



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9 October 2016



Readings for  
this week.

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



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Exodus 17:8-13.  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2.  
Luke 18:1-8.



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Rosary – Part 2

The Joyful Mysteries – These are traditionally said on Monday and Saturday. As you are meditating on each mystery, read the Scripture passage, then as you are saying the Hail Mary's meditate on becoming part of the story of each mystery. Hear God talking to you.

- *The Annunciation:* The Archangel Gabriel "announces" to Mary that she shall conceive the Son of God. Luke 1:26-38; John 1:14.
- *The Visitation:* Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. Luke 1:39-56.
- *The Nativity:* Jesus is born. Luke 2:6-20; Matthew 1:18-25.
- *The Presentation:* Mary and Joseph "present" Jesus in the Temple where they meet Simeon. Luke 2:22-39.
- *The Finding in the Temple:* After losing Him, Mary and Joseph find young Jesus teaching the Rabbis in the Temple. Luke 2:41-51.

## Looking at the Readings

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

This is taken from Luke Chapter 17 where Jesus is travelling along the border between Samaria and Galilee. He has pity on ten lepers and heals them. As his journey to Jerusalem enters its final stages, Jesus continues to instruct his disciples on various topics, turning aside to engage opponents as well as heal the sick and restore them to society.

This journey to Jerusalem starts with the disciples wanting to call down fire on a Samaritan village that had been inhospitable. Later, in one of the parables a despised Samaritan had been the model of a true neighbour. In this story the Samaritan is the model of faith.

The ten lepers were presumably nine Jews and one Samaritan. This mixed group, usually bitter enemies, are uncommonly equals because of their illness. They are forced to depend on one another. Leprosy was seen as a punishment for sin, therefore lepers were both moral and physical outcasts. As they are healed the Samaritan is no longer welcome to be part of the group. He can't go to the priest in the Temple because he is forbidden to enter the Temple. Instead he returns to Jesus and praises God for what Jesus has done. He becomes a disciple of Jesus.

This week, reach out to someone who is marginalised in your community. Spend some time with them, listen to them and share a meal with them.

## Feast of the Week Tuesday 11 October

St. John XXIII (1881-1963), a priest, bishop and cardinal, a student, pastor and diplomat, and as pope he called the Second Vatican Council with two pastoral aims: *aggiornamento* (refreshing the church) and *ressourcement* (returning to the sources). Pope Francis canonised Pope John XIII and Pope John Paul II on 25 April 2014.

## Quote of the Week

If we really want to love we must learn how to forgive. St Teresa of Calcutta.

## On the Lighter Side

There are many ways to follow Pope Francis or even Jesus on twitter. But never forget Jesus first call to the apostles, "Come follow me".



# Notices

## October is the month of the Holy Rosary

### Make Your Own Rosary Beads

Our two day workshop to make your own rosary beads started last Monday evening. The last session will be held on Monday 10th of October at 7pm to 9pm in Mons Jeffrey Centre .



**Lost and Found.** Last Sunday a necklace was found after the 11am Mass. If the necklace could be yours please speak with Fr. Berny.

**Catholic Women's League** will meet in the Parish Centre at 1pm on Thursday 13th October.

**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 10th as the room is unavailable.

There will be **no Reconciliation** next 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**

**St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group** will be meeting for lunch on the 16th October at the Vic Hotel at 12.30pm. Enquiries to Pat (58211269) or Graeme (58252816).

### STRONGER YOUTH GROUP – SATURDAY NIGHT

After the Youth-Led Mass on Saturday night we will be having a Stronger DGroup gathering in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre at 7pm.

There will be food to enjoy and an Alpha Youth Series Night. If you are from 12-25 years of age, please feel free to come along and join us!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will recommence this Sunday during the 11am Mass.

**SANDPIPER**—the latest edition of the catholic newspaper from the Sandhurst Diocese is available from the Narthex. Please take a copy home to read.

### SIP—Spirituality in the pub

**Understanding Australia's Refugee Conundrum**  
Tuesday 25th October 7pm at The Vault Restaurant Shepparton. \$50.00 includes 3 course meal. The guest speaker is Tim O'Connor, acting CEO of the Refugee Council of Australia. Flyers available in the Narthex.  
RSVP by 17th October.

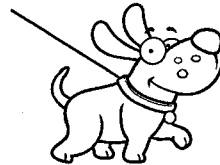
CD's of "The Journey" are now available for purchase at the Parish office featuring Mass singers from St Brendan's.  
Free copies of **CARITAS NEWS** are available today. This Spring Edition focuses on Living Sustainably – looking at growth, renewal and hope for the future in Aboriginal Australia, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Peru & Malawi – all because of your support for Project Compassion.

**Notre Dame College Year 12 Final Mass:**  
Notre Dame College is holding a Mass at St Brendan's Parish to farewell Year 12 students as they end their final year of studies on **Tuesday, October 18 at 9.15am.** Year 12 students will share this special Mass with their families and College staff. Parishioners are more than welcome to attend this special occasion to farewell the Notre Dame College's Year 12 students. Thank you.

## Our annual 'Blessing of the Animals'

is to be held at  
Lake Victoria Foreshore,  
near tennis courts  
Shepparton on  
**Sunday October 9th**  
at 4pm.

Please bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to the lake for a special blessing in honour of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.



All animals need to be secure on a lead or in a carry basket.

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# CCR SANDHURST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

29 & 30 OCTOBER  
9AM - 5PM (SAT) | 9.30AM - 4PM (SUN)  
ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH, SHEPPARTON

GUEST SPEAKER FR. FRANCIS OTOBO  
TOPIC: BUILDING BRIDGES  
MUSIC: JOHN DIJKER

PLEASE BRING SHARED LUNCH AND MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA | TEACOSI (FREE PROVIDED) | SATURDAY MASS (6 PM, 29TH OCT) AT ST. BRENDAN'S | SUNDAY MASS (8 AM, 30TH OCT. AT ST. BRENDAN'S) FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA | A DONATION OF \$30 OR WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD

## SECONDARY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### CELEBRATION THIS SUNDAY

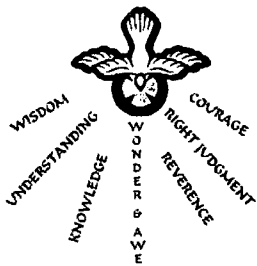
St Brendan's Parish and the Notre Dame College Community would like to congratulate

Katy Bradley  
and  
Sara Gardner

who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist during our 11am mass this Sunday.

Katy has chosen Rebekah as her Confirmation Name and Sara has chosen Elizabeth.

Please keep the girls in your prayers as they become fully initiated into the Catholic Church and continue on their faith journeys.



### You Fit in with Jesus

I knew a young man who started high school sure he wouldn't fit in. He remembered how kids made fun of him in primary school. He remembered they always chose him last for teams. He felt so out of place there that he doubted he'd fit in anywhere.

I wish he was rare. But there are many young people that feel like outcasts. They find it hard to fit in with friends because of weight, acne, insecurity, the wrong clothes ... The list goes on. You might feel that way now

That's why this week's Gospel is so important. The Samaritan leper was a double outcast. First, he was a leper. Leprosy in the Gospel isn't the disease that causes limbs to decay. It caused flaky or scaly skin. The Jewish religious laws told Jewish people to avoid contact with people who had it.

The Samaritan was also outcast because of his ethnic background. Many Jews rejected Samaritans because they descended from Jews who married non-Jews.

Notice how Jesus reacted to those outcasts. He stopped, noticed their pain, and healed them. That means they could now fit in. People would welcome them. Care about them. Also notice that the Samaritan was the only one who returned to thank Jesus. Jesus took note that only this "foreigner" seemed grateful.

#### *The point for us?*

First, if you feel like you don't fit in anywhere, call out to Jesus for help like the lepers in the Gospel. Call out through prayer. Call out by talking to an adult who you trust. Call out by getting involved in serving other people who suffer. You'll find that God will answer your prayers. You'll find a place to fit in and friends who care.

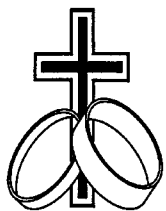
Second, Jesus points out that the Samaritan, the double outcast, shows more faith than anyone. That means we all need to respect and learn from the people we think don't fit in.

*Have you ever felt like an outcast or reached out to someone who felt that way?*

#### *The Action*

Bullying is a major problem in schools today. Perhaps you've been directly affected, on one side or another, by the problem of bullying. One big thing that we can take away from this week's Gospel is that, regardless of who they are or what their 'lot' in life is, everyone deserves love and respect. Assess your experience at school. Is bullying prevalent? What is in place at your school to address bullying? If there is an anti-bullying program, inquire about how you can get involved as a student in helping with the program. If there is not a program in place, strategize about how a program might get started, and then approach the school's administration with your ideas and seek out how to initiate a program. Think of some creative ways to raise awareness of bullying. Learn more about the problem of bullying and seek out how you can be a part of the solution.

GPBS eNews—Weekly Parable



### **Celebrating Marriage**

During all the Masses this weekend 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.



### **Volunteers Needed**

**The number of volunteers for the St. Brendan's Bereavement Catering Team has dropped. So this is a call for HELP.**

The team caters for funerals on request, Annually the Remembrance Mass and Blue Ribbon Service and also special parish functions on request.

If you can help and become a member of this special ministry, we would welcome you with open arm, as many hands make light work. For more information contact

Margaret Sarkady 0427267263, Irene Garla 0407532163 or Graeme Quinlan 0439401355.

### *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 15th & 16th October 2016*

**6pm** M Keyte, D Tarquini

**8am** L Boschetti, P Guthrie

**11am** P White, S White



**RECENTLY DECEASED** Laura Simpson (granddaughter of Geoff and Marg Simpson), Sr. Agnes Connellan, John Bosco, Kevin Barnes

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Leonard O'Sullivan, Tommy Cullinan, Maria Antonia, Giuseppe Monaco, William Crowe (Sr. Rosemary's father), Gerry McInerney, Michele (Mick) Villani, Greg Appleton

## *Reflection*

### *October the 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.

Today and throughout this week we pray for all families in distress.

Heavenly Father,  
grant healing to all families in distress,  
especially those burdened  
with strained relationships.

Draw close to all families who have  
experienced violence, upheaval,  
illness or division:

May all who have been wounded find  
ready comfort and healing.



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### *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.