



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 26 June 2016



Readings for
this week.

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12,17-20



Liturgical Jottings Ministries at Mass

The Psalmist: It is the psalmist's place to sing the Psalm or other biblical canticle between the readings. To carry out this function correctly, it is necessary for the psalmist to be accomplished in the art of singing Psalms and have a facility in public speaking and elocution. (GIRM 102)

Amoris Laetitia

Love is not jealous: This same deeply rooted love also leads me to reject the injustice whereby some possess too much and others too little. It moves me to find ways of helping society's outcasts to find a modicum of joy. That is not envy, but the desire for equality. (para 96. Pope Francis)

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Looking at the Readings

In today's passage of Luke's gospel, Jesus sets out on his final journey to Jerusalem. He has warned the disciples of the suffering that awaits him there. They cannot begin to believe the horror ahead for him. Yet, Jesus determinedly takes the road for Jerusalem. We, too, need determination to follow Jesus along his way. At times we will be tempted to look for excuses to turn back. He cautions us, 'once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' Yet he also reassures us, as does today's letter of St. Paul to the Galatians: "If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence..."

When the people of the Samaritan village would not receive him en route, James and John wanted to punish them, but Jesus rebuked his disciples. It is clear that Jesus wants his disciples to share his message, not to judge those who reject it. The animosity between the Jews and Samaritans was long-standing, but Jesus sought to spend time in the Samaritan village. Even when they rejected him, he left open the possibility of future acceptance of his message as is indicated in Acts 1:8 where he assures his disciples: "...when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When some people he encountered expressed a desire to follow him, Jesus presented them with some significant challenges. He emphasised for them the seriousness of what they were seeking to take on. The lot of Jesus' disciples is tied in with Jesus' own lot. He is inviting them to let go of the past, to walk new paths, to live in ways that they might not otherwise live. We, too, can ask ourselves "How are our lives different as followers of Jesus than what they might have been otherwise? or that question posed on bumper stickers some time ago: "If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

Quotable Quote

"Mercy, detached from justice, grows unmerciful." C.S. Lewis

On the Lighter Side

A priest quizzed a lawyer: "What do you do if you make a mistake on a case?" the lawyer replied: "Try to fix it if it's big; ignore it if it's insignificant. What do you do?" The priest replied "Oh, more or less the same. The other day I meant to say 'the devil is the father of liars,' but instead I said 'the devil is the father of lawyers', so I let it go."



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+*

Central Victorian Irish Association—Exhibition

Ireland: Land of Images, Emigrants and Insurgents.

The historical background to and the antecedents of the 1916 rising.

At the Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo from 24th June until the 30th of July.

For further information, email

Johnann.clancy@gmail.com or phone 0434 693614

Parish Sacramental Program

Completed Confirmation Cards (green form) need to be returned to the parish office ASAP or at the very latest they can be returned at the Adult Faith Gathering on Tuesday 19th July, 7pm Monsignor Peter Jeffery Centre. If you did not receive this letter, please email Laura at sacramental.coord@bigpond.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word will recommence after the school holidays on Sunday 17th July.

Winter Appeal Thankyou



St. Brendan's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank all those who contributed to our recent Winter Appeal. So far we have received \$810 in donations which will assist with our welfare work.

Thank you also to those individuals who kindly donated doonas and blankets to the Conference, especially useful with the recent weather!

Our parish **Men's Group** will meet next Saturday 2nd July to share a faith topic for reflection and breakfast.

Each meeting we have about 18 men who enjoy sharing together faith and any other joys and sorrows of their lives. We meet in the Monsignor Peter Jeffery Centre at 7.30am. Everyone welcome to join us.

Any questions to Anthony 5821 2633.

**Christmas
JULY**

Ave Maria Village fundraiser

to be held at Shepparton Golf Club on 23rd July 2016 to raise funds for a Gazebo and BBQ area.

Tickets available from Sharon phone 5831 3000

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

Work is expected to take approx. 10 weeks.

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.

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.

Serra Club

Our monthly Mass for more vocations and our priests will be celebrated this coming First Friday July 1st, at St Brendan's. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 7.25pm (commences at 3pm) followed by Mass. All welcome. Organised by the Serra Club.

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

We are very pleased to inform you that the Concert with the Filipino singing Priests is now re-scheduled to **Saturday 2nd July at 3pm** at St Mel's Parish Church.

For those who wish to buy tickets please contact St Mel's Parish Office on 5831 2194.

The concert is to raise funds to help re-build centuries-old churches destroyed by a devastating earthquake in 2013. *Thankyou for your understanding and support. ~ Fr Joven*

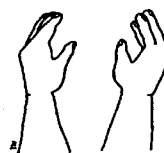
Moves and changes

Fr Eugene Dela Corte is going home to the Philippines and Fr Junjun Amaya will move from Eaglehawk to Kerang and Fr Antony Joseph MST will go to Eaglehawk Parish effective from 27th July, 2016.

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 or pick up a copy in the narthex.

Think about it

Meals available If you or anyone you know has a bereavement or illness in the family, we have some frozen home made meals available. Please contact the office so a meal can be arranged for the family.



*In God's name
I will lift up
my hands.*

The reality of Syria

By Oliver Maksan

In an urgent appeal to the outside world, Franciscan Father Ibrahim Alsabagh is calling on Christians throughout the world to pray for the Syrian city of Aleppo, currently caught up in the midst of heavy fighting. "Never, since the beginning of this terrible war were things as bad as they are now. I have no words to describe all the suffering I see on a daily basis", Father Ibrahim reported on Tuesday 3rd May to the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). He tells us how the Orthodox Easter, on the previous Sunday, had been a very sad affair. "It was more like Good Friday than Easter Sunday. Two liturgies were celebrated but they were very poorly attended. People were either burying their dead or else they stayed at home out of fear. It was depressing. When will the world community finally wake up and put an end to this new Sarajevo?"

Directly under the Holy See, Aid to the Church in Need supports the faithful wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. ACN is a Catholic charity – helping to bring Christ to the world through prayer, information and action.

For more information or to make a donation to help the work of Aid to the Church in Need, please contact the Australian office of ACN on (02) 9679-1929, email: info@aidtochurch.org or write to Aid to the Church in Need PO Box 7246 Baulkham Hills NSW 2153.

Donation forms are available in the narthex and side entrance.

~ Aid to the Church in Need

Mothers Prayers was formed to help those mothers who wished to pray together for their children and grandchildren and to find the support they needed.

We have Mothers Prayers Groups within the parish. If you would like to join a group or start your own, please contact the parish office. Please see the website for more information www.mothersprayers.org

RENEWAL DAY

16th July, 1pm to 4pm

Topic: The Gift of Mercy
Speaker: Fr. Joe Taylor
Venue: Mons. Peter Jeffery Centre,
St Brendan's, Shepparton.
Please bring a plate to share for Afternoon Tea

'THE QUALITY OF MERCY' Bishop Jose Luis Ponde de Leon,

born in Argentina, is Bishop of the Diocese of Manzini (Swaziland), Bishop Luis' blogspot offers insights into his ministry and the life of his Diocese:

bhuesi.blogspot.com.au/.

Bishop Luis is a Helder Camara Series 2016 speaker.

Thursday July 14, 2016 7.30 – 9.15 pm (All welcome)

Sacred Heart Church, Catholic Parish of Wodonga,
Beechworth Road, WODONGA

Friday July 15, 2016 10.00 – 11.00 am. (All Welcome) St
Brigid's Centre – Parish/CEO 1a Ford St WANGARATTA

PLEASE RSVP: Wodonga (02) 6024 3366 Wangaratta (03)

5722 1970 'Ph: 03 5441 2544 or E:

adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

The Perfect Prayer

One of the fondest memories I have of my father is of him kneeling in prayer by his bed first thing in the morning and last thing at night. I never thought of him as an especially holy man but his faith obviously meant a lot to him, even though in many ways life had dealt him a pretty tough hand. But, as he often said, he was always grateful 'for many blessings'.

Gratitude reminds us that everything we have is gift. That probably isn't all that fashionable today, expressing appreciation for what one has, rather than a consumer-driven emphasis on what one might want or what one feels one needs for happiness. On the other hand, the 'Positive Psychology' movement is also becoming more fashionable. Its studies show that gratitude can increase our well-being and happiness and, if we work at developing this positive attitude, it is associated with increased energy, optimism and empathy. Even happiness!

It is easy to take things for granted or to feel that we deserve this or that, that we earned this, that people owe us. None of that is true.

Basically, gratitude is an acknowledgement that we have received many gifts and blessings. This doesn't mean that life is perfect; it doesn't ignore complaints, burdens, and hassles. But when we look at life as a whole, gratitude encourages us to identify the goodness in our life.

The 'undeserved' bit is the hardest to acknowledge. It is easy to think that we did it ourselves, that this or that success is all down to me – we may have had a hand in it, but ultimately a lot of others had a hand in it too. Genuine gratitude challenges our tendency to reward ourselves exclusively.

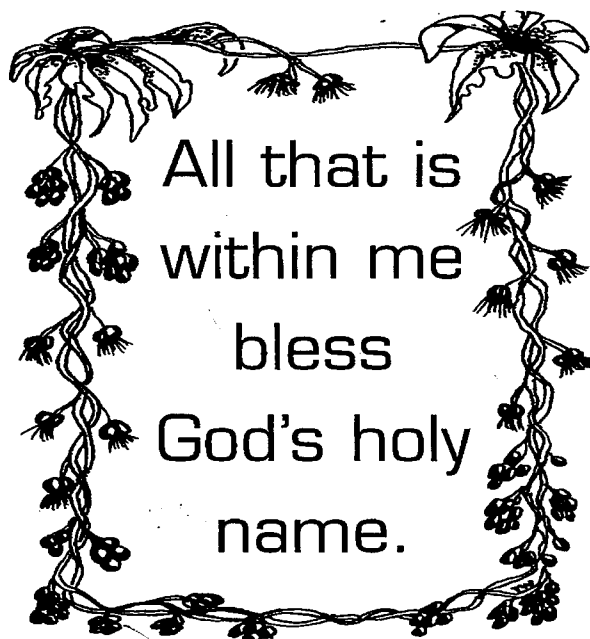
My father's daily prayer involved counting his blessings on a regular basis, first thing in the morning and then in the evening.

Gratitude is a very basic element of belief in God. We can't do without it. Gratitude helps us to understand that God has given us life, God has gifted us with talents.

Gratitude acknowledges the creative work of God in our lives. We recognise that we cannot save ourselves. We need God's free gift of grace, we need others. Gratitude helps us to recognise the ongoing presence of God with us and within us even now. Gratitude saves us from the sense of self-sufficiency that leads to forgetfulness of God.

Excerpt from "The Perfect Prayer"

By Jim Quillinan



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 re-commence 17th July

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

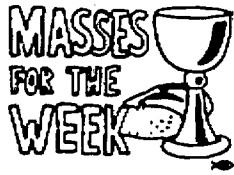
Society of St. Vincent de Paul - 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm

Lectors 2nd July & 3rd July

6pm J Howley, F Scheibel

8am G Jelliff, Sr R Crowe

11am Maureen Collins J Pilkington



RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Grace,
Mario Ginevra, Patrick James O'Brien,
Owen James O'Brien, Gewil Fulton (nee Morison)

Reflection

The Perfect Prayer

Generous God,

*Thank you for the new day,
For the gifts and challenges which
lie within it.*

Thank you for this work.

*It is my way of answering Your call
to be a co-creator of our world.*

*Thank you for the gift of this
family, for the many joys and
blessings that have come to us, the
challenges that make us grow, that
bind us together.*

*Thank you for our daily bread and
for those who have made it possible.*

*Thank you for the necessities that
keep me aware of your generous
bounty in my life.*

*Thank you for the corrections that
bring me to growth.*

Thank you for the gift of hope.

Jim Quillinan

Along the Track 24th May, 2016



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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.