



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 14 August 2016



Readings for
this week.

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 66:18-21.
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13.
Luke 13:22-30.



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Vestments

The Chasuble: the unique outer vestment of the presider, the priest or bishop, is both a reminder to the church of each Christian's uniqueness in Christ and of the one Lord who is common to all. The enveloping chasuble, especially in the colours of the season, allows the rest of the church to see in the presider, not primarily a single individual, but its own single voice in Christ, proclaiming the faith and praising the Father. *New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship.*

Pope Francis Encyclical

"A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." (Laudato Si 49).

Looking at the Readings

We often think of Jesus as a man of peace, and this image has much to offer us and attract us even as it challenges us to be people of peace too, in a world which struggles with terrorism, and a local culture struggling with family violence.

Yet today we hear Jesus talking about his confrontation with evil, facing a "baptism" of suffering at the hands of those who reject him and his message of God's compassion. Jesus is no pushover. Not for him peace at any price. He is prepared to stand up for what he knows is right, and to resist what he knows is wrong. He knows this will cause divisions, even within families. Jesus was not crucified for being meek and mild. He was executed at the insistence of those whose religious system had little or no place for those who struggle and are on the edge of society, and who could not accept Jesus' message of God's mercy, compassion and inclusion.

Where do we stand when it comes to the kind of God we believe in? What price would we pay as a consequence of this faith?

Feast of the Week: The Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven Monday 15th August.

The commemoration of the death of the BVM, known in the East as the Dormition, or falling asleep, and in the West as the Assumption because of the tradition that her body did not decay but that she was raised up, body and soul, into heaven. This tradition was already present in the sixth century; and was widespread by the 20th century. After consulting the views of bishops all over the world, the Pope infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be part of the authentic and ancient doctrine of the universal Church. This feast day is a holy day of obligation in Australia.

Prayer for the week

"While other worldviews lead us to sit in the midst of life's joys, foreseeing the coming sorrows, Christianity empowers its people to sit in the midst of this world's sorrows, tasting the coming joy." (Tim Keller. *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering*; page 31).

On the Lighter Side

From the Vatican Archives: An Australian Bishop phoned Pope Benedict XVI: "Happy feast day Your Holiness!" The Pope said: "But today is not the feast of St. Benedict?" The Bishop replied: "It is the 16th, though."



Notices

Catholics Returning Home This program offers an invitation to those who wish to re-connect with their faith. Continues each week until Thursday 15th September in the Mons Jeffrey Centre (behind the church) at 7.30pm until 9pm. For information please contact Michael on 5821 8914 or 0400 163244.

This Sunday 14th 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. All parishioners welcome.

Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Garabandal Meeting will be held in the Mons Jeffrey Centre on Monday 15th August at 1.30pm. All welcome

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.

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.

Stronger LIVE

Our next Stronger LIVE will be on Thursday 25th August in Shepparton (venue to be confirmed).

Stronger LIVE is a chance for young adults to come together with other young people who share their faith and a chance to discuss relevant and engaging topics.

Stronger LIVE is free an 18+ event.

Meals are available for purchase.

Multifaith Prayer For New Arrivals

Solidarity in Mercy and Compassion Sunday 28th August 3pm - 4.30pm Mooroopna Community Hub, 23 Alexandra Street, Mooroopna (enter via Morelle Street)

RSVP: web@sheppartoninterfaith.com.au All Welcome.

Supported by Shepparton Interfaith Network;

St Mary's Parish, Mooroopna; and Sadaat Foundation.

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 Jeffrey 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.

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.



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.

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

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.

Notre Dame College Parents & Friends Wish to encourage new participants in this support group, College and your student/s. Generally there are only 2 meetings a term. At this meeting you are able to ask questions regarding events or college curriculum. We do not fund raise. Meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Principal's Office. If you are able to attend we would welcome any new parents, carers, grandparents or just those who are interested in supporting the college.

Parish Visitations Our Parish has many people who are engaged in Parish visitation, this is a wonderful gift to our Parish Community. The people we visit see the face of Jesus as we bring Holy Communion and sit and listen to people who are sick or unable to attend Mass. Dan Murphy of Euroa, is trained in forming Parish Visitors helping to expand our understanding of the gifts we bring in our outreach to the sick and isolated in our Parish. Dan will be leading five sessions in the evenings on October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and November 1st from 7pm to 8.30pm. All of us have something to offer others. Dan will help us understand the gifts we already have and give us the confidence to share to others. If you are interested or want to book in call 58212633 or speak to Fr. Joe or Anthony.

Notre Dame College Students are looking for interview volunteers

As part of their coursework, Year 11 Religious Education students are required to interview someone about their faith. If you are interested in speaking to a student about your faith commitment and how this brings meaning to your life, we are looking for volunteers! If you are happy for a student to contact you to make an interview time, please leave your details on the clipboard in the narthex after Mass this weekend.

MGL Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend August 26-28

Been wondering what the sisters do...what our life is all about? This weekend is aimed at young women aged 18-35 who want to grab an opportunity to come and hear, ask and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and sharing to help discern their vocation. The weekend will be held at our house in North Balwyn and the parish centre of St Dominic's, Camberwell. For information contact the sisters on 9857 8177 or mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com



Feast of The Assumption Of Our Lady

Holy Day of Obligation
Monday 15th 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.

Monday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

~ www.sydneycatholic.org.au



**God has
put a new
song of
praise
in my mouth.** Ps 40:3

Sacramental Program

Parents of our Sacramental candidates are reminded that next *Tuesday 16th August* there is an Adult Faith Gathering in the Monsignor Jeffrey Centre starting at 7pm. Only parent/s need to attend this evening. Parent/s will be given the final information needed prior to their child's sacramental mass.

Over the weekend of 27th and 28th August we will be celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist in our Parish.

We have a total of 90 young parishioners becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

The mass times are Friday 26th August at 6.30pm,

Saturday 27th August at 6.00pm,

Sunday 28th August at 11.00am and 2.00pm.

Bishop Leslie Tomlinson will be our main celebrant at all the masses.

Parishioners are invited to attend any of these masses

and are especially encouraged to come along to

the mass on Friday 26th August which our

Youth of the Parish will be singing at

or Sunday 28th August at 2.00pm when we have

the beautiful Couples of Christ Victoria Music Core

Group singing.

On *Wednesday 31st August* morning mass will be at

9.30am as we have our Celebration Mass and Party with our newly fully initiated children.

Parishioners are invited and encouraged to come

along to this special morning mass and join in the

celebrations after Mass.

A cuppa and food will be provided.

Please keep our young parishioners and their families in your prayers.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am and 11am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Wednesday 31st August 9.30am (not 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 20th & 21st August

6pm F Scheibel, P Stein **8am** G Jelliff, T Francis

11am P Chalkley, P Crane



RECENTLY DECEASED: Anthony Bell, Ern Tanner, Brian Lowe, Lorna Wilson, Fred Purcell (Brother of Father Paul).

ANNIVERSARIES: Bonnie Wiltshire (Kilmartin), Gilda Patone, Leo O'Brien, Dominic Calabrese, Alfio Emmi, Michele Sepe, Des Parker, Pasquale Portia (1 month mind), Fr John Leahy, Mons. Anthony Bones, Edna & Frank Moloney, Joseph Holland.

A prayer for Sport

God of all sports (and none):

From our small minds, how amused you must be when our prayers about sport are about our own success or our team's.

Whose side are you on?

How do you choose when supporters from both sides implore your divine intervention?

Remind us that in prayer

our hearts are opened to you

and our minds lifted beyond ourselves.

Just as prayer changes us, not you, O God, so sport too, can lift us beyond ourselves.

So, we pray:

We give thanks for the gift of our bodies,
For the ability to run, walk, jump,
swim, catch and throw.

We pray for patience and discipline,
that we may learn the joy of mastering new skills:
achieving success, and cheerfully bearing failure
in the company of others.

We pray that our relationships be enriched
through the friendships we form.
May we learn to include others across borders
of language, colour, gender and religion.

We pray that we care for others.
May we especially look out for those
who are differently abled,
and those often left on the boundaries.

Through our vigilance may we always play fair,
and ensure that no one is abused or exploited.

We ask this through Jesus your son. Amen.

~ ACSJC www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

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 Mooropna, 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.