



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday 18 September 2016



Readings for
this week: Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13



Readings for
next Sunday: Amos 6:1, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31



Liturgical Jottings Imagination part 3.

At times new symbolic forms need to be forged. The danger here is to think that symbols can be created *ex nihilo*, and to forget that it belongs to God alone, not us, to create from nothing: "Finally, there must be no innovations unless the good of the Church genuinely and certainly requires them; care must be taken that any new forms adopted should in some way grow organically from forms already existing" (SC, 23). The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship.

Laudato Si

Pope Francis traces the theme of love for creation through the Old and New Testaments. He reminds us that God, in Jesus Christ, became not only human, but part of the natural world. Jesus appreciated the natural world, evident in the Gospel passages in which he praises creation. *Commentary by Fr. James Martin SJ (America Magazine).*

Looking at the Readings

The gospel today requires quite a lot of discernment to clarify its true message. The dismissed steward engages in behaviour which is highly questionable, as he discounts debts due to his master without his knowledge or permission, in his own interest, and is praised for his astuteness. This does not sit easily with moral values of honesty and openness in business affairs. So what is it really about?

Remember that the initial issue for which the steward was dismissed: his wastefulness and carelessness with the master's property. The steward then changes to a much more purposeful use of property, and this is what is highlighted as praiseworthy. This is the point that Jesus is making with his disciples: "Use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, so that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. Followers of Jesus are to have a distinctive approach to money and wealth. It is not to be amassed for oneself, but it is to be used purposefully, shared with others who are in need. And this will open them up to God's eternal richness. How wasteful or purposeful am I in sharing what I have?"

Saint of the Week: St Matthew, Wednesday 21 September

Matthew was born in Capernaum and was working as a tax collector when Jesus called him to follow him and became one of the 12 Apostles. The first Gospel is attributed to him arising out of an early Jewish Christian community. It is noted as a teaching Gospel, emphasising the coming of "the kingdom of heaven".

Quote for the Week

Tainted Money: Nearly nine out of ten bills circulating in the U.S. are tainted with cocaine, according to the most definitive research to date on the subject. The drug gets on paper money during drug transactions and when people roll bills to snort cocaine powder. Christine Dell'Amore, National Geographic News August 2009.

On the Lighter Side

His money is twice tainted: 'taint yours and 'taint mine.
-Mark Twain



Notices

Parish Friendship Group

St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group will meet for lunch this *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.



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.

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 or phone 9650 4511.



Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz

The First Filipino Saint & Martyr

Sunday 25th September at St Mel's Christ the King 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.

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.

Garabandal meeting will be held on *Monday 19th September* in the front room of the Parish House.

MAKE YOUR OWN ROSARY BEADS

Our two day workshop to make your own rosary beads is approaching very fast. It is just reminder to all who enrolled that it will be held on the Mondays - 3rd and the 10th of October 2016 at 7PM to 9PM at Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre (behind St Brendan's Church).

If needed bring with you magnified glasses— available from cheap shops or chemist and small desk lamp. Donations are welcomed.

For any questions contact Bozena on 0426867647 or email bozena59@yahoo.com

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.

Priests Retirement Foundation of Sandhurst Diocese

There are still some envelopes available for tax deductible donations.

Thank you to all those who have donated already.

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

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



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

Come walking with us!

Would you like to experience a gentle Sunday stroll through the local country side. Our Men's group are planning a walk /pilgrimage from the Cosgrove silos (7.30am) to St Marys Church in Dookie on *Sunday 25th of September* finishing with Mass at 9.30am and cuppa at St Mary's. The distance is about 8 klms and should take about

2 hours, the pace will be gentle and support will be available if needed.

We would like the Parish to take this opportunity to walk together and experience a small taste of the very popular pilgrimage walks.

We will leave from the St Brendan's car park at 7am.

The walk is for everyone not just men so come along.

More details will follow if you have any questions, contact Anthony on 0408 269426.

Some wisdom from Winnie the Pooh:

A.A. Milne

- "If the person you are talking to does not appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear."
- "Sometimes the smallest things take the most room in your heart."



eConference

Mercy: A Way of being in the World **this 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 to register - click on the eConferences tab and follow the prompts.



There will be no morning Masses in the week 27th to 30th September as Fr Berny will be away on a priests in-service.

Quiet sharing & enjoying our shared faith

Community Conversation
facilitated by **Mary B Murphy**

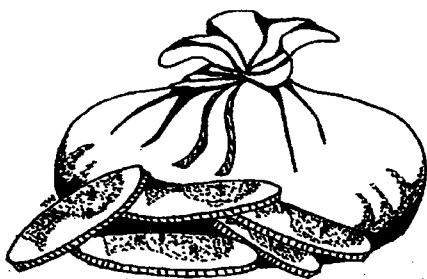
Mary Lives in Euroa she is a Spiritual Director and enjoys being with people, sharing faith insights and giving retreats.

This will be a time for you, a time to ponder on how God's Mercy is present in yourself, others and the world.

WHEN: Monday the 26th September
10:30-11:30am

WHERE: Ave Maria Village, 25 Graham Street,
Shepparton, Gardenia Lounge

CONTACT: Liz Grogan 0427 557 042



*If you cannot be trusted
with money, who will trust
you with genuine riches?*

Lk 16:11

Love is in the Air

The motto of the secondary school I went to was translated (in those days) as 'seek the things that are above.' I didn't understand what that meant.

It was never explained, only perhaps that we should be working at getting to heaven. It always seemed to me to be concerned with ambition, doing better, being a bit above others.

Recently, I saw that motto translated as 'set your minds on the higher gifts' which comes from the prelude to St Paul's great hymn to love written to the Christian community in Corinth (1 Cor 13). Corinth was a vibrant, multi-cultural, multi faith port city. It prided itself on being what we might call today 'a centre for intellectual excellence'.

The early Christian community in this city reflected those realities – some members were wealthy, some poor and that found its way into their religious practices, where some celebrations 'got out of hand'. In the celebration of the Eucharist certain members discriminated against others, drank too freely and treated the poor among them quite badly. Charisms such as 'speaking in tongues', while regarded as a gift of the Spirit, were more highly prized than works of charity (1 Cor 13:1-2, 8). It is not surprising that there was significant dissention and backbiting in this community, with a tendency to spread rumours and fight battles, real or imagined, in the courts. Questions regarding morality, particularly sexual morality were widely debated.

Paul offers a positive alternative, a vision of what love is really like. Love is patient and kind, never jealous, love doesn't boast or brag and is not arrogant, love isn't cruel but is generous and it does not take into account a wrong suffered, love shuns the false and finds joy in the truth,... Faith, hope and love, these three remain but without love I am really wasting my time!

Now the school motto makes sense! Love is certainly one of 'the things that are above,' a higher gift. So much depends on love, it is overarching....or it ought to be. We can spend our lives chasing things like reputation, wealth, being the best at this or that, being better than others – they are not the higher gifts. When we look at the world through the lens of love, when we wish and work for the best for others, we see most accurately, we are at our best, we are what God wants us to be! When we look at the world through the lens of suspicion and self-interest, we see and act very differently. In Paul's words to the Corinthians, If I speak with the tongues of men and even of angels, but I do not have love, I am nothing more than just a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. Even if I have the gift of prophecy, and all knowledge so I can penetrate all mysteries; and if I have faith that can remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing at all.... Cor 13:1-2

"Ouch!" I wonder how that made some of them feel!

Excerpt from Along the Track by Jim Quillinan

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am and 11am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

***No morning Masses 27th to 30th September

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 24th & 25th September

6pm A Kilmartin, F Scheibel

8am D Teitzal, G Jelliffe

11am J Pilkington, S Quilty



RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Dolan, Rocco Conte, Bill Davies, Katherine Phelan, Gertrude O'Grady, Domenica Tripoli.

Reflection

*May you awake
each morning with
thank you on your lips
and in your heart,
recognising that
all is gift,
that all is blessing.*

Ps138:1



**You raise the poor
from the dust.**

Ps 113:7

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.