the source and centre of God's love for the world. Jesus spoke of himself as being loving and gentle of heart. It was his way of suggesting that we should love one another as he loved us.

## Looking at the Readings

The Gospel reading today tells the story of how Jesus fed five thousand. At first this seems a strange choice for a feast day in honour of the body and blood of Christ. On reflection it is well chosen.

The section from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians is most relevant for today. It recalls how, on the same night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and thanked God for it and broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you, do this as a memorial of me." This rite by which Jesus gave himself to us for our salvation is repeated in exact detail every time we meet to celebrate the Eucharist. Paul affirms that the Eucharist is a key element of Christian communities from their inception.

The feeding of the five thousand is one of many instances of how Jesus related to people so whole heartedly that it prepared his disciples for the time they would break bread together in memory of him. On this occasion Jesus warmly welcomed the people who came to a lonely place to listen to his teaching. Towards the end of the day the disciples suggested that he should dismiss the people so that they could go and find food and lodgings. Jesus said, "Give them something to eat yourselves." They explained that this was impossible, all they had were five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus took these modest offerings, blessed them, broke them and handed them to the disciples to distribute. It prefigured the institution of the Eucharist and gave us its earliest name: "The breaking of bread". The five thousand people "all ate as much as they wanted. Therefore relating the Eucharist and Jesus' compassion that ultimately led to his dying on the cross for our salvation and ensuring that he himself would be the source of saving grace for our humanity for all time.

## On the Lighter Side

Come back with me on a journey through time to a country church in the 1930's. I've been fasting since midnight because I intend to go to Communion after I go to Confession before Mass. Not many will go to Communion as the custom in our parish is for people to go at Christmas and Easter. The men, in their Sunday suits sit on the left side of the aisle. The women, in Sunday dresses and hats, sit on the right. Of course no woman would dare to come into the Real Presence without a head covering. We now present ourselves for Sunday Mass in much less formal attire and relate comfortably and respectfully to each other and to the Real Presence of Jesus.



# Notices

## **ROSTERS- OFFERTORY, LECTORS, etc**

Rosters for the period 17th July to 13th November inclusive are being prepared shortly. If you are unavailable for any of these ministries please contact the Parish Office ASAP.

### **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. Our very own Fr. Joe will be the homilist.

### **Spirituality in the Pub**

at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 monthly **Anointing Mass** will be held next Wednesday 1st June at 11am in the Church.

**Annual Service and Breakfast for the Martyrs of Uganda Saturday 4th June.** 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 Men's Group**— will meet next Saturday 4th June in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7.30am for breakfast and a reflection topic given by one of the group. The breakfasts are a great way to meet other men from our area and share faith, friendship and a meal.

For any questions ccontact Anthony 0408 269 426

### **"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 Illott 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 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30am with Mass and continuing with music, dancing and a shared lunch BBQ. For information phone St Mel's on 5831 2194.

**New Parish email address-** Please note our new parish email address is: **shepparton@cdos.org.au**

### **Farewell to Adi**

After nearly four months in our Parish, Adi Indra will be leaving us on June 14 to further his seminarian studies in Rome. Adi has been very busy in our Parish, getting involved in Stronger, Faith and Light, hospital visits and many other ministries and activities. We will be having a farewell gathering for Adi after the 11am Mass on **Sunday June 12** and we would love you to join us in thanking him for his many contributions to our parish. We would appreciate you bringing a plate of food to share. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Adi, please leave your contribution at the Parish office in a clearly marked envelope. We hope that lots of parishioners will be able to join us on Sunday June 12th.

### **Thank You**

The organising committee of the St. Brendan's Day celebrations would like to thank all of the parishioners, who so kindly answered our call for help, to set up and clean up, before, after and during this special day. It really made life easier and more enjoyable. Thank You again. Irene

**Serra Club.** Friday 3rd June, First Friday of the month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 7.15pm, followed with a blessing and mass for vocations and our priests at 7.30pm. Afterwards we will have a cuppa in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. This month our film is about Terry Meade, a former evangelical follower and his journey to becoming a catholic. All welcome. Enquires Bernie Macgill 5829 9660.

**"Creating a Culture of Mercy in Public Life", Nathan Schneider**, author, editor, Professor of Media Studies University of Colorado (US). Helder Camara Series 2016: **Wednesday 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016.** TWO PUBLIC EVENTS at St Brigid's Centre, CEO / St Patrick's Parish, 1a Ford St **WANGARATTA. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL by MONDAY 6 JUNE. ALL WELCOME:**

10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Bookings Ph: 03 5443 2377 or

[msscott@ceosand.catholic.edu.au](mailto:msscott@ceosand.catholic.edu.au) **OR**

7.15 pm – 8.45 pm. Bookings Ph 03 5441 2544 or

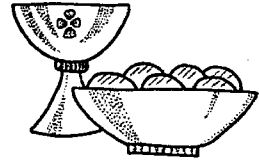
[adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

Gopher/scooter available for small cost if you are interested contact Debbie at the Parish office.

### **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. See the flyer on the noticeboard. Fr. Joven Lustre

# Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ ~ Corpus Christi ~



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## Parish Sacramental Program.

Congratulations to our 90 sacramental candidates that celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Tuesday evening.

Parents are reminded that this **Tuesday, 31st May at 7pm in the church we will have our Adult Faith Gathering** and at next weekend masses the candidates will celebrate a Commitment Mass for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

## Secondary Sacramental Program

There are nine Notre Dame students who are preparing to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church. The candidates have been preparing on a weekly basis with Adi Indra for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. Photos of our *secondary school* candidates are displayed on the notice board in the narthex

**Parishioners are asked to please keep all our sacramental candidates in their prayers.**

## World Youth Day – Prayer for Pilgrims

As young pilgrims from our Parish and Notre Dame College are continuing to prepare spiritually and mentally for their Pilgrimages to World Youth Day in Poland in July, we would like to invite you to keep them all in your prayers. There are photos of the Pilgrims on the notice board in the narthex as well as World Youth Day prayer cards, please feel free to take a prayer card.

## Sandhurst Youth Ministry Stronger Live

Metropolitan Hotel Bendigo June 9th 6.30 onwards. This is an 18+ event. More information contact Dani Sullivan at [Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

**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.



## A prayer for our Farming Families

Merciful God,

Our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble.

We ask that You bless those who work the land to provide sustenance for us all.

We ask You to bless our farmers and their families.

May farmers receive a just reward for their precious labour.

We implore You, Loving Creator, let those who make decisions which impact on farming families, look with favour and respect upon those who work the land.

May all Australians play their part in supporting farmers in this most challenging time.

We bring all our prayers to You through

Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

## Winter Appeal

**The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its Winter Appeal next weekend, June 4/5.** Envelopes will be available in the pews at all Masses.

Last year St Vincent de Paul Society Conferences throughout Victoria provided over \$10 million in assistance to people in need, and last month alone our Conference assisted clients in various ways with almost \$13,000 of aid.

We thank you for your generosity for this appeal, and acknowledge also the ongoing donations to the Poor Box. (in the narthex ).



## 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.

## 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.

**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

*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 4th & 5th June*

**6pm** P Stein, D Sullivan

**8am** T Francis, G Quinlan

**11am** JM Mupenda, B Carey



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Nancy Rusden, Maria Rosa Scarcella, Tim Vallence

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Angela Maria Sfirro, Hilda Holland, Kathy Keyte, Bob Cooper, Pauline Restall, Paul Taylor.

## Reflection

*The effect of our communion in the Body and Blood of Christ is that we are transformed into what we consume, and that he in whom we have died and in whom we have risen from the dead lives and is manifested in every movement of our body and of our spirit.*

*~ Pope Leo I*

*Be zealous, then, in the observance of one Eucharist. For there is one Flesh of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and one Chalice that brings union in His Blood.*

*There is one altar, as there is one bishop with the priests and deacons, who are my fellow workers.*

*And so, whatever you do, let it be done in the name of the Lord.*

*~ St Ignatius of Antioch*



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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.