



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12 June 2016



Readings for  
this week.

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



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Zechariah 12:10-11,13:1  
Galatians 3:26-29  
Luke 9:18-24



## Liturgical Jottings Ministries at Mass

**The altar server:** In the absence of an Instituted acolyte, there may be lay ministers deputed to serve at the altar and assist the priest and the deacon; these carry the cross, the missal, the candles, the thurible, the bread, the wine, and the water, (GIRM 100).

## Amoris Laetitia

**Love is Patient.** Patience takes root when I recognize that other people also have a right to live in this world, just as they are. .... Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like. (para 92. Pope Francis).

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## Looking at the Readings

We hear in today's gospel that Simon the Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him and while they were at table a woman who had a bad name in the town, entered, bringing with her an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood near to Jesus, weeping, and when her tears fell on his feet, she wiped them away with her hair; then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with the ointment. The intervention was an astounding event in that time, place and gathering, and the acceptance Jesus showed was shocking to Simon his host who felt that if Jesus were a prophet, he would know the reputation of this woman and have nothing to do with her. Just as Simon was reflecting on this within himself, Jesus tells a short parable to make plain that he does indeed know what sort of woman she is, and more than that, he knows what sort of person his host is as well.

The parable Jesus told noted that those who had a greater debt forgiven would love more than those forgiven a lesser debt. He then applied this story to the welcome he was given on his arrival and the contrasting behaviours towards him by the woman and by Simon. Elsewhere in Luke's gospel (5:32), we hear the words of Jesus: "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." What had happened for the woman in her discovery of the great grace of God was more important to Jesus than whatever judgement might be made upon himself.

The woman loved Jesus because she had been forgiven much. We, too, are forgiven much and so we are graced to love much. We are already beloved of God from the very first moment of our existence. If we ever realised the great unconditional love of God for us, we could not help but love God. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy'. ('Misericordiae Vultus'). How do we show our love? All God wants of us is that our love for him be shown through the way we live for him every day.

## Quotable Quote

God the Creator and Father sees before Him only three kinds of people: the young child who fills him with tenderness; the young child who has fallen and is hurt; the young child whom He prevented from falling in the first place. St. Therese of Lisieux.

## On the Lighter Side

One day Abraham was busy installing Windows 10 on his old PC. "But father," said Isaac, "you don't have enough memory to run Windows 10" "Don't worry, my son," replied Abraham. "God himself will provide the RAM."



# Notices

## **This Monday 'Concert for a Cause'**

The concert **'With Love and Faith'** is on this **Monday 13th June** at 3pm in St Mel's Hall, 35 Hamilton Street, Shepparton. Ticket is \$30 (children 12 years and under free) available at the door. We really hope and pray for your kind support. Tickets available at the door. Please help us rebuild our churches damaged in the devastating earthquake in 2013. *Thank you*

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### **'CHASING ASYLUM' – SPECIAL ONE TIME SCREENING**

Do you really understand what it's like to live in detention? What are refugees and asylum seekers really facing when fleeing from persecution and destruction?

Come along and see it for yourself! Chasing Asylum is an Australian made documentary you will want to see!

**When: Monday July 11th Time: 6:30-8:00pm**

**Where: Village Cinemas (Shepparton)**

**Cost: \$20 (+ \$1.10 booking fee)**

\*It is essential to book tickets online using the following link <https://www.tugg.com/events/116444>.

We need to have 57 tickets sold to secure the screening in Shepparton. *NOTE: The film is rated MA15+*

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**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](mailto:stbrendansdeb@live.com) for further information.

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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](http://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.'

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### **Central Victorian Irish Association Events**

The CVIA (Central Victorian Irish Association) wishes to thank members of our community who have supported our program of 1916 Centenary commemorations so far.

The next official event will take place on Thursday 23rd June. This will comprise the official opening of the Irish Exhibition at Bendigo Library at 6 pm. It is a joint project between the CVIA and Bendigo Library and then continues until the 30th of July. As part of the official opening ceremony, John Clancy (Flinders University Adelaide) will present a lecture titled "The Antecedents of, and the Historical Background to the 1916 Rising."

Entry to the event is free, and refreshments will be served. The event should finish shortly after 7pm.

For further information, email

[Johnann.clancy@gmail.com](mailto:Johnann.clancy@gmail.com) or phone 0434-693 614

## **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.

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### **STRONGER RALLY**

The second Stronger Rally for the year is fast approaching! Join us for a free BBQ, games, praise and worship and talks with Fr Rob and guest speakers.

The Shepparton D-Group will be supplying a bus for all interested in attending.

Please contact Zoe Boldiston to confirm a seat on the bus.

E: [zoe.boldiston@notredame.vic.edu.au](mailto:zoe.boldiston@notredame.vic.edu.au)

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

**Date:** Friday June 17, 6-9pm

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### **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 asap.

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### **Men's Group**

A big thanks to Jim Farrell for the telling of his life story in a nut shell last Saturday morning.

Our next men's breakfast we have a guest speaker,

Dennis Flood, presenting to the group on

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June in the Mons Jeffery Centre at 7.30am.

Dennis offers counselling to men's group's on issues around anger management. He also offers counselling at Dhurringile prison helping men turn their lives around.

The talk will be preceded with a tasty breakfast and to talk footy and all things important.

Any questions call Anthony 0408 269426.

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### **Christmas in July Saturday 23rd**

Ave Maria Fundraiser 6.30pm Shepparton Golf Club.

\$50 2 course meal. Phone 5831 3000. RSVP 15th July

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### **NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS SUNDAY 12TH**

due to the long weekend.

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### **Fulfilling International Mission for Skilled Volunteers**

Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. They believe this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer.



**Want to know more?** Information Session will be held on Sunday 26th June, 11am at St Patrick's Church (Hall Meeting Room, 515 Smollett St, Albury)

RSVP to [joey@palms.org.au](mailto:joey@palms.org.au) or call 02 9518 9551.

If you cannot make it, we would still love to hear from you.

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**St Brendan's Friendship Group** will meet for lunch on Sunday 19th June at the Vic Hotel at 12.30pm. Come along and meet some of our parishioners. ALL WELCOME!  
Enquiries: Pat (58211269) or Graeme (58252816)

**Farewell!**

**Farewell to Adi**

Join in for the farewell to Adi after 11am Mass this Sunday.

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.



**The Voices Within**

An Except from "Along the Track"

Pixar's film called *Inside Out* tells the story of a young girl Riley who is uprooted from her life when her father starts a new job in San Francisco. At this difficult time, Riley is guided by her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness. It is a clever take on the importance of our emotions and the role they play in our everyday lives, inspiring us, warning us, advising caution, helping us to rejoice in the good things of life.

In the past, religious or spiritual formation had a less than subtle dose of advising us to ignore our emotions, to put them aside, not to trust them, sometimes even to suppress them. Yet emotions are an integral part of who we are as humans. When Jesus told us that he came so that we might have life to the full, that included our emotional life as well.

Being human is not as easy as it looks - we are inherently restless, anxious at times, never quite satisfied. At times we can feel in control, at other times vulnerable, powerless, dependent. Sometimes we can feel rejected, lonely, diminished, hurt, uncertain, at a loss, even threatened, confused, doubtful. On the other hand, we can feel a great sense of satisfaction, we can be filled with awe, we can be loving, compassionate, we can be filled with joy and even a sense of real contentment.

Virtually every experience evokes some emotion; in fact, it is our emotions that usually motivate us toward behaviour. The 'motivating us towards behaviour' is the key point. It is OK to be sad, or angry or disappointed or frightened or disgusted but staying with that emotion and doing nothing with it can be destructive. That's easy enough to say - depression, for example, can be a dreadful experience that lingers on and on. We sometimes need expert help to address such lingering forces. But in general terms, emotions protect us and ask something of us.

The gift of God's grace is found and is at work when we begin to unpack our emotions, to question why I am angry or sad or jealous. The gift of grace is not just something we have, it is active, it likes to be at work! Grace urges us on, it inspires, encourages, enlightens us in the process of decision-making. It is a bit like the sand in the oyster making process- the sand irritates the oyster, it causes a reaction. The result is a thing of great beauty. While respecting our freedom, grace is at work when we begin to react to our emotions - why am I joyful, angry, jealous and in our decision process which result from that questioning. It is a spur, an invitation to choose life, as it were, to choose those things which are life-giving, to make those decisions, large or small, which lead us to where we will find real happiness. 'What kind of person will I become if I continue doing this?' or 'Is what I am choosing to do, helping me to my act at my best?' If we consistently make decisions in that way, we begin to develop 'life giving' habits that we call virtues.

Honesty, courage, compassion, generosity, tolerance, love, fidelity, integrity, fairness, self-control, and discretion are all examples of virtues. They don't just happen. Small decisions make habits, habits make virtues. And vice versa. Step by step, decision by decision we build these virtues in our lives. They help us answer the questions 'What should I do?' but 'What kind of person do I want to be?'

Regards  
Jim Quillinan  
Email: [jquillinan@dcsi.net.au](mailto:jquillinan@dcsi.net.au)

Day of prayer and spiritual formation on the topic:

**"The Father Himself loves you (John 16:27)"  
Experiencing the love of our Heavenly Father**

Given by the monks of Dookie  
All are welcome!

**Location:** St Brendan's Church, meet in Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre  
**Date:** June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Programme**

- 10:00 am: cuppa
- 10.30 am: Prayer during the day
- 10.45 am: Brief reflection
- 11.30 am: Adoration
- 12.00 pm: Mass
- Lunch to follow

**Thank you** to the Parish of St Brendan's for the donation of \$660 which was for the 2016 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places.

On behalf of the Christians in the Holy Land and the Franciscans who care for the Holy Places, we give you thanks for your generous donations.

**St Vincent de Paul Society  
"Doing Good Works"**



We are looking at holding a morning tea for folks in our community who are lonely and isolated.

If you are, or know of someone who would be interested in this gathering, please ring Denise on 0432 054003. Transport will be provided if needed.  
~ Goulburn Valley Regional President



Ps 32:11

come ring out your joy.

**New Parish email address-** Please note our new parish email address is: [shepparton@cdos.org.au](mailto:shepparton@cdos.org.au)

**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).

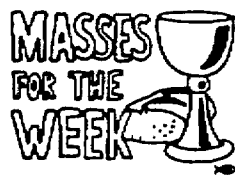
Men's Group - Saturday fortnightly 7.30am in the Parish centre. Contact the Parish office.

Serra Club - 1st Friday monthly 7.15pm, Church & Parish Centre

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

**Lectors 18th & 19th June**

**6pm** Sr F Kennedy J Boccabella  
**8am** J Zampaglione D Teitzel  
**11am** A Ferguson I Garla



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Catherine Tuddenham, Ray Commerford, Adrian Rourke (Finley), Adrian Boschetti.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Shaly Jason, Joe Cobbledick, Timothy McCart, Percy Donnelly, Mons. Joe Dullard, Brian Hickey.

## Reflection

*Faith is praising God  
in the storm,  
trusting him in the  
valley,  
Following him in the  
darkness.*

*God will be  
faithful to you  
when you trust Him,  
no matter what place  
you find yourself  
In today.*

*Pinterest*



**God sent  
Jesus to take  
away our sins.**

**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.