



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Tenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday 5 June 2016



Readings for
this week.

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

2 Samuel 12:7-10,13
Galatians 2:16,19-20
Luke 7:36-8:3.



Liturgical Jottings Ministries at Mass

Firstly the faithful form a holy people, ... so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. They should, moreover, take care to show this by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration. (GIRM 95).

Amoris Laetitia

Love is experienced and nurtured in the daily life of couples and their children. It is helpful to think more deeply about the meaning of the lyrical passage of St. Paul (1Cor 13:4-7) and its relevance for the concrete situation of every family. (para 90. Pope Francis).

Looking at the Readings

The response of Jesus as he came upon the funeral procession of the son of the widow of Nain, was one of compassion. The widow makes no request, no prayer is offered, no expression of faith is sought or given; the mother is lost in her deep sorrow. It is Jesus who initiates the encounter with her and with her son. Looking upon her great grief, he feels sorry for her. He reaches out to her with words of solace: 'Do not cry'. Then, putting his hand on the funeral bier, Jesus calls upon the young man to rise. The gentle human sympathy of the 'do not cry' is followed by the authoritative words of divine command: 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' Jesus' gives him back to his mother. The words and actions of Jesus demonstrate that within his heart is divine power and authority along with human tenderness and sympathy.

This story from Luke's gospel is one to which Pope Francis refers (Par.8) in his letter proclaiming an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy 2015/16. This letter named *Misericordiae Vultus* begins with the statement: 'Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy'. Later in par.8, Pope Francis says: 'With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion..

Jesus, seeing the crowds of people who followed him, realized that they were tired and exhausted, lost and without a guide, and he felt deep compassion for them. What moved Jesus in these situations was nothing other than mercy, with which he read the hearts of those he met and responded to their deepest need. When he came upon the widow of Nain taking her son out for burial, he felt great compassion for the immense suffering of this grieving mother, and he gave back her son by raising him from the dead (cf. Lk 7:15).

That same Jesus who had compassion, has compassion still. He looks on us and loves us; 'just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other'. (par.9).

On the Lighter Side

A parishioner wanted to prove a ghost really haunted the church basement. He arranged to take a photo but the ghost wasn't visible. He asked the ghost why? The ghost thought a minute and replied, "Well, I guess the spirit was willing, but the flash was weak."



Notices

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 12th** 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.

Mass at Tarcoola this Wednesday 8th June 10.30am.

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 information phone St Mel's on 5831 2194.

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

Parish Footy Tipping Competition Thanks to all who joined the comp this year. After Round ten, the leader is Jenny Madeira on 66. Competition is close, with six tipsters within 3 of the lead. First prize at the end of the year is \$190. More updates as the season progresses.

2017 St Brendan's Deb Ball Expressions of Interest forms are now available from the Notre Dame College Student Reception for Girls in Year 11 or 12 in 2017 wishing to make their debut with St Brendan's Parish next year. Or please email stbrendansdeb@live.com for further information.

With the approaching **FEDERAL ELECTION** we are challenged to reflect as Christians on some of the values & issues we want our country to consider as we face a new moment in our history. The Australian Bishops Statement "A Vote For The Voiceless" can be downloaded at www.catholic.org.au/bishops-statements/election-2016-statement or pick up a copy in the narthex or side porch. Also available for reflection/discussion are a series of papers from NetAct (a coalition of Catholic Justice, Welfare & Educational Agencies) in response to a number of current issues where often the human and Christian dimensions are ignored in the ongoing debate and political wrangling.

Included with the statement is 'A Fair Deal for Asylum Seekers,' 'A Fair Deal for All Australians re Housing' and 'A Fair Deal for the Environment.'

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

Change to Parish Visits to the Hospitals

There has been a change to our hospital visitations on Fridays. Holy Communion will now be taken and distributed on Friday afternoons instead of Sunday mornings. If you have a family member or friend in hospital who would like Holy Communion or just a visit from someone from the Parish, please contact the Parish office on 5821 2633.

Creating a Culture of Mercy in Public Life Working for Peace in a Violent World.

Nathan Schneider on Wednesday 8th June 2016.

Catholic Social Teaching inspires a lot of Nathan's work as a journalist and social commentator. He is also Professor of Media Studies (University of Colorado), a married man, a father, and one of this year's Helder Camara Series lecturers for Melbourne & Sandhurst.

10am to 3pm at CEO 1a Ford Street, Wangaratta.

Ph: 5443 2377 or E: mscott@ceosand.catholic.edu.au

7.15 to 8.45pm at St Brigid's Centre – Parish/CEO 1a Ford St Wangaratta. Ph: 5441 2544 or email:

adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

All welcome. Please RSVP.

Catholic Women's League ~ CWL ~

Monthly meeting this Thursday 9th June at 1pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. All welcome.

Sandhurst Youth Ministry

'STRONGER LIVE'

Metropolitan Hotel in Bendigo, June 9th 6.30 onwards.

Our guest speaker is Br Dan Serratore, an MGL Deacon from Melbourne and there will be live music too!

This is an 18+ event. More information contact

Dani Sullivan at danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

'STRONGER RALLY'

Our first Stronger Rally will be hosted by St Kilian's.

Join us for a BBQ, Games, Praise and Worship and talks with Fr Rob and the Stronger Band

Location: St Kilian's Parish Centre, McCrae St, Bendigo.

Date: Friday June 17, 6-9pm

ROSTERS- OFFERTORY, LECTORS, MINISTERS

Rosters for the period 17th July to 13th November inclusive are being prepared shortly. If you are unavailable for any of these ministries during that time please contact the Parish office no later than the 10th June.

News from St. Vincent de Paul Society

During April, St. Brendan's Conference assisted 105 adults and 97 children, mainly through visits to our Welfare Centre, but also 4 Home Visits, and 7 clients who approached the Presbytery, for whom the Conference supplies aid to be handed out in these cases. Those assisted have a variety of circumstances, from being on salary/wages, various welfare assistance, through to no income at all. Our main outlays continue to be food, followed by accommodation.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

Save the Date . . . Christmas in July Saturday 23rd

Ave Maria Fundraiser 6.30pm Shepparton Golf Club.

\$50 2 course meal. Phone 5831 3000

THE DOOR OF MERCY

The door of Mercy is double –hinged,
Swinging in, opening out, sturdy, yet easily moved.
My friend says: *You only have to knock once, and you
only have to knock lightly.*

The door of Mercy rests on the threshold of need.
Its single key is kindness, which is always in the lock.

Faithfulness is its lintel,

Hope and healing the strong jambs either side.

The Door of Mercy might be splendidly red,

It could be an unobtrusive brown.

It will need to be carefully handled
and its fittings are locally sourced.

Mostly the Door of Mercy stands ajar.

In spirit and in flesh you cross its threshold each day,
often unmindful, but sometimes, and increasingly,
amazed at its potent familiarity.

The smell of the food of home wafts out, the blood of
the wounds of the earth flows in.

It is not immediately apparent

which side is which of the Door of Mercy,

Since they interchange fluidly,

pain and promise etched sharply on both.

Blessing is for all who come and go, stay and return,
helper and helped, all belonging, each be bestowing.

My friend says: *You only have to knock once, and you
only have to knock lightly.*

The God of Mercy, whose door it is, is always home.

Mary Wickham RSM

St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program

A warm welcome to our sacramental candidates and
their families to today's Commitment Mass. During the
mass the children will receive their yellow *Steps in Faith*
workbook and along with their family and parishioners
reaffirm their commitment to the program. The

families will begin meeting in their home groups this
week and start to prepare to celebrate the Sacraments
of Confirmation and Eucharist in August.

*Parents are reminded that Home Group Gatherings will
recommence this week.*

*The groups will remain the same and meet on the same
day and time as previously.*

Some groups will be meeting TODAY Sunday 5th June.

Please keep the children and their families
in your 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.

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.

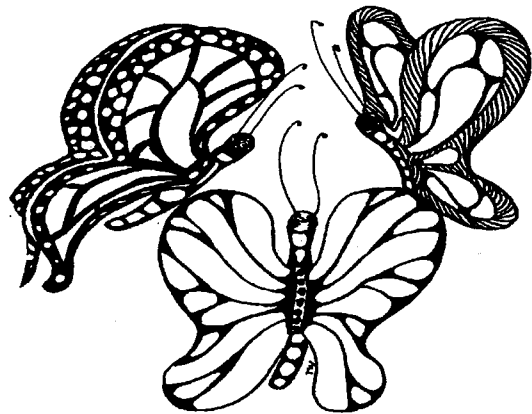
We implore You, Loving Creator, let those who make
decisions which impact on farming families, look with
favour and respect upon those who work the land.

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.



*Christ restores
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Winter Appeal *this weekend*



The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding
its Winter Appeal this weekend. 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).

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 - in recess until further notice.

All enquiries welcome (phone the Parish office).

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 11th & 12th June

6pm M Keyte, D Tarquini

8am L Boschetti, P Guthrie

11am M Frizzell, S Pivac



RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Welladsen (Mother of Fr Des Welladsen).

ANNIVERSARIES: Mario & Elisa Rigoni, Bev Crudden, Anne Donnelly, Nell & Bob Pearce, Edward Taylor, Mary Dixon.

Reflection

*Father,
may everything we do
begin with your inspiration
and continue with your saving
help.*

*Let our work always find its
origin in you
and through you reach
completion.*

*We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.*

Amen

The Liturgy of the Hours



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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.