



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 24 July 2016



Readings for  
this week.

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



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23  
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11  
Luke 12:13-21



## Liturgical Jottings Ministries at Mass

Lay Ministers for the Distribution of Holy Communion are required in various circumstances in which a lack of sufficient priests and large number of people can occur. The delegated ministers may give the Eucharist to other faithful and to take it to the sick who are confined to their homes. They should distinguish themselves by their Christian life, faith and morals and be an example to the other faithful by piety and reverence for this most holy Sacrament of the altar. *Immensae Caritatis*.

## Amoris Laetitia

God is contemplated as Father, Son and Spirit of love. The triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection. *Pope Francis no 11*.

## Looking at the Readings

In today's Gospel, we hear the disciples asking Jesus: 'Teach us to pray'. They had watched him many times go off by himself to pray and at least one amongst them was moved to request of Jesus that they might learn to pray as He did. Understanding them to be not merely asking how to pray but also about what to pray, Jesus responds very directly with the words we know as the Lord's prayer.

In his teaching, Jesus has us first address the Father. There is an example for us even in that first phrase. For many Catholics, prayer made directly to the Father is not the familiar practice it might well be, given Jesus' example. Yet Jesus came that we might know the love, mercy and goodness of his Father – the Father who is ready to give even the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

"Our Father : Jesus was including Himself in this prayer – how awesome that God is not only Jesus' Father but He is ours too and together with Jesus and all of humanity, we can address Him as "Our Father . In these opening words of our prayer, we are taught to give glory and praise to God, to pray that God's name may be honoured as holy, that His power and authority may be acknowledged and respected, and that His hopes for the world may be realised.

Following these words of praise and hope come petitions. Asking God for our daily bread allows us to express our trust in Him as the Sustainer of our lives, the Provider of our needs. We do not ask for more than we need, but simply for the needs of the day each day, placing anew our trust in God's abundant providence to watch over us and to care for us.

The prayer concludes with acknowledgement of our sinfulness, a request for forgiveness and a plea to be delivered from evil. Again we renew the expression of our neediness and also of our trust, trust in a loving and forgiving God, and one who encourages us to "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you .

## On the Lighter Side

A young child after Mass said he knows God's first name. Mum asked what is God's name. He replied: "Howard!" his mother was taken by surprise and he continued: "Because we say "Our Father who art in heaven, Howard be your name'."



# Notices

## **'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!

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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.**

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

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### **Parish Men's Group**

**Film and Pizza Night** next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 5.30pm for tea then 6.00pm film starts. We have a couple of films we



are looking at both should be thought provoking and entertaining. So come along and join what will be a great night. Enquiries to Anthony 5821 2633.

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### **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.

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### **Defibrillator Training for the Church**

Thanks to the very generous donation of Dr Fatima Assily, we now have a defibrillator. To ensure that we have a significant number of people confident to use the defibrillator we are offering training. We are holding two sessions, Tuesday August 2 and Wednesday August 24, both at 6pm in the church. If you are interested you only need to attend one of the sessions.

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### **St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust**

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, for example; the promotion of faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. For more information and to apply for these Scholarships, follow the this link:

<http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Applications close: 1st August 2016

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### **Spirituality in the Pub**

at the **Terminus Hotel, Monday 8th August 7.30-9pm.**  
Details of speaker next week's bulletin.

**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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### **Congratulations to Fr Brian Cahill**

who celebrates his 25th Ordination Anniversary.

He joins us to celebrate our 11am Mass this weekend together with Bishop Rochus Tatamai, Fr Casmiro Kito and Br Fidelis Pikuli.

*A warm welcome to all our visitors.*

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**Parish Sacramental Program** At all the masses this weekend our Sacramental Candidates will be handing out prayer cards and inviting parishioners to pray for them as they continue on their faith journey to becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. We encourage all parishioners to please take a card, we have 90 children enrolled in the program. The children will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist over the last weekend in August. A reminder to our Sacramental families that Home groups begin this week and Ministry Classes recommence this Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

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**Thanksgiving Program** Statements for the financial year 1/7/2015 to 30/6/2016 are now available in the narthex for all contributors. Thank you all for your continued commitment to the financial welfare of the Parish.

*Please take your letter with you as you leave Mass.*

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**Meditation** will re-commence on Monday 1st August at 7.30pm in the large room of the Mons Jeffrey centre.

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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. This is a simple process. 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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**Project Compassion 2016** concluded with the end of the financial year. Project Compassion nationally raised \$11.02 million, just short of last year's record. And Sandhurst Diocese has again passed the half million mark with a final result of \$502,197.77 just a little under last year's total. CONGRATULATIONS.

Your ongoing generous support is inspirational and is transforming the lives of the poorest of the poor in over 35 countries, where Caritas Australia is supporting people to help themselves ensure a more secure future through **LEARNING MORE & CREATING CHANGE.**

~ Kerry Stone, Sandhurst Diocesan Co-ordinator,  
Caritas/Justice Office

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**Quiet Area** Our VCAL students will be forming a garden/reflective area in front of the Presbytery. It will take about 3 days and will commence towards the end of August.

# Feast of The Assumption

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday 15th August, 2016

Mass times:

8am, 10am (Italian Mass with Fr Dorotzo)

12.30pm (primary schools).

World Youth Day

Krakow

26-31 July 2016.

Please keep our young pilgrims in your prayers.



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those wishing to become a Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation for 2016 will begin on  
**Thursday 1st September at 7.30pm** in the Mons Peter  
Jeffery Centre (behind the Church).

- We invite people interested in becoming a Catholic to contact the Parish Office
- The RCIA team are looking for two new members to join this Parish Ministry, so if you think you would enjoy sharing your faith with others; we would love to hear from you.

The RCIA process of becoming a Catholic is continually active in our Parish. I often think of the courage and commitment people make when they take on this journey.

I think as a Parish we can be more active in seeking out those in our community who are searching for a connection to a caring community where their faith can be nourished.

If you have any queries or would like to become either a helper or new member of the Parish please contact Fr. Joe, Fr. Berny or Anthony on 5821 2633.

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**Frank Scott:** Frank will now be working on Wednesdays only as of the 10th of August.

We owe an immense debt of gratitude to Frank for his faithful and caring dedication to the Church, Presbytery and Parish Centre.

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*"Some people care too much,  
I think it's called love."  
- Winnie the Pooh*

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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 the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 10am-11:30am in Mons Jeffery Centre (directly behind the Church). 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 on 58212633.

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**The St. Brendan's Parish Ave Maria Playgroup  
Mondays at 10 am at Ave Maria, 25 Graham St, Shepp.**

Playgroup is a group of parents/carers and their children under five meeting together to play and socialise.

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 the Parish office on 5821 2633.

## Buon Camino

On the way to Spain, I read an article about Stan Grant. He vividly remembers the day he and the other aboriginal students of his age were called to the principal's office and told that there was no place for them at that school. They were now at a legal age when they could leave school so, 'go now' they were told. Not surprisingly, that has stayed with him for the rest of his life – 'there is no place for you here'.

As I walked the Camino I could not get that out of my mind – 'there is no place for you here'. Why do we put up barriers, why do we make judgments, who do we see ourselves as better than others, our way as better than someone else's? The pilgrims we met along the way came from different countries, different races, different faith journeys, different ages, different cultures, different backgrounds, people with belief in God, and those who did not...and definitely different levels of fitness. There was a place for them all. The Camino has welcomed such pilgrims for hundreds and hundreds of years. There was a shared genuine interest and curiosity in who we were and where we had come from when we walked together or shared meals in the evenings. On the Camino, it was not a case of 'there is no place for you here'. People take on this journey for many reasons. Over evening meals or a quiet drink, quite spontaneously and naturally we shared our very, very different life journeys. That was enriching. In the words of one fellow pilgrim... all those treasured moments along the way as we got to know each other. Those moments were, at different times, funny, touching, supportive and always interesting.

We greeted our fellow pilgrims with the universal greeting 'Buon Camino.' At first it seemed a bit artificial, a novelty but it became much more than a hollow greeting, the 'have a nice day' type thing. It became a prayer for each person on this shared journey. It crossed all languages. It became a word of greeting to the many of other cultures and languages, it became a word of shared experience, a word of encouragement when the going got tough. It reminded me of what Pope Francis said: 'How beautiful it is to support one another in this wonderful adventure of faith!' Faith certainly is an adventure, a journey of discovery, a step into the deep but our faith needs the support of others.

There isn't a lot of time to read on this journey but one article I managed to skim contained a challenging question asked by a father of his daughter: 'What would you like me to be more of and what would you like me to be less of?' It is a very good question. If those close to us asked that question, how would you answer? And if God asked?

And whatever your answer, there is a place for you here!  
*An excerpt from "Along the Track" 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  
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**

**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).

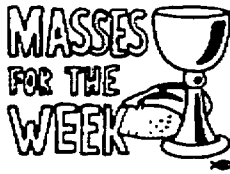
**Men's Group** - Saturday fortnightly 7.30am in the Parish centre. Contact the Parish office.

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

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

**Lectors 30th July & 31st July**

**6pm** Sr Francis Kennedy J Boccabella  
**8am** M Hicks S Hicks  
**11am** M Taverner L Ferguson



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Elizabetta Zito

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Frank Shortis OCarm, Claire Healy, Patrick Healy, Brendan Moylan, Silvano Bassani, Maria Giuliani, Michael Carey, Lilian Calleja (one month mind)

**Reflection**

*World Youth Day Prayer*

*"God, merciful Father,  
in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have  
revealed your love  
and poured it out upon us in the Holy  
Spirit, the Comforter,  
We entrust to you today the destiny of  
the world and of every man and  
woman".*

*We entrust to you in a special way  
young people of every language, people  
and nation:  
guide and protect them as they walk the  
complex paths of the world today  
and give them the grace to reap  
abundant fruits  
from their experience of the Krakow  
World Youth Day.  
Heavenly Father,  
grant that we may bear witness to your  
mercy.*

*Teach us how to convey the faith to those  
in doubt,  
hope to those who are discouraged,  
love to those who feel indifferent,  
forgiveness to those who have done  
wrong and joy to those who are unhappy.  
Allow the spark of merciful love  
that you have enkindled within us  
become a fire that can transform hearts  
and renew the face of the earth.  
Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.  
Saint John Paul II, pray for us.  
Amen*

**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.