



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19 June 2016



Readings for  
this week:

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



Readings for  
next Sunday:

1 Kings 19:16,19-21  
Galatians 5:1,13-18  
Luke 9:51-62



## Liturgical Jottings Ministries at Mass

**The Reader:** In the absence of an instituted lector, other lay people may be deputed to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture, people who are truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture.86 (GIRM 101)

## Amoris Laetitia

**Love is at the service of others:** Love is shown more by deeds than by words. It thus shows its fruitfulness and allows us to experience the happiness of giving, the nobility and grandeur of spending ourselves unstintingly, without asking to be repaid, purely for the pleasure of giving and serving. (para 94. Pope Francis)

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## Looking at the Readings

The full understanding of who Jesus is and how we are called to follow him, is not gained through theory, but through journeying with him along the way of loving service. Such a journey calls for the gift of self, of trust, of hope, of generosity. The cross is part of the way because the cross helps us to understand who Jesus is and what it means to follow him. "The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mk 10:45)

One day, while Jesus was praying alone, his disciples came to him and he put this question to them: "Who do the crowds say I am? After having heard their responses regarding the opinion of others as to who he is, Jesus asks: "And you, who do you say I am? Peter answers: "the Christ of God . Peter recognizes that Jesus is the one whom the people are waiting for and that he is the promised Messiah. For each of us, the answer to this question: "And you, who do you say I am? is very important. It is not enough for us to know about Jesus; we need to know Jesus.

Pope Francis, in a morning meditation in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae in February 2014, reflecting on the words of Jesus: "But who do you say that I am? says that in order to know Jesus, "what is needed is not a study of notions but rather a life as a disciple . For "in journeying with Jesus we learn who he is . . . we come to know Jesus as disciples . We come to know him "in the daily encounter with the Lord, each day. Through our victories and through our weaknesses . It is precisely "through these encounters that "we draw close to him and come to know him more deeply . . .

Pope Francis concluded his reflection by posing Jesus' question: Who am I for you? "As disciples, he said, "let us ask the Father to grant us a deeper knowledge of Christ, and let us ask the Holy Spirit to explain to us this mystery . . .

## Quotable Quote

Our Lord on the earth is like a mother carrying her baby in her arms. This child is badly behaved; he kicks his mother, bites her and scratches her. But the mother pays no mind. She knows that if she lets him go, the child will fall since he cannot walk alone. This is how our Lord is: He bears all our ill-treatments; He bears all our arrogance; He forgives all our foolishness; He has mercy on us despite ourselves". St. John Vianney.

## On the Lighter Side

Do you know what an agnostic dyslexic insomniac does?  
He stays up all night wondering if there really is a dog!



# Notices

## '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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### Central Victorian Irish Association Events

The official opening of the Irish exhibition will be on Thursday 23rd June at 6pm at the Bendigo Library. 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. Any persons intending to attend the Opening of the Exhibition should contact Bendigo Library, so that they have estimated numbers for catering purposes.

Contact at [www.ncgrl.vic.gov/ireland](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov/ireland) or phone 54492700

For further information, email

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

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### St Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you to all parishioners who generously donated to our recent winter appeal.

Your generosity is much appreciated.



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### 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, phone 0432054003.

Transport can be provided if needed.

~ Denise Crawford, Goulburn Valley Regional President

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**St Brendan's Friendship Group** will meet for lunch this Sunday 19th June at the Vic Hotel at 12.30pm.

All Welcome! Enq: Pat 58211269 or Graeme 58252816.

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### Are you getting married? Do you know someone who is?

Have a look at LabOra Marriage for your wedding preparations....Fantastic resource newly created, designed for couples who are preparing their wedding liturgy, this electronic resource contains all the readings and prayers from the new revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony as well as music suggestions. Go to our website:

[www.liturgybrisbane.net.au](http://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au) and download your copy.

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'Caritas News' Free copies are available today. Read stories of 'mercy' in action - programs of which you can be very proud, as supporters of Project Compassion.

Fr Berny will be away for 2 weeks due to the death of his grandmother.

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### New Parish Office

Work will commence very soon on the new Parish office and will involve closing off some areas around the Church. We apologise for any inconvenience but will be worth it!

Work is expected to take approx. 10 weeks.

Please take care when accessing areas around the Church and Monsignor Jeffrey Centre.

*If you have a booking in any of the small rooms in the Mons Jeffrey Centre during July, August and September please contact the Parish office. Some bookings may have to be re-located to another venue.*

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### Katandra West Church

A meeting at St Bernard's Church in Katandra West will be held on Sunday 3rd July at 3pm to discuss the viability of the Church. All welcome.

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### 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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### 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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### Garabandal Meeting this Monday 20th June

in the Mons Jeffrey Centre 1.30pm to 3pm

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With the approaching **FEDERAL ELECTION** 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.

Also available for reflection/discussion are a series of papers from NetAct (a coalition of Catholic Justice, Welfare & Educational Agencies):

*A Fair Deal for Asylum Seekers*

*A Fair Deal for All Australians re Housing*

*A Fair Deal for the Environment*

*A Fair Deal for Health Care*

*A Fair Deal for Education*

*Contributing Our Fair Share – Taxation*

*A Fair Deal for All Australians – Indigenous*

*A Fair Deal for Earth.*

\*\* Please take one \*\*

One year ago, on June 18th 2015, Pope Francis released his historic encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home*. Laudato Si' Week is a major international celebration to reflect on the *Laudato Si'* message and take action to bring it to life.

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### A Prayer for our earth

All-powerful God,

you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,

that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen

~ Caritas Australia

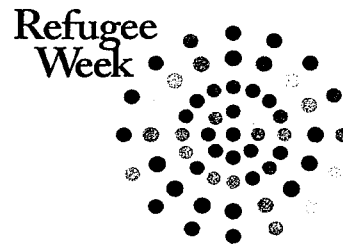


### Who Do You Say He Is?

Let him be more than your role model. Let Jesus be your God, your source of all life, strength, goodness, and hope. Let him help with every decision. Let him show you the way to go and help you get there. Let him inspire you, forgive you, heal you, and strengthen you. You can use his strength and vision every moment of every day. Ordinary role models can't give you that!

Where in your life do you need Jesus' strength most to live as a Christian?

~ Extract from GPBS eNews 14/6/2016



**Refugee Week 2016** will be held from Sunday June 19 to Saturday June 25. This coincides with World Refugee Day on Friday June 20. Through Refugee Week we aim to provide an important opportunity for asylum seekers and refugees to be seen, listened to and valued.

### The theme for Refugee Week in 2016 is 'With courage let us all combine'.

Taken from the second verse of the national anthem, the theme celebrates the courage of refugees and of people who speak out against persecution and injustice. It serves as a call for unity and for positive action, encouraging Australians to improve our nation's welcome for refugees and to acknowledge the skills and energy refugees bring to their new home.

It takes courage to be a refugee: As people who have faced persecution because of who they are (their race, nationality or membership of a persecuted group) or what they believe (their religion or political opinion), refugees need:

- The courage not to deny identity or beliefs in the face of persecution.
- The courage to leave all that is familiar and step into the unknown in search of peace.
- The courage to keep going in the face of devastating loss, difficulty and despair.
- The courage to begin again, to work hard and to maintain hope in an unfamiliar land.

It takes courage to speak out against injustice: In a world where refugees experience persecution in their countries of origin and often face discrimination, difficulty and rejection in places where they seek refuge, speaking out often requires courage. In Refugee Week, we acknowledge and celebrate the dedication and bravery of refugee leaders, advocates and citizens who draw attention to violations of human rights, support people at their time of greatest need and challenge callous indifference to the suffering of others.

A call for unity and action for a fairer society: The Refugee Week theme encourages Australians to celebrate the best aspects of our nation's welcome of refugees, frankly acknowledge unjust treatment of asylum seekers and refugees and commit to working together to ensure that we do better. We celebrate the positive contributions to Australian society made over the past 70 years by the 800,000 Australians who once were refugees, taking inspiration from the second verse of Advance Australia Fair.

**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 25th & 26th June**

**6pm** Volunteer A Kilmartin

**8am** M Hicks S Hicks

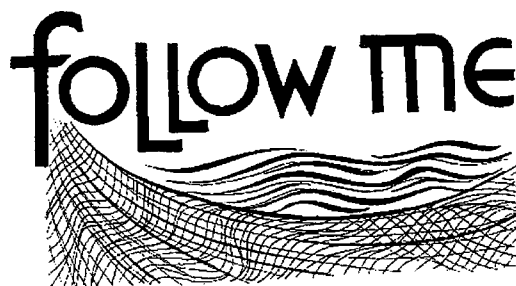
**11am** P Cooper A Madeira



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Benjamina Nocos  
(Fr. Berny's Grandmother),  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nazario Giuliani,  
Maureen O'Keefe.

## Reflection

*Lord, catch me off guard today.  
Surprise me with  
some moment  
of beauty or pain.  
So that at least  
for the moment  
I may be startled  
into seeing that you  
Are here in all  
your splendour,  
Always and everywhere,  
Barely hidden,  
Beneath,  
Beyond,  
Within this life I breathe.  
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.