



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2 October 2016



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

2 Kings 5:14-17.
2 Timothy 2:8-13.
Luke 17:11-19.



Liturgical Jottings

The Rosary – Part 1.

October is a month set aside to Mary and the Rosary. If you are not used to the Rosary it may seem very repetitious. Look at the ten Hail Mary's as a mantra to help you meditate on the Mystery or the prayer itself. Let us look at the prayer:

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

Make this personal as you say it, put your name in instead of Mary. In my case, "Hail John, full of grace". What does it feel like to be addressed by an angel, a messenger from God? Are you 'full of grace'? What does it feel like to be full of grace?

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Looking at the Readings

This passage is taken from Luke, Chapter 17 where Jesus is addressing his disciples. The Apostles ask for the Lord to increase their faith. The Gospel quotes some sayings from Jesus. Jesus admonishes his disciples not to be like the Pharisees who pay lip service to what they should do. Here faith is linked not with having something but something you do! Faith is not a noun but a verb. Doing faith means serving others.

The mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds yet it grows into one of the largest trees. The mulberry tree has a complicated root system that makes it very difficult to move.

Obedience to God is not a means to some reward. It is simply what being an apostle and a disciple is about. We are not called to serve to get something in return but to serve because we have received such a great gift.

This week live out your faith. Do some acts of service for others, not because you have to, but because you want to. See your service of others as serving.

Feast of the Week: Tuesday 4 October.

St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) patron saint of animals and ecology, a poet, reformer, promoter of peace and joy and devoted to the poor and the cross of Christ, founder of the Franciscan Orders and started the practice of the Christmas crib in churches.

Quote for the Week

When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed. *St Teresa of Calcutta*

On the Lighter Side

A burglar heard a voice saying, "Jesus is watching you." He looked around, saw no one and kept looking for valuables. He again heard, "Jesus is watching you." This time he saw a parrot and asked, "Did you say that?" The parrot admitted: "I'm just trying to warn you." The burglar said, "Warn me, huh? What's your name?" "Moses." "Well, what kind of people would name a parrot 'Moses'?" The bird answered, "I guess the same folks who would name a Rottweiler 'Jesus'."



Notices

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

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 10th of October* at 7pm to 9pm in Mons 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



St. Brendan's Mackillop Faith and Light will not be gathering at Mass this Sunday as many of our friends are away. The group will be attending their retreat in a couple of weeks. Denise.

Mass of Anointing next Wednesday 5th October at 11am.

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.

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>.

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.

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

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

Melbourne Cup Sweep

This annual fundraiser for our parish has created a lot of interest amongst parishioners every year for many years. Tickets will be on sale before and after mass. \$2.00 each or \$10.00 per book. **First prize \$500.00**

Children's Liturgy of the Word will recommence next Sunday 9th October during the 11am Mass.

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

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.

Parish Finance Update

We have a significant amount of capital works being undertaken around the Parish at the moment which is great in that it continues to enhance the safety, appearances and ensure the longevity of all of our facilities, but as with all things this comes with a financial cost to the Parish so we want to share with everyone an update on the various projects we have on the go, and the financial cost that goes with them:

Parish Office

You may have noticed that since some early weather delays the progress of the Parish Office integration into the Parish Centre building is really taking shape! Painting and internal fitout is well underway and we hope to have the project completed and the team moved into their new facility before the end of October. (approx. cost \$270K)

Church Rising Damp

Following the installation of the under floor ventilation system about 6 weeks ago, we are now waiting on the contractors to complete the 2nd part of stage 1 being the installation of the Lectros electro osmotic dampcourse system which will assist in drying out the building. Once this has been in place for around 6 months we will have the salt levels assessed and establish any further rectification work required. (approx. cost stage 1 only \$47K)

Driveway Pavement

Contractors are in the process of submitting final quotes to replace the uneven and damaged asphalt pavement that runs from the carpark to the church and from the presbytery western carport to the road. Once we have awarded the job and the weather fines up a bit we will be straight into making these improvements (est. cost \$25K)

Church & Presbytery Roof

Both of these roofs are showing signs of their age and beginning to leak. It is imperative for the overall maintenance of the structures that we invest in ensuring they are water tight. Over the coming months we will be investigating this further and putting plans in place to attend to their needs. (est. cost combined \$60K)

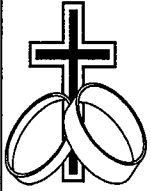
Church Carpet replacement

We have continued to nurse through the tiring carpet for some time now and very soon this will need to be replaced in the interest of ongoing safety and overall appearance of the church. Soon we'll obtain firm quotes for this replacement and make a decision on the road forward. (est. cost \$50K)



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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Celebrating Marriage

During all the Masses on the weekend 8th and 9th October, all married couples will have the opportunity to renew their vows and receive a special blessing.

A beautiful and significant way to celebrate the sacredness of the Sacrament of Marriage

Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families

Scripture and the Church's history give us many examples of the great impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together.

A bookmark with a beautiful prayer to the Holy Family is available in the Narthex. Please take one.

This week we pray for the flourishing of marriages and families in Australia.



www.acmfc.org.au

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://www.mercyworld.org/news_centre/view_article.cfm?id=1561

Another way of looking at coffee and chocolate ...



It is just over 150 years since the anti-slavery laws were passed in America. Yet in the world today there are nearly 27-30 million people trapped in various forms of slavery. Here in the 'lucky country' we too are exposed to forms of slavery: Recently three Parishioners attended an information day in Shepparton run by ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking of Humans). The primary discussions on this day were based around human trafficking within Australia.

This was a very sobering day; however there are things that we as committed Christians can do! ACRATH is behind a drive to try and eradicate child slavery and trafficking on chocolate plantations. A large amount of chocolates available for purchase comes from cocoa harvested in West Africa.

'Presently children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make the chocolate we eat. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any possibility of attending school. Most of these children have never tasted chocolate.' ACRATH website.

ACRATH has a campaign to educate people on buying 'slavery free' chocolate. By 2013, this campaign had six brands of chocolate sold under the heading of 'slavery free chocolate'

Here in our town we are fortunate that our local IGA supports these brands! We, as consumers, have much power in helping to stop this practice. We encourage you to be aware of the brands that contain fair trade symbols, and support our local supermarket in supplying them.

Tea and coffee can also be bought under these labels and hopefully by the end of the year there will be an app we can use to discern which products we can buy here in Australia to support 'slavery free' products.

Pope Francis says: "The human person ought never to be sold or bought as if he or she were a commodity. Whoever uses human persons in this way and exploits them, even if indirectly, becomes an accomplice of injustice."

Symbols to look for when purchasing chocolate and coffee



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am and 11am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 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 8th & 9th October 2016

6pm Youth Group

8am T Francis, G Quinlan

11am D Segafredo, M Taverner

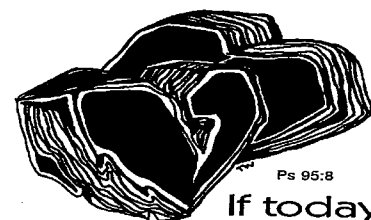


RECENTLY DECEASED: Nicola Gattuso, Ralph Tassone, Grazia Zappia

ANNIVERSARIES: Reg Hutchinson, Charlie Wall, Joe Garla, Nicholas Presniakovas (Irene Garla's father), Amelia Annie Davies

Reflection

Heavenly Father,
Grant that our families may be
places of communion and
prayer,
Authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.
Make us ever more mindful of
the sacredness and beauty of
the family in God's plan.



If today
you hear God's
voice, harden
not your hearts.

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.