



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 11 September 2016



Readings for this week: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14.  
1 Timothy 1:12-17.  
Luke 15:1-32.



Readings for next Sunday: Amos 8:4-7.  
1 Timothy 2:1-8.  
Luke 16:1-13.



## Liturgical Jottings

### Imagination part 2.

Adaptation may be required. "Even in the liturgy the Church has no wish to impose a rigid uniformity in matters that do not affect the faith or the good of the whole community" (SC, 37). Two levels of adaptation are envisioned. "Provisions shall also be made, even in the revision of liturgical books, for legitimate variations and adaptations to different groups, regions and people..." (SC, 38). "In some places and circumstances, however, an even more radical adaptation of the liturgy is needed" (SC, 40). The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship.

## Laudato Si

In contrast with the "technocratic and consumerist mindsets, Christian spirituality offers a growth marked by "moderation and the capacity to be happy with little (No. 222). Commentary by Fr. James Martin SJ. (America Magazine).

## Looking at the Readings

Over the last few weeks, our gospel readings have made it clear that following Jesus is a radical, challenging and costly option. As this is not an easy choice, those who do try to take it up in their own lives will find it very difficult at times to stay with it, and may find themselves falling away.

Today's gospel focuses on what attitude the community of disciples needs to have toward those who try but fail, and then seek to return and be reconciled with the community — an attitude contrasted with the Pharisees and scribes at the beginning of today's reading, and the elder brother towards its end. The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son all clearly call for the community of disciples to be known for "rejoicing that those who were lost are now found. This attitude embodies God's compassionate, merciful and inclusive love. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. How good am I at forgiving with joy?."

## Feast of the Week: Exaltation of the Cross

Wednesday 14 September: The Cross of Christ, the means of his execution becomes the means of our salvation, ...

## Quote for the Week

Augustine, like the prodigal son, had sought happiness everywhere except in the one place where it would be found, deep within himself. "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, And our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." St Augustine in his autobiography: "Confessions".

## On the Lighter Side

A devout Jackeroo lost his Bible while out mending fences. A week later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. He couldn't believe his eyes. He took the bible out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."



# Notices

**The Message of Divine Mercy, a talk by John Canavan**  
An international speaker on the message of Divine Mercy as revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska.  
2:30pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at the Ted Harte Centre, next to the Holy Rosary Church in White Hills.  
Enquires to Alison on 0400 543776.

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**Mass at Tarcoola will be held next  
Wednesday 14th September at 10.30am.**

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

The process has begun. People wishing to join are welcome during this period of enquiry.  
Continues next **Thursday 15th September** in the Mons Jeffrey Centre (directly behind the church). We ask the Parish to pray for those who began the journey this week.  
For enquiries please contact Anthony on 5821 2633.

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**Parish Friendship Group**

St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group will meet for lunch on Sunday 18th September at the Sherbourne Hotel at 12.30pm. As a parish group all parishioners are most welcome to come along and enjoy good conversation, fun, and fellowship.

Enquiries to Pat on 58211269 or Graeme on 58252816.

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**Catholic Women's League Blumes Fashions**  
The CWL are again hosting the annual Blumes Fashions day on **Monday 19th September** in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 10am. \$5 entry and all are welcome to come along.  
Queries call Judith on 5822 0545.



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**Victorian Council of Churches - Emergency Ministry  
Personal First Aid/ Personal Support Training.**

These training sessions are designed to equip members of faith communities to support affected residents through their participation in VCC EM deployments.  
At Shepparton Salvation Army on **Saturday 24th September** 8.45am—5pm \$80 or \$40 concession/ refresher training Registration: Online: [www.vccem.org.au/training](http://www.vccem.org.au/training) or phone 9650 4511.

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**Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz - The First Filipino Saint & Martyr**  
**Sunday 25th September** at St Mel's Church, 18 Hamilton Street, Shepparton. Commencing with Mass at 9.30am followed by a procession, lunch and entertainment.  
*See the flyer on the noticeboard.* Please bring a plate to share. All welcome to share this day.

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**Parish Visitations** Our Parish has many people who are engaged in Parish visitation — the people we visit see the face of Jesus as we bring Holy Communion and sit and listen to people who are sick and isolated and unable to attend Mass. Dan Murphy is trained in forming Parish Visitors. Dan will be leading five sessions in the evenings on **October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and November 1st** from 7pm to 8.30pm. He 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 5821 2633 or speak to Anthony.

*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.**

**When coming to the Parish House please use the office door or front door not the side door as it is in the construction zone. Thank you.**

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**Priests Retirement Foundation of Sandhurst Diocese**  
There are still some envelopes available for tax deductible donations. *Let's support our wonderful retired priests who have served us so well.*

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**'Garden of Eden'**

You will notice that the new garden has commenced.

VCAL students from Notre Dame College are building a reflective area on the front lawn. There will be a fountain and eventually a statue of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Notre Dame College are fully funding this project and we greatly thank Sharon Woodberry for co-ordinating.



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**Grapefruit**

The grapefruit tree is still fruiting well. You are welcome to help yourself to the beautiful grapefruit it has produced. Located in the west driveway of the Parish house next to the fence adjacent to the car park.

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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. 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 on 0428 996975 or email [agnes.murphy@mercy.org.au](mailto:agnes.murphy@mercy.org.au)

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There will be no **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the school holidays. We will recommence Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

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CD's of **"The Journey"** are now available for purchase at the Parish office featuring Mass singers from St Brendan's.

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**I am the Alpha and the Omega.**  
Rev 1:8

# Marriage Week Australia

11th—17th September

Our marriages are not private matters. Our children, gain emotional security and a myriad of benefits from our marriage, our love and union. Our marriages matter to our extended family. They matter to our employers. They matter to society. They are the fabric that holds families together. On average married people live longer and have good relationships with their children; families enjoy better physical health, married men earn more money. Wow, that puts a lot of weight on marriage!

## VISION

To forge a network of Christian churches and other Christian individuals and organisations across Australia who will work together to offer positive resources during Marriage Week that will help couples re-affirm the value of and commitment to their marriage.

## AIMS

- To have an annual celebration to reinforce and promote the benefits/importance of marriage and;
- To mobilise the Body of Christ to have an effective ministry to marriage.

To re-affirm:

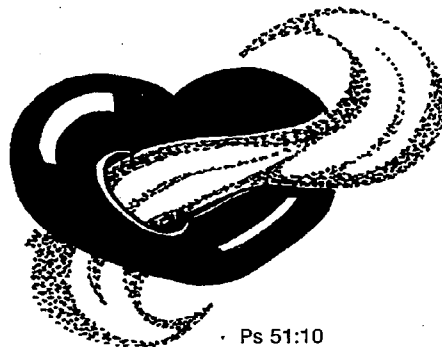
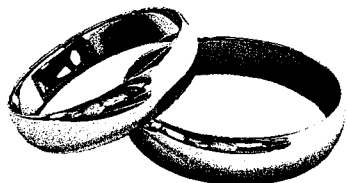
- The value of marriage, which as a binding public commitment becomes the foundation of healthy families, healthy children, and a healthy community.
- That marriage is 'the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life'

## EXPECTED OUTCOME

Transforming the church to inspire and equip married couples to build great marriages, impacting communities. Working together to improve the health and success of marriage and family relationships.

The quality of our nation's marital relationships will determine the destiny of Australia. The strength of Australian families depends on the qualities of the relationships between our nation's mothers and fathers. Therefore marriage should be encouraged, strengthened, valued and supported by society and individuals in every possible way as a social good.

During Marriage Week there will be special events happening across Australia - check the website [www.marriageweek.org.au](http://www.marriageweek.org.au), it has some great ideas and information.



Ps 51:10

## Put a steadfast spirit within me

*Thank You*

A sincere thank you to all the families participating in this year's **Sacramental Program**. Your support and commitment to the program ensured all ran smoothly and

everyone experienced a faith enriching journey. A special thank you to all those who work behind the scene with me, there are too many to name individually but I am truly grateful for your help and support. We make an awesome team.

Families who were unable to attend mass last weekend are asked to please call into the parish office during office hours and collect their child's Certificate of Confirmation and Eucharist.

## eConference

### *Mercy: A Way of being in the World*

Tuesday 20th September in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 10.30am to 2.45pm. See the flyer on the noticeboard. This eConference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith.

#### Speakers

**Archbishop Mark Coleridge** ~ Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

**Mr Phil Glendenning** ~ Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia.  
**Sr Veronica Lawson RSM** ~ of the Scripture scholar and author of the highly praised book, *The Blessing Mercy*.

If you would like to watch at home, go to [www.bbi.catholic.edu.au](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au) to register - click on the eConferences tab and follow the prompts.



### **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 (not during school holidays)

### **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 17th & 18th September**

**6pm** J Boccabella, J Howley

**8am** P Naughton, C Naughton

**11am** A Mадiera, P Cooper



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margot Files (Griffith), Peter Kuol (South Sudan father Agness Kuol).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patrick Rooney, Michael Smyth, Pasquale Barbaro.

## *Reflection*

*Jesus you came to bring peace.*

*This is your gift to us but sometimes we do not feel at peace.*

*We worry about so many things and are often anxious and concerned.*

*Teach us to be at peace,*

*to know that with you, our God,*

*at our side*

*we have no need to worry.*

*All things will be well.*

*Jesus we trust in you.*

*Amen*



**May we serve you  
with all our heart.**

### **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.