



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 7 August 2016**



*Readings for  
this week.*

Wisdom 18:6-9  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Luke 12:32-48



*Readings for  
next Sunday:*

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53



## Liturgical Jottings

### Liturgical Vestments

**The Alb:** for Christians, clothing, especially liturgical clothing, is meant to express the church's life in Christ. In Revelation the church is depicted as the bride of Christ who "has been given a dress to wear made of finest linen, brilliant white". (19:7), a garment which symbolizes both redemption in the blood of the Lamb and the holy works that flow from this new life (2:2-5). The white worn by the newly baptised, and especially the full length white alb worn by liturgical ministers, signify the church's common life in Christ...

New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship,

### Pope Francis Encyclical

"The human person is called "to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures." (Laudato Si 240)

## Looking at the Readings

The gospel today presents a call to "stand ready", because we do not know when the Lord will come. Perhaps as we hear this, we think first of the need to be ready for the time our life will end, and we will be called upon to give an account of ourselves before the judgement seat of God. Such a call to be ready for an unexpected death at any time is salutary and sobering indeed, and it is a very good message to take away with us today. While we are in good health it is easy to become complacent, and forget how fragile our grip on life is.

But perhaps there is more for us here. We need to stand ready to meet the Lord at every moment of every day, not only at the end of life. We need to "find God in all things" as St Ignatius would say. It is not only at the end of life that we are called to discern and respond to the presence of God, in every person and every created thing that make up our every day. Are we ready for this?

## A Blessing for the Week



Through the example of Saint Mary of the Cross, ... may you learn to recognize God's will for you ... and trust in his providence...  
May her life of service awaken in you ... a deep respect for the poor... and a strong will for justice...  
May you share in her courage, ... see with the eyes of Christian love, ... and learn from her holy deeds. Amen.

*From the liturgy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 8 August.*

**Feast for the week St Clare of Assisi, Thursday 11 August.** Clare was born in Assisi in 1193/4, under guidance of St Francis she began a community that grew to become the Poor Clares, the second Order of St Francis. They witnessed poverty and prayer. St Clare was noted for contemplation and care of others she died in 1253.

## On the Lighter Side

Shortest joke a software developer can tell: "It will be ready soon."



# Notices

**Faith and Light Community** will not meet this Sunday.

For more information phone Denise on 0432 054003.

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**Meditation** Due to repairs and renovations, Monday Meditation will be in recess until further notice.

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**Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

Monday 8th August - Mass at St Luke's School at 10am.

All welcome to this Mass.

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**Spirituality in the Pub** at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton

on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Information on flyers in the narthex. Enq: Kerry 0408 579904 Frank 5821 4362 Fran 5829 0301.

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**Mass at Tarcoola** Wednesday 10th August 10.30am

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**Catholic Women's League (CWL)** meeting next Thursday 11th August at 1pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

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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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**Parish Men's Group** will meet next Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August in the Mons Jeffrey Centre (directly behind the church) at 7.30am for breakfast and a faith topic for discussion. The men's group is growing and is a great place to meet and get to know other men from the area.

Any questions to Anthony on 5821 2633.

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**St Luke's Music Trivia Night** Get a group together and get ready to get your groove on! Saturday 13th August at St Mel's School / Parish Hall, Hamilton Street, Shepparton at 7pm for a 7.30pm start \$20.00 per person, tables of ten (If you can't make a table up—we can help!) Bring your own food and refreshments!

Lots of prizes, raffles, and silent auctions.

Proudly run by St. Luke's School Community Group.

Tickets: Cheryl 0438 314437 or Sharlene 0419 155929.

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**Parish Friendship Group** will meet for lunch at The Last Straw, Keppel Street on Sunday 21st August at 12.30.

As numbers have to be confirmed, please ring Pat on 58211269 and leave a message before the 18th August.

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**Defibrillator Training for the Church** We had a good number turn up for the first training but we need more people! The next training session will be Wednesday August 24th at 6pm in the church.

If you're interested, please come along.

**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.**

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**The church will be closed next week 8th to the 12th August**

to enable urgent repairs to the floor to be carried out. 9.15am Morning Mass for next Tuesday to Friday will be in the large room of the Mons Jeffrey Centre (directly behind the church).

Access is from the east side only.

**Reconciliation Saturday morning only 9.30am to 10.30am**

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**CAR PARKING Around the Church**

in particular Disabled Car Parks.

If you do not have a disabled sticker on your car please **DO NOT** park in the designated Disabled Carparks.

These parks are for people who genuinely need to park close to the Church because of injury or disability.

We trust all Parishioners will respect the needs of our disabled and injured Parishioners. Thank you

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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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**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](mailto:agnes.murphy@mercy.org.au)

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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 Daniil 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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**NEW: SHORT COURSES ONLINE** from The Centre for Faith Enrichment, Archdiocese of Perth. Two engaging and challenging short online courses will commence soon.

*Living the Christian Moral Life* begins 9<sup>th</sup> August and *The Mystery of God and Suffering* begins 11<sup>th</sup> August. Short courses on the *Book of Genesis* and *Elizabeth of the Trinity* are planned for Term 4. See [www.cfe.org.au/cfe-hits-silver-screen](http://www.cfe.org.au/cfe-hits-silver-screen)

**St. Brendan's Sacramental Program Important reminders**

**Photo Order Form** – The last opportunity to return your photo order envelope is at the workshops next week.

No envelopes will be accepted after the 10<sup>th</sup> August.

**Eucharist Workshop** – NEXT Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 6pm and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 4pm and 6pm.

All children are expected to attend with a parent.

Please ensure you arrive at least 5 minutes before the start of your session. Children are to bring texts.

**Adult Faith Gathering** – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 7pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. (Only parent/s attend).

This evening will cover information regarding your child's sacramental mass.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Sacramental Candidates are expected to attend Reconciliation prior to their Sacramental Program, St Brendan's Church, Saturday morning between 9.30am – 10.30am. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> August.

**Feast of The Assumption**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

**Mass times:**

8am, 10am (Italian Mass),

12 noon in Mercy Stadium

(Notre Dame College and

all welcome),

12.30pm (primary schools and

all welcome),

4.30pm at Ave Maria Village.

For other parishes please check page 4.

*We welcome Mercy Sisters,  
Maureen Sexton and Agnes Murphy, to the Parish.  
There will be a cuppa after 11am Mass on  
Sunday 21st August to formally welcome them!*

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August an African Choir will sing at 11am Mass to commemorate the Beatification of Blessed Marie-Clementine Anuarite Nengapeta. A film about her life will be shown in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 3pm that day (to be confirmed). All welcome.

**The End Is Near?**

Luke wrote this week's Gospel for early Christians who expected Jesus to return fairly soon. He urges Christians to be prepared, but he is also sceptical of people who claim to know when or how he's coming.

That's good advice for us. We don't know how the world will end. People who claim to find details about it in the Scriptures usually are misreading the Bible. We need to steer clear of people who use fear tactics to spread the Gospel. Our God motivates through love, not fear, always reminding us that we're loved despite our sins. So don't worry about whether the world might end before you're "good enough" in God's eyes.

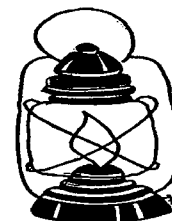
It's our job to wait, not worry. We wait by praying and worshipping. We wait by doing our best and acknowledging our shortcomings. We wait by serving the poor. We wait by opening up to people we trust. When you wait in these days, you'll be surprised. Suddenly you'll realise God's grace and peace is with you – and the Master has arrived.

**Can you remember a time when you were suddenly surprised because you felt like God was with you?**

**The Action**

Test out your own version of blind faith this week. Can you trust God to care for all your problems? First you need to hand them over. Worried about a test, game, or family issue? Communicate with God. In order to work on your faith life, dare to be different in your ways of prayer. Find out what best matches your style of prayer so you can better trust God.

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Lk 12:35

**HAVE YOUR  
LAMP LIT.  
BE READY.**

**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.



### *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), 12 noon (at Mercy Stadium),

12.30pm (primary schools) & 4.30pm at Ave Maria Village.

### *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, \*\*\*In recess

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 13th & 14th August*

**6pm** A Kilmartin, J Howley **8am** A Leahy, J Zampaglione

**11am** M Harmer, P Scanlon



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jim McNally

(brother-in-law of Margaret McNally & family)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Owen Smith.

## Reflection

*Being a disciple means  
being constantly ready  
to bring the  
love of Jesus to others,  
and this can happen  
unexpectedly and  
in any place:  
on the street,  
in a city square, during work,  
on a journey.*

*Pope Francis : Evangelii Gaudium 127*



**We will look for the city designed  
and built by God.** Heb 11:10

### *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.

Monday 8th August Feast of Mary Mackillop 7pm

Monday 15th August Feast of the Assumption 8am, 12noon  
(school Mass but all welcome) & 7pm.

St. Mary's Dookie, 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays 9.30am

Monday 15th August Feast of the Assumption 6pm.

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 .

Monday 15th August Feast of the Assumption 10am & 6pm.

St Joseph's Undera, 2nd Sunday of the month 8.30am.