



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday 31 July 2016



*Readings for
this week:*

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Luke 12:13-21



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48



Liturgical Jottings Ministries at Mass

It is desirable that the participation of the faithful be expressed by an offering, whether of bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist or of other gifts to relieve the needs of the Church and of the poor. A liturgical function is also exercised by those who take up the collections in the church. GIRM 140. 105c.

Amoris Laetitia

The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of varied forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, (par. 290. Pope Francis).

Looking at the Readings

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity! © Dianne Bergant CSS.

Quotable Quote

"I had an inheritance from my father, It was the moon and the sun. And though I roam all over the world, The spending of it's never done." Ernest Hemingway,

On the Lighter Side

"Say not you know another entirely, till you have divided an inheritance with him." Johann Kaspar Lavater.



Notices

Parish Men's Group

Film and Pizza Night this Sunday 31st 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.



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

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.

Anointing Mass next Wednesday 3rd August 11am

The **Serra Club** will have prayers for our priests and more vocations on this coming Friday August 5th. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 7.15pm (starting at 3pm) then we'll have prayers for more vocations followed with a cuppa in the parish centre. All welcome.

Faith and Light Community will not meet next Sunday as we are going to Mass on the 14th at Keilor Downs at Mary MacKillop Church. For more information phone Denise on 0432 054003.

Spirituality in the Pub

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on Monday 8th August 7.30 – 9 pm (meals from 6pm optional) Come and join the conversation as descendants of WILLIAM COOPER aboriginal activist extraordinaire tell the story of this amazing 1930's activist, and share what continues to matter to aboriginal people today. Leonie Drummond great-grand-daughter, Cultural Officer, Sandhurst CEO & Julie Ferguson great-great-grand-daughter, Koorie Education Worker, Shepparton Catholic primary schools. More information on fliers in the narthex. Enq: Kerry 0408 579904 Frank 5821 4362 Fran 5829 0301.

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.

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

Access to the Mons Jeffrey Centre is from the east side of the Church only.

The church will be closed from the 8th to the 12th August to enable urgent repairs to the floor to be carried out. Details of alternative venue for morning Mass will be advised in later bulletins.

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).

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.*

Mercy Access Expression of Interest

Would you like to volunteer to tutor children in the school setting?

We are looking for volunteers who have a background in education (any level). Our volunteers will work in the schools of the Shepparton area in association with the Catholic Education Office Sandhurst and the Sisters of Mercy. You will need a Working With Children Card. On receiving your Expression of Interest an application form will be forwarded together with other necessary information. Training days will be offered prior to commencement of duty. You will be asked to commit at least one day per week for the rest of the year. Please advise your Expression of Interest or for further enquiries phone Sr Agnes Murphy on 0428 996975 or email agnes.murphy@mercy.org.au

Catholic Mothers of Young Children

Catholic Mothers of Young Children will be meeting on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at the Mons Jeffrey Centre (directly behind St Brendan's church) from 10am to 11:30am. All mothers welcome, bring along children under school age, a snack (nut free) and gold coin donation. Share vocational discussion, a cuppa, and catechesis for children.

For more info contact Katie Mills 0417504635.

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.

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.

World Youth Day
Krakow

26-31 July 2016.

Please keep our young
pilgrims in your prayers.



You can follow events at
World Youth Day in Poland at:
<http://worldyouthday.com>
and www.saltandlighttv.org



A thousand years are like yesterday.

In Honour of the Elderly

The feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne on July 26 is celebrated as Grandparents' Day in various countries around the world.

Grandparents, who have received the blessing to see their children's children (cf. Ps 128: 6), are entrusted with a great responsibility: to transmit their life experience, their family history, the history of a community, of a people; to share wisdom with simplicity, and the faith itself — the most precious heritage! Happy is the family who have grandparents close by! A grandfather is a father twice over and a grandmother is a mother twice over. The presence of so many older persons in the modern world needs to be recognised as a gift.

The contribution that older people needs to be encouraged by fostering what might be termed the *charisms proper to old age*, namely: *Memory*. The younger generations are losing a sense of history and consequently the sense of their own identity.

Experience. Older people of the third and fourth ages still have a lot to say to the young generations and to share with them.

Interdependence. Older people, in their search for companionship, challenge a society in which the weaker are often abandoned.

Only the light of the Word of God, in fact, enables us fully to fathom the spiritual, moral and theological dimension of this stage of life.

Of the various problems that commonly afflict older people today, one -- perhaps more than any other -- injures the dignity of the person: *marginalization*.

It is the duty of the Church to announce to older people the Good News of Jesus, who is revealed to them just as he was revealed to Simeon and Anna.

It is the duty of the Church to give older people the chance to encounter Christ.

It is the duty of the Church to instil older people with a deep awareness of the task they too have of transmitting the Gospel of Christ to the world, and revealing to everyone the mystery of his abiding presence in history.

Christ's call to holiness is addressed to all his disciples, in every phase of human life: "You must therefore set no bounds to your love, just as your heavenly Father sets none to his" (Mt 5,48).

In spite of the passing of years, which risks dampening enthusiasm and draining away energy, older people must therefore feel themselves more than ever called to persevere in the search for Christian holiness: Christians must never let apathy or tiredness impede their spiritual journey.

The contribution that older people themselves can make is also indispensable to pastoral work.

By word and by prayer, and also by the renunciations and sufferings that advanced age brings with it, older people have always been eloquent witnesses and apostles of the faith in Christian communities and in families.

The ecclesial community, for its part, is called to respond to the greater participation which older people would like to have in the Church, by turning to account the "gift" they represent as witnesses of the tradition of faith (cf. Ps 44,2; Ex 12,26-27), teachers of the wisdom of life (cf. Sir 6,34; 8,11-12) and workers of charity.

Of the various areas that best lend themselves to the witness of older people in the Church the following should not be forgotten:

Charitable activities. A large proportion of older people have enough physical, mental and spiritual energies to devote their own time and talents in a generous way to the various activities and programmes of the volunteer services.

Apostolate. Older people can make a major contribution to the preaching of the Gospel as catechists and witnesses to Christian life.

Liturgy. Many older people already contribute effectively to the service of places of worship.

Ecclesial associations and movements. Especially in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council older people began to show a more marked interest in the community dimension of their faith.

The family. Older people represent the "historical memory" of the younger generations. They are the bearers of fundamental human values. Where this memory is lacking, people are rootless.

Trials, illnesses and suffering. These experiences represent the "fulfilment", in body and heart, of the passion of Christ for the Church and for the world (cf. Col 1,24).



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 11am Mass

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 Café

Catholic Mothers of Young Children - 1st & 3rd Thursday monthly 10am in the Parish Centre

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.

Playgroup - Mondays 10am at Ave Maria Village

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

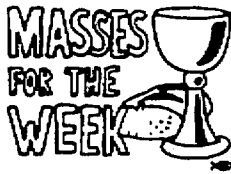
Society of St. Vincent de Paul - 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm

Lectors 6th & 7th August

6pm Volunteers required

8am Sr R Crowe, G Quinlan

11am W Hunt, MA Demase



RECENTLY DECEASED: Basil Blake.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Gleeson,
Damian Segafredo and Anna Segafredo,
Domenic Sicali.

Reflection

Prayer for Peace

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Make us know the shortness of life.

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.