



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 25 September 2016



Readings for  
this week:

Amos 6:1, 4-7.  
1 Timothy 6:11-16.  
Luke 16:19-31.



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4.  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14.  
Luke 17:5-10.



## Liturgical Jottings

### Imagination part 4.

This practical task of the liturgical imagination, involving translation, adaptation and creation, can be aided by a simple, five-stage process. These stages constitute the passage from liturgical text to liturgical act and planning as well. The five stages are: (1) preparing the text; (2) dwelling with the text; (3) locating the text; (4) enlivening the text; and, (5) enacting the text. Each of these involves the imagination in a variety of ways. The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship.

## Laudato Si

Far from offering a naïve condemnation of capitalism, Pope Francis provides an intelligent critique of the limits of the market, especially where it fails to provide for the poor. "Profit, he says, "cannot be the sole criterion of our decisions (No. 187). Commentary by Fr. James Martin SJ (America Magazine).

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## Looking at the Readings

The challenge of an appropriate attitude to money and wealth for followers of Jesus continues in today's gospel. The contrast between the rich man (unnamed, he has no identity before God) and the poor man Lazarus, in this life and in the next life, is graphic indeed. The rich man's total change of fortune is brought about by his refusal to even notice, let alone respond to, the desperate needs of Lazarus right outside his palatial home. His plea that Lazarus might be sent to warn his family, to prevent them making the same mistake, is rejected because they have the consistent message of Moses and the prophets (seen clearly in the First Readings over the last weeks) which they choose to ignore, and they would not listen even if confronted by someone risen from the dead (as did Jesus himself).

So we, who have that message of Moses and the prophets, and who know Jesus as the Risen Lord, are called in our place and time to notice, to listen and respond. We are called to an attitude to property and wealth that does notice and respond generously to the needs of people in our various communities, people suffering real deprivation, poverty and hunger, while comparatively we are very well off indeed. What messages do we send through our local awareness and engagement, or lack of interest or response? What messages do we send to our Government about the need to share with those in need around the world?

## Quote for the Week

Dives is punished for his pride, not his wealth, and Lazarus is rewarded for his humility, not his poverty. The proof lies in the fact that both Abraham, a rich man and Lazarus the poor man, share space in heaven. *St Augustine.*

## On the Lighter Side

A politician dies and is met by St Peter who gives him a choice of Heaven or Hell. He must decide after spending a day in each. In Hell he is greeted by many friends, plays golf, dines magnificently. In heaven he meets new people and plays music. St Peter asks for his choice, he elects for Hell. He is greeted by the Devil into a stinking sweltering hole. He asks "Where are my friends, the golf and dining room?" Satan replies: "Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you voted for us."



# Notices

**The Parish office will be closed next Friday  
30th September due to public holiday  
"Grand Final Friday."**

All bulletin notices need to be in to the office by 12 noon on Wednesday 28th September. Thank you.

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**Quiet sharing & enjoying our shared faith  
Community Conversation**

facilitated by Mary 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 & the world  
**Monday the 26th September 10:30-11:30am**  
Ave Maria Village, 25 Graham Street, Shepparton, Gardenia Lounge.

For information, please contact Liz Grogan 0427557 042.

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**Make Your Own Rosary Beads**

Our two day workshop to make your own rosary beads is approaching very fast. It is just a reminder to all who enrolled that it will be held on the **Mondays 3rd and the 10th of October** at 7pm to 9pm in Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre.



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

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

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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.

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**Do you care about the rights of people seeking asylum?** Visiting regional towns around Victoria, the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre is running a one-day workshop for those who want to take action and work with others in their local area to achieve a sustainable change in community attitudes.

Monsignor Jeffrey Centre, **Saturday 8th October**  
9:30am-5pm. Call 9274 9895 or  
RSVP <http://tinyurl.com/zr5elpt>.

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**Our annual 'Blessing of the Animals'**

is to be held at Lake Victoria, Wyndham Street, Shepparton on **Sunday October 9th** at 4pm.

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**140th Anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy in Bendigo**

A Mass for 140th Anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy in Bendigo will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Wednesday 19th October** at 11.00am.

Past pupils and their families are invited to thank the Sisters of Mercy for their contribution to the community and education in Bendigo.

**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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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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**St Brendan's Mackillop Faith and Light** representatives, Sr. Rosemary Crowe and Denise Crawford will be attending the bi-annual conference in Sydney this weekend.

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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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**ROSTERS—Offertory, Lectors, Ministers of Communion** Rosters for the period 20th November 2016 to 26th March 2017 inclusive will be prepared shortly. If you are unavailable for any of these ministries during that time please contact the Parish office before the 7th October.

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**October Marian Festival - Sandhurst Diocesan Celebration**

The Annual October Marian Festival will take place at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo on **Sunday October 2nd**. The festival will commence with 11am Mass celebrated by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson.

After lunch (BYO, tea and coffee are provided) there will be a Rosary Procession around the Cathedral and during the afternoon devotions the Bishop will make the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and also crown the statue. The guest speaker, Fr Francis Denton, will talk on the message of Fatima. There will be Eucharistic Adoration concluding with Benediction. Confessions will be available during the afternoon.

The Festival will conclude at 3:40pm with afternoon tea in the Catholic Hall. There will also be a piety stall in the hall during lunch and afternoon tea.

All are invited to learn more about the importance of the Fatima Message and devotion and to pray for peace and moral values in our troubled world.

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**Christian Meditation** will not be held on October 3rd and 10th as the room is unavailable.

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There will be **no Reconciliation** on Saturday 15th October.

There is Reconciliation at St. Mel's 9.30 to 10am and St. Mary's Mooroopna 10.30 to 11.00am

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**"The Renaissance of Marriage Conference - Unpacking Amoris Laetitia"**. The 2016 National Marriage Conference in Sydney **October 21-22**, organised by the Marriage Resource Centre, CSME (Catholic Society for Marriage Education) and ACMFC (Australian Catholic Marriage & Family Council), will draw inspiration from Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*, and have a strong emphasis on initiatives that meet the real needs of Australian Catholic families. Local and world renowned speakers, will provide insights and practical tools you can use to go forward and make a difference to marriage culture in our world. See: [www.rom.org.au](http://www.rom.org.au)



### **Ageing and its Social Justice Implications.**

Today we celebrate

#### **Social Justice Sunday.**

The 2016-17 Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled:

#### **'A Place at the Table:**

#### **Social justice in an ageing society'.**

The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. To read the statement or for further details, go to [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the statement are available in the narthex & side entrance.



### **Prayer Service For The Season of Creation**

**September 1st to October 4th**

Resources:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/for-parishes>

: <http://>

[catholicearthcare.org.au/2015/08/season-of-creation-september-1-october-4/](http://catholicearthcare.org.au/2015/08/season-of-creation-september-1-october-4/)

: [http://www.mercyworld.org/news\\_centre/view\\_article.cfm?id=1561](http://www.mercyworld.org/news_centre/view_article.cfm?id=1561)

## **A Prayer For All Ages**

God of all creation, you are timeless and beyond all ages.

*We who are growing old* give thanks for the years you have given us -

for family, friends and all those who have enriched our lives.

*We who are not yet old* give thanks for the older people in our lives:

for grandparents, loved ones, friends

and all who generously offer the wise counsel of their years.

*We who are growing old* pray that we may be patient with our ageing limbs and difficulties in everyday tasks we once did much more easily.

*We who are not yet old* pray for patience and kindness towards those who do not move as quickly as we would sometimes like.

*We who are growing old* pray for good health in our later years, and forbearance when our health fails us.

*We who are not yet old* pray for good health for those we love and compassion towards those who suffer ill health.

*We who are growing old* pray for prudence and sweet timing, in offering our wisdom to the next generation, while respecting their energy and creativity.

*We who are not yet old* pray for openness and humility in receiving

the advice and guidance of our elders.

*We who are growing old* pray that we may face our death with serenity and dignity.

*We who are not yet old* pray that we affirm the sacredness of each person's life

and accompany those who are dying with gentleness and deep respect.

God of endless love, help us to understand

that we share a common life journey,

a call to live life to the full

and to strive to enable all creation to come to the fullness of the Cosmic Christ.

Amen

~ [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)



### *Weekend Mass Times*

Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 8am and 11am

### *Weekday Mass Times*

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

\*\*\*Communion Service 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 1st & 2nd October*

**6pm** D Sullivan, P Stein

**8am** Sr R Crowe, A Leahy

**11am** P Howard, M Sarkady



### **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bruna Ryan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lucia Rossi, Domenico Leo, Carmela Leo, Anastasia Giuliani, Margaret Dolan, Elisabetta Zito, Dorothy Joyce Keating, Nicholas Zanelli, Fr. Peter McAlpine, Harry Gledhill, Lina Villani.

### *Reflection*

*"Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom you give us light.*

*And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of you, Most High.*

*Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.*

*Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through whom you give sustenance to your creatures.*

*Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.*

*Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong". Amen.*

~ Words of Saint Francis of Assisi in Pope Francis,

"On Care for Our Common Home,"

Laudato Si, paragraph 87

### *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.