



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10 July 2016



Readings for
this week.

Deuteronomy 30:10-14.

Colossians 1:15-20.

Luke 10:25-37.



Readings for
next Sunday:

Genesis 18:1-10.

Colossians 1:24-28.

Luke 10:38-42.



Liturgical Jottings

Ministries at Mass

The Sacristan: A liturgical function is also exercised by the sacristan, who diligently arranges the liturgical books, the vestments and other things (e.g. cloths, candles, sacred vessels, water, wine and bread) that are necessary for the celebration of Mass. (GIRM 105b).

Joy of the Gospel

Evangelisation is not to be left to the "professionals" while the rest of us are passive recipients. Through baptism every Christian is challenged to be actively engaged in evangelisation, and there is a certain urgency about this calling. Indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* n120.

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Looking at the Readings

Today's Gospel brings us the well-known story of the Good Samaritan. The lawyer who asked Jesus the initial question in this encounter, did so to test him. "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" he asked. Jesus responded, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it? Even after the lawyer's answer receives the approval of Jesus, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live", he poses another question to Jesus: "Who is my neighbour?"

Jesus' parable, given in response, moved beyond the simple understanding that the law of love was to treat your neighbour as you would treat yourself. The sense of "neighbour" as meaning one's fellow Jew who belonged to the same covenant which God made with the people of Israel, was not enough; Jesus opened up an understanding beyond this narrow definition. The parable of the Good Samaritan serves to show how wide God's love and mercy is towards all.

Last year Pope Francis announced "an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful (cf. Lk 6:36).... I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God *forgives all*, and God *forgives always*."

A commentator, reflecting on this Lucan passage, suggests two questions to keep in mind in the coming week: "First, how have I experienced Christ as good Samaritan in my life – raising me up, offering me healing and new life when I have been lying by the roadside? Second, who is the person to whom Christ is calling me today to become neighbour?"

On the Lighter Side

Fr David answers the phone. "Hello, is this Fr. David?"

"It is." "This is the Australian Tax Office. Can you help us?" "I can." "Do you know a Ted Egan?" "I do."

"Is he a member of your congregation?" "He is." "Did he donate \$10,000 to the school?" "He will!"



Notices

'CHASING ASYLUM' – SPECIAL ONE TIME SCREENING

Monday July 11th, 6:30-8:00pm, Village Cinemas,

Mass at Tarcoola Wednesday 13th July at 10.30am.

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

The next meeting of the CWL will be held next Thursday 14th July at 1pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

'The Liturgy & Sacraments of the Catholic Church'

Fr Elio Capra SDB, Catholic Theological College

Full Unit Enrolment including assessment tasks
(15 points towards a university award)

Full Unit Audit Student Enrol without assessment tasks.

Single Days Enrolment as Professional Dev Sessions.

Applications Due: Before Friday 15th July.

Costs: Standard CTC / Uni of Divinity as listed in brochure.

Brochures & Application Forms: Lyn Breen E:

adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or 5441 2544.

Brochure available in the narthex with dates etc.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal presents

Renewal Day with guest speaker Fr Joe on

'The Gift of Mercy'

Saturday 16th July 1pm to 4pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

See the flyer on the noticeboard.

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

Parish Sacramental Program Completed Confirmation Cards (green) must be returned to the parish office ASAP or at the latest they can be returned at the Adult Faith Gathering on Tuesday 19th July, 7pm Mons Jeffery Centre.

If you did not receive this letter, please email Laura at sacramental.coord@bigpond.com

25th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Brian Cahill

Fr Brian Cahill is celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination. A Mass will be held at St Mel's Parish on Saturday 23rd July at 10.00am. All Welcome.

For enquiries phone Tonina at St Mel's 5831 2194.

Ave Maria Village fundraiser to be held at Shepparton Golf Club on 23rd July 2016 at 6.30pm to raise funds for a Gazebo and BBQ area. Tickets from Sharon ph 5831 3000.

2016 Stronger Retreat 16th—18th September

If you're 16-25 join us for a weekend of fun, growing in discipleship and learning about your faith. Registrations are now open at strongeryouth.com. Transport may be available. For more info follow @StrongerYouth or contact Danii at Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Refer to the flyer on the noticeboard.

Parish AFL Tipping Competition After 15 rounds of the Parish tipping comp, we have three equal leaders, all on 92 for the season. Well done to Marlene Coppinger, Phil Friedlieb, and Jenny Madeira on your tipping so far. The trailing pack, including Fr. Joe (83, 11th) still have a few rounds left to make up the deficit.

New Parish Office

Construction will commence this Monday 11th July.

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

New Rosters now available for July to November Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Offertory and Greeters

New rosters have been emailed to those who have advised their email addresses. Otherwise rosters are in named envelopes and are available in the narthex.

If you haven't received an email or envelope, let us know.

Make your own Rosary beads.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

A two day work shop to make your own rosary beads will be held on the

3rd and 10th of October 2016.

All necessary materials will be supplied at cost price. Tools provided. No experience necessary.

Come along, enjoy the challenge and spend some friendly time with your fellow parishioners with the same interest.

Anyone interested in joining this group, contact Bozena on 0426 867647 or email: bozena59@yahoo.com.

Due to a need to organise all necessary materials please contact before 30th July. Thank you.

Further Clerical Appointments

Fr Peter Dell'Avo, Administrator, Heathcote Parish

Fr Alex Lim, Administrator, Rochester Parish

(in addition to Elmore Parish). Effective from 27th July.

FUTURE VOICES LAUNCH & MANDELA DAY CELEBRATION LECTURE

Monday 18th July, Mass at 11am in the Church.

Guest Speaker: Mr Ray Sithole, Consular of the South African High Commission, Canberra

Launch & Lecture 5pm to 8pm at Latrobe University Shepparton Campus. RSVP by Thurs. 14th July: Rashidi Sumaili

0422 347 237 or Jennifer Hippisley 0400800498

See the flyer on the noticeboard.

Our Parish Men's group will travel to Numurkah next Saturday 16th of July for our meeting. Numurkah Parish is trying to establish a men's group and have been attending some of our meetings. We will meet in the Parish car park at 7am & travel to Numurkah, the Parish bus and cars will be used to car pool. Any questions ph -Anthony 58212633

Garabandal will meet at 1.30pm in the front room at the Parish House on Monday 18th July. All welcome.

St Brendan's Friendship Group will meet for lunch at the Peppermill Hotel on Sunday 17th July at 12.30pm. For more details phone Pat 58211 269 or Graeme 58252 816.

All welcome to come along and enjoy lunch together and fellowship with other parishioners.

Piety Stall: New stock has arrived including beautiful gifts ideal for the upcoming Confirmation and First Eucharist.

There are invitations for celebrations. *Take a look!*





"How We Need Mercy" :

2016 Theme

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples so often live the name of mercy in their lives. The peoples of Australia's First Nations are famously resilient and in their own words they are survivors. Notwithstanding the

vagaries of government policy or the faulty efforts at work to close the gap, or the dreadful prejudices evident in racist attitudes so notoriously on display even in the public forum in recent times, Aboriginal and Islander Peoples so often live the name of mercy in their lives.'

The theme of this year's statement is how We Need Mercy. 'Pope Francis tells us that humanity is deeply wounded and for this reason is in need of mercy, a mercy proclaimed by God and tenderly shared among people.'

"The word 'encounter' used so frequently by Francis demonstrates that the Mercy proclaimed in this Jubilee Year is not a one-way street. Our meeting with Christ Francis tells us is authentically an encounter."

"It is an exchange in which the outpouring of a generous love made present in Christ evokes in us a loving response, given freely and generously"

"In the merciful love we experience in this Godly encounter we have the opportunity to embrace those around us who perhaps are not coping or who are weighed down with the terrible disappointments of life."

"The Church we belong to, Francis tells us, is a "field hospital", which serves people in need of healing. However, it is each of us singularly and all of us collectively who are capable of being ministers to our brothers and sisters in need. And there-in lies the challenge."

Praying for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, Bishop Saunders asked that "in their prayers and in their loving communion may they continue to enrich the Church in Australia so that it will be fully the Church that Jesus Christ wants her to be."

Catholicreligiousaustralia.org.au

The St. Brendan's Parish Ave Maria Playgroup will be launched on Monday July the 18th at 10 am at Ave Maria (25 Graham St, Shepparton).

Playgroup is a group of parents/carers and their children under five meeting together to play and socialise. The formation of this playgroup is based upon the healthy and progressive relationship between St. Brendan's Catholic Parish and Southern Cross Care (Vic) - Shepparton (Ave Maria) in an effort to continue to foster and develop an inclusive community which is respectful of the needs of all those we are caring for. It has grown through the recognition of the mothers of young children in our shared community and a genuine desire to create a space where they can connect with others and to create a lasting sense of being valued and supported.

All are welcome. For any enquires please contact St. Brendan's Parish Office on 5821 2633.

Aussie Camino

This weekend we have some of the pilgrims from our recent Aussie Camino speaking about their experience walking from Portland to Penola, following in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. A date has been booked for next year's walk - April 3rd to April 11th 2017. Below are some reflections penned by some pilgrims. Any questions, phone Anthony on 5821 2633.



From the Cape to the Cake

There are many prayers that come and go during such a camino. But for me I know that my growing awareness of God's support came more clearly into focus at the end of the pilgrimage. I didn't ever think I would be able to do such a walk. How much should I have trusted that God would walk with me every step of the way? He was present to me in those that held back in order to keep me company at the rear of the strung out group; he was present to me in those who dressed my feet; who shared my ramblings and a glass of cold beer at the end of the day. Truly God was with us in this great adventure to honour Saint Mary of the Cross. We who set out from Cape Nelson are not the same people who ate cake at Penola.

~ Paul

Experiencing the magnificent and changing landscape, the camino offered every day, was awe inspiring and spiritually nourishing. The local people we meet along the journey were very welcoming and friendly.

~ Tony



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
Feast of the Assumption, Monday 15th August, 8am, 10am (Italian Mass) and 12.30pm (primary schools).

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 16th July & 17th July

6pm M Keyte D Tarquini

8am P Guthrie J Zampaglione

11am M Sarkady D Segafredo

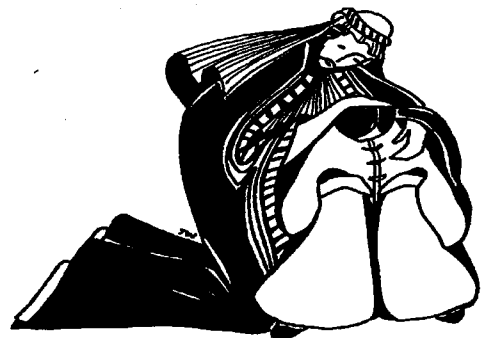


RECENTLY DECEASED: Gabriele Nardella, Francesco Barillaro, Veronica O'Dwyer.
ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Tomarchio, Antonino & Giovanna Garufi, Mary (Mollie) Hoare, Bernard Fitzsimmons, James Hoare, Shirley Cobbledick, William Macaskeil, Annie Linehan, Lorna Forde.

Reflection

*The Church
is called to be
the house of the Father,
with the doors always
wide open.*

(Evangelii Gaudium 947)



**He was moved
with compassion.**

Lk 10:33

*'Let The Earth Cry Out To God
With Joy And Compassion For All.'
psalm 66:*

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.