



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday 21 August 2016



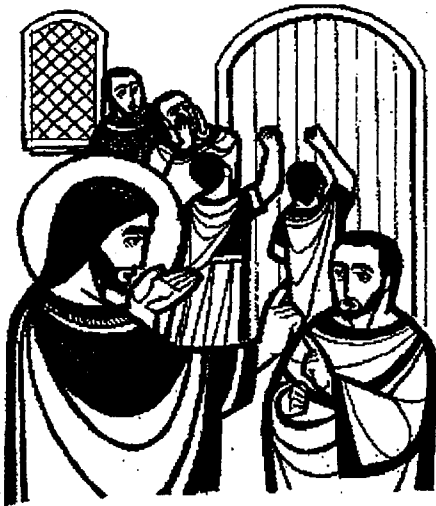
Readings for this week.

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



Readings for next Sunday:

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29.
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24.
Luke 14:1, 7-14.



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Vestments

The Stole worn by deacons over the left shoulder and by priests and bishops around the neck and falling straight down the front, the stole has remained throughout the centuries a major, indispensable sign of ordained office in the church and worn for ministration of sacraments and other liturgical rites. At Mass it is the same colour as the chasuble. New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship.

Pope Francis Encyclical

"Culture is more than what we have inherited from the past; it is also, and above all, a living, dynamic and participatory present reality which cannot be excluded when we rethink the relationship between human beings and the environment." (Laudato Si. 143).

Looking at the Readings

"There are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last. This is a very familiar saying for us, so much so that we could easily lose its impact. What precedes it in the reading today gives us a sense of the shock that it would have caused among those who thought of themselves as the Chosen People of God. For them, to think of God rejecting them as unknown and displeasing, is simply unthinkable in light of the Covenant between God and Israel. This is truly a radical reversal, especially as Jesus talks of others from beyond Israel being welcomed to God's feast. We can rejoice that we are those people, not Jewish, but now invited to the feast.

But not so fast! As followers of Jesus, we now think of ourselves as included in the New Covenant, as indeed we are. But the gospel today gives us a timely warning that we too could find ourselves on the outer if we assume that we are safe and sound in the in-group with God. To enter God's feast, we need to embody God's mercy, love and compassion as Jesus did, especially for those who are thought of as "outsiders."

Feast of the Week St Rose of Lima Tuesday 23 August

Rose was born in Lima, Peru in 1586. She lived a life of selflessness and devotion from an early age. She refused to marry, and became a Dominican tertiary at the age of 20. Her asceticism and her intense spiritual experiences excited the criticism of her friends and family and the suspicion of the Church authorities. She cared for the sick, the poor, Indians, and slaves. She died in 1617. She was the first person in the Americas to be canonized, and is a patron saint of South America.

Quotable Quote

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." St Rose of Lima

On the Lighter Side

A paragraph that didn't get into the Gospel: Jesus was with his disciples by the lake and asked Peter to come forth. But he tripped and came fifth!



Notices

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.

'The Psalms of Mercy' *Saturday 3rd September* 10.30am to 3pm. Morning tea 10am. The Mercy Centre, Sacred Heart Primary School, Hogan Street, Tatura. The purpose of this day is to provide a time of reflection and prayer on the Psalms of Mercy, in this Year of Mercy. This will be a day we can come together, as a Diocesan community and family, to pray about the gifts of Mercy in our lives, and deepen our understanding and experience of God's Mercy. Presenters include: Bishop Les, Fr Brian Boyle, Maria Weatherill & Lyn Breen. Morning tea & lunch provided (gold coin donation for lunch would be appreciated). Phone/email 54412544 adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

See flyer on the noticeboard.

65th Anniversary of the Opening of St Colman's College, Shepparton. A Reunion on *Saturday 3rd September* starting midday. The Mail Exchange Hotel (opposite Southern Cross Station) Cnr Bourke and Spencer Street, Melb. Call or email: Len Cummins 58215076 chinkyryan@gmail.com OR Peter Parker 58214824 peterparker4@bigpond.com

'A Spirituality of Mercy' Living the Joy of the Gospel in Parish Life With Dr Susan Timoney

Wednesday 7th September 7.30pm Starkey Hall, Notre Dame College. Dr Susan is the Secretary for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns at the Archdiocese of Washington.

She co-ordinates evangelisation initiatives and pastoral planning for parishes and oversees the work of the Office of Family Life, Office of Young Adult Ministry & Office of Hispanic Catholics. Bookings by 5th September would assist planning 54412544. See the flyer on the noticeboard.

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.

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.

Bulletin Notices Please ensure all bulletin notices are at the Parish office by no later than 12 noon on Thursdays for inclusion in the weekend bulletin. These can be advised either by email, hand written or typed note or letter or by phone. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Program Statements for the financial year 1/7/2015 to 30/6/2016 are available in the narthex for all contributors **including giving by Credit Card & Debit Card.**

Please take your letter as postage costs are very prohibitive. Thank you all for your continued commitment to the financial welfare of the Parish.

Our Parish **Men's Group** will gather next Saturday morning, for breakfast and to listen and support each other as we seek to follow our vocation as best we can with God's help. Breakfast starts at 7.30am in the Mons Jeffrey Centre Saturday 27th of August. Everyone is welcome to join what is a wonderful way to start the weekend.

Questions to Anthony 58212633.

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.

Piety Stall There are some beautiful gifts in the piety stall, ideal for the upcoming Confirmation and First Eucharist. There are also invitations for celebrations. **Take a look!**

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 more information contact the sisters on 03 9857 8177 or mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com

*Congratulations to Fr Berny
who celebrates his
4th Anniversary of Ordination
this Thursday 25th August.*

WELCOME

*There will be a cuppa after 11am Mass
this Sunday in the Mons Bones Hall to
formally welcome Mercy Sisters,
Maureen Sexton and Agnes Murphy.*

The monks of Dookie invite all of you to a
day of prayer

Topic: *Listening to the small, still voice of God*

Place: Mons Jeffrey Centre and
St Brendan's Church

Date: Saturday, August 27th, 2016

Timetable:

10.00 am: cuppa
10.30 am: Prayer During the Day;
10.45 : Talk (in the church)
11.45: Adoration (in the church)
12.15: Mass
Lunch to follow

All welcome

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

See the flyer on the noticeboard.



Sacramental Program

*Next weekend 27th and 28th August
we will be celebrating the
Sacraments of Confirmation and
First Eucharist in our Parish.*



The 90 young parishioners will become 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.

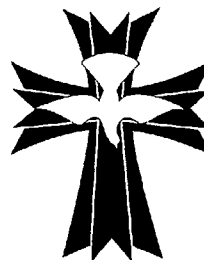
Parishioners are invited to attend any of these
masses and are especially encouraged to come
along to the mass on Friday 26th August which our
Youth of the Parish will be singing at
or Sunday 28th August at 2.00pm when we have
the beautiful Couples of Christ Victoria Music Core
Group singing.

*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.*



Justice or Mercy?

Pope John XXIII wrote in the biography of his spiritual
journey that mercy is the most beautiful attribute of
God. Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his first encyclical (God
is Love) that mercy is in reality the core of the Gospel
message; it is the name of God Himself and now, Pope
Francis calls us to a Jubilee Year of Mercy.

So is there such a thing as God's justice? Yes, there is
but it is not always as we would imagine. Sometimes
when we are confronted by dreadful injustice, suffering
and callous treatment of helpless victims, we all feel
'someone must pay'. Surely God will get them in the
end. We can be faced with situations that we think are
just not fair – surely God can't sit by and allow this to
happen!

Perhaps the greatest example of God's justice in
action is the resurrection. Wasn't this a great
opportunity to exact some retribution, to make
someone pay for this terrible torture and execution of
His Son? But it doesn't happen – in fact Jesus prays:
'Father forgive them'. And God does!

*~ Excerpt from 'Along the Track Justice or Mercy'
by Jim Quillinan*

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

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 27th & 28th August

6pm D Sullivan, M Keyte
8am P Naughton, C Naughton
11am JM Mupenda, B Carey



RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary O'Brien, Christine Fenn, Kevin Emanuelli.

ANNIVERSARIES: Concettina Ganino, Kevin Holland, Maree Vasterink (Smyth), Dr Mark Roche, Elisabetta Zito (one month mind), James Clurey, Rose Clurey, Eliza Dunne, Rocco Mammone, Francesco Mammone, Domenica Mammone.

Reflection

*This powerful prayer was found
at a concentration camp at the end of
World War II:*

*O Lord, remember not only the men
and women of goodwill,
But all those of ill will.
But do not remember all the suffering
they have inflicted upon us;
Remember the fruits we have bought
thanks to this suffering --
Our comradeship, our loyalty,
our humility,
Our courage, our generosity,
the greatness of heart
Which has grown out of all this;
And when they come to judgment,
Let all the fruits which we have borne
be their forgiveness.
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.