



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday 17 July 2016



Readings for  
this week.

Genesis 18:1-10  
Colossians 1:24-28  
Luke 10:38-42



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Genesis 18:20-32  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13



## Liturgical Jottings Ministries at Mass

**Welcomer:** A liturgical function is also exercised by those who welcome the faithful at the church doors, seat them appropriately, and assemble them in processions. (GIRM. 105d). They may also hand out Parish bulletins, Mass booklets and hymnals.

## Saint of the Week

**St Bonaventure Friday 15 July**  
Bonaventure joined the order of Franciscans in 1243, and was soon recognised for his intellectual talents. He was sent to study in Paris where he taught and preached for many years. In 1257, Bonaventure was elected as the head of the Franciscans, and has since been considered the greatest friar since St Francis of Assisi himself. He wrote important works on theology, philosophy and mysticism. He was also regarded for his compassionate and gentle nature and for his accessibility to those who sought him.

## Looking at the Readings

Martha welcomed Jesus into her home as she had often done before. "But she was distracted by her many tasks. We, too, welcome Jesus into our homes and our hearts, but we too are often distracted by many things, and so do not take in the quiet communication of God as it is directed to us: in nature, in silence, in another person, in the Word, in the depths of our hearts...

*Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.* The one thing needed is for Martha to receive the gracious presence of Jesus, to listen to his words, to know that she is valued not for what she does or how well she does it, but for who she is as a child of God.

In a world where everything seems to go faster and faster, even each successive year, in a world where our desire to fit so many things into our day and our lives keeps us forever watching the clock, we are tempted to see our worth in how busy we are, in how much we get done, or in how well we live up to the expectations of others. Feeling pulled in different directions, feeling worried and distracted by many things -- these are often the pattern of our lives in our fast-paced world.

Much of our busyness and distraction arises from the best of intentions. And yet if all our activities leave us with no time to be still in the Lord's presence and hear God's word, we are likely to end up anxious and troubled. Today Jesus is asking each of us: What takes priority in my life? One way to answer this question might be to ask ourselves: How do I use my time? Do I waste it? Do I work every waking hour? Do I spend quality time with the people I care about? Do I make time for prayer?

## Quotable Quote

There is a wonderful line from the musical, *Les Miserables*, when the hero, Valjean, is told, **'To love another person is to see the face of God.'** As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God.

## On the Lighter Side

An elderly man says to his wife: "My memory is gone, so I changed my password to "incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me "Your password is incorrect."



# Notices

## **St Brendan's Friendship Group**

will meet for lunch at the Peppermill Hotel this Sunday 17th July at 12.30pm. For details phone Pat 5821 1269 or Graeme 5825 2816. All welcome to join in.

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**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.

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**Parish Sacramental Program**

Next Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre is the next Adult Faith Gathering – Eucharist. At least one parent is expected to attend this evening (children do not attend). If you are unable to attend you must notify Laura to make an alternative arrangement. [sacramental.cord@bigpond.com](mailto:sacramental.cord@bigpond.com). Confirmation Cards MUST be returned on this night (green forms).

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**Catholic Mothers of Young Children**

are invited to come together to share in a cuppa, vocational discussion and children's catechesis session on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 10am-11:30am at Mons Jeffery Centre. Bring your children (under school age) and a snack. Tea, coffee and milo provided. This is a NUT FREE space. For the safety of all children and mothers, we request that all children are immunised. If you are interested in attending, donating toys or helping with this group, please contact us. For more info contact Katie Mills on 0417 504635 or the Parish office.

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**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.

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**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 phone 5831 3000.

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**Fr Ted Harte's Golden Jubilee**

Will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Parish in Bendigo next weekend 23rd & 24th July. Saturday evening Bishop Les will celebrate the 6pm mass with Father.  
Sunday morning Father will celebrate mass at Bendigo East at 8.30am then at Holy Rosary at 11am (later time) after which we will have a Parish lunch.  
Everyone is most welcome to attend any of the masses over the weekend.

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**'A MORNING WITH THE LORD'**

With Fr Doroteo & Bro Massimo  
Saturday 30th July 2016 at the Gold Room, St Mel's Parish  
10am Cuppa, 10.30am Mid-Morning Prayer & Talk  
11.30am Exposition, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 12.30pm Lunch.  
All Welcome!

**New Parish Office** Renovations have commenced!  
(Plans are on display in the narthex)

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

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**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!*

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**Working With Children Check**

All Parishioners who volunteer within the Parish and for the Parish must have a Working With Children Check. This is mandatory. If you haven't got one you will need to apply for one. Applications are available on line.

If you need some help, please contact the Parish Office.

*Notation should be:*

*'St Brendan's Parish, 121 Knight Street, Shepparton.'*

Please let us know what group/committee you belong to so we can match up our Working With Children Checks. Thank you.

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

is suitable for primary aged children and will recommence today and continue each Sunday for the school term during the 11am Mass. A wonderful opportunity for children to listen to the Word of God explained aged appropriately.

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**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.**

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](mailto:bozena59@yahoo.com).**

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

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**News from St Vincent de Paul Society**

I would like to thank you for your support of the St Brendan's Conference with the our annual appeal. We received in excess of \$1800 - a magnificent amount.

The families from our two primary schools collected new items of clothing such as socks, underwear, pyjamas, shirts, scarves, beanies jumpers and some blankets for distribution to the needy during the winter months. It was a terrific response, with these new quality items a change from the usual packaged / tin food. ~ Peter Feain, President

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**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](http://strongeryouth.com). Transport may be available. For more info follow @StrongerYouth or contact Danii at [Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)  
Refer to the flyer on the noticeboard.

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**Planned Giving Statements**

for the financial year will be available next week.

## Mary Learned from Jesus – Can We?

There are many young women in this nation who see themselves as ministers because of my friend Karen.

I worked with Karen as a youth minister for four years. She worked hard for all students. But she particularly took pride in helping young women develop confidence as leaders.

Jesus also valued women disciples highly. And this Gospel shows it. In Jesus' time women were little more than property. They had few rights. They certainly weren't allowed to study at the feet of religious teachers. But Jesus saw things differently. He encouraged women to learn from him and follow him.

He appeared to a woman first at his Resurrection. He defied stereotypes and sexism of his day.

Many women tell me they think our society still suffers from warped views about a woman's role. Ads seem to argue that women have no value unless they wear the latest fashions. Teachers have said that some young women don't offer answers in class out of fear that boys don't find smart girls attractive. Women are underrepresented in leadership in many parts of society. A frighteningly high number of women suffer abuse each year by men who think women have no right to refuse their physical advances.

My friend is a good example of someone who learned from Jesus about a woman's role. All Christians need to look critically at negative stereotypes of women in our culture and stand up to anything that denies women equal rights in politics, business, or religion. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to learn. Maybe we should do the same thing if we wonder about a woman's "role".

*Identify any stereotypes or policies in our society that you think are contrary to Jesus' view of women.*

### The Action

Carve out some time to be with God. You can do this in many ways. Really listen and participate in the liturgy at Mass this week instead of just going through the motions. Take a walk in nature or sit in your room in silence, listening to the messages that God has for you. Open up your Bible and read God's Word. Take time for prayer or journaling. However you choose to connect with God, be sure you unplug yourself by taking some time alone, without computers, phones, texting, TV, or even your iPod.

*Weekly Parable -GPBS enews*



Some wisdom of Winnie-the-Pooh

*"You can't stay in your corner of the Forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes"*

A.A.Milne



## A WOMAN NAMED MARTHA WELCOMED JESUS.

Lk 10:38

**The St. Brendan's Parish Ave Maria Playgroup will be launched on Monday July the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

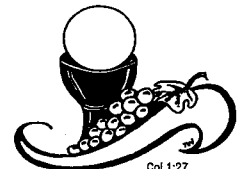
### Catholics Returning Home

Many Catholics who have been away from the Church look for opportunities to return but they need to be invited. This program offers an invitation to those who wish to re-connect with their faith.

Begins Thursday 11th August each week until Thursday 15th September in the Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre at 7.30pm until 9pm.

For information please contact Michael on 5821 8914 or 0400 163244.

**There will be no Reconciliation next Saturday 23rd July as the priests will attend Fr Brian's Jubilee.**



Col 1:27

*The mystery is Christ among you.*

As a Preliminary to Pilgrimage in 2017 commemorating 50th Death Anniversary of Joseph Cardijn, will be held at Mass at St. Therese's, Kennington 10.30am on 24th July 2016. YCW's (young & old) are invited. For more information—Margaret Harrison (03)5443 3996.

**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 **\*\*Not held on 23rd July\***  
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 23rd July & 24th July**

**6pm** Youth Group, Youth Group

**8am** L Boschetti D Teitzel

**11am** P White S White



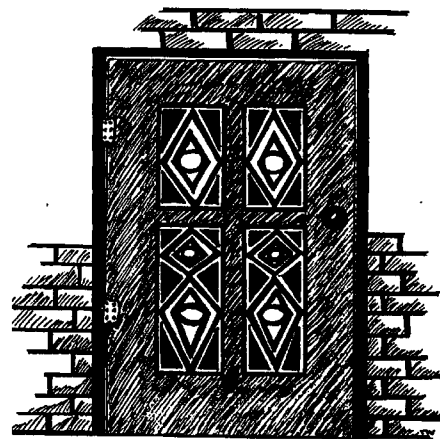
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Leo Tracey.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vincenzo Legudi.

## Reflection

*"If the only prayer  
you said was  
thank you,  
That would be  
enough"*

*Meister Eckhart*



**I stand at the door  
and knock.**

**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.