



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16 October 2016



Readings for this week:
Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8



Readings for next Sunday:
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14



Liturgical Jottings

The Rosary - Part 3

The Luminous Mysteries, are said on Thursdays, each meditates on the ministry of Christ. Read the Scripture passage and during the Hail Mary's meditate on the story listening to God speaking to you.

The Luminous Mysteries

- Baptism in the Jordan: The voice of the Father declares Jesus the beloved Son. Mt 3:11-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:15-22; Jn 1:26-34.
- Wedding Feast at Cana: Christ changes water into wine, his first public miracle. John 2:1-12.
- Proclamation of the Kingdom: Jesus calls us to conversion (Mk 1:15) and forgives the sins of all who draw near to him. Mt 5:1-16; 6:33; 7:21
- Transfiguration: God's glory shines forth from the face of Christ. Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-10; Lk 9:28-36.
- Institution of the Eucharist: at the last supper Jesus with his apostles establishes the sacramental basis for all Christian living. Mt 26:26-28; Mk 22:25; Lk 22:14-20.

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Looking at the Readings

As his journey to Jerusalem enters its final stages, Jesus continues to instruct his disciples. In today's Gospel passage Jesus tells his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.

Jesus is addressing the Disciples about the need to pray constantly. Luke's audience are being persecuted and may have felt that God was not hearing their prayers. Jesus' conclusion is that if a helpless widow can get through to a shameless judge, all the more will a petitioner be heard by an honour-sensitive God.

Like other parables in Luke, the parable had symbolic overtones. The unjust judge represented the world that has no sense of place before God or sense of justice. In many respects, the widow represented Christianity.

The word for "widow" in Hebrew means "silent one" or "one unable to speak". In the patriarchal Mediterranean world only males play a public role. Women do not speak on their own behalf. Because the widow appears alone in this parable, we can assume that she has no male family member who can appear on her behalf. She is vulnerable and desperate. She has been deprived of everything of value in this society, what else does she have to lose?

The judge is not honourable, not one we would like to front up to in court. In the culture of "honour and shame" in his society the widow's only weapon is to shame the judge into acting honourably. She "keeps coming to the judge. It is a public audience, not a private meeting. Judges were appointed and they sat at the city gate making themselves available to all who needed a judgement. The entire community waits, watches and witnesses the event regularly. By publicly badgering the judge every day, the widow repeatedly shames the shameless person.

This week, reach out to someone who is marginalised in your community, one of the 'silent ones' and give voice their needs?...

Feast of the Week Saturday 22 October

St John Paul II (1950-2005), a pastor, academic, philosopher. As bishop he attended the Second Vatican Council and as pope travelled widely on pastoral visits focussing on families, youth, and the sick.

Quote of the Week

Before you speak, it is necessary for you to listen, for God speaks in the silence of the heart: *St Teresa of Calcutta*

On the Lighter Side

"Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others." *St. Thomas More*



Notices


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

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

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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.

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Garabandal Prayer Group will meet on Monday 17th October in the front room of the Parish House **at 2.30pm** allowing members the opportunity to attend Kevin Keenan's funeral at 1.00pm.

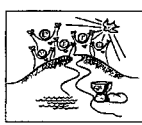
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Melbourne Cup Sweep
 This annual fundraiser for our parish has created a lot of interest amongst parishioners every year for many years. **First prize \$500.00**

Tickets will be on sale before and after mass on the following weekends Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October and Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$10.00 per book

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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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Congratulations to all our married couples celebrating wedding anniversaries at this time especially Jim and Gwen Farrell who are celebrating 65 years of marriage. They were married here at St. Brendan's on the 16th October 1951.



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St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program 2017
 Are you thinking of enrolling your child in the 2017 parish sacramental program? **In order for your child to participate in this program they need to be Baptised.**

It is highly recommended that if your child is not baptised please contact the parish house as soon as possible. The parish sacramental program will begin with enrolments in February 2017 so there is not much time for Baptism preparation prior to the enrolment date.
 Parish Office Hours – Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm 58212633.

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THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 23 OCTOBER 2016 This week *The Journey* Catholic Radio program will continue to bring you weekly Gospel reflections, great music and wonderful inputs. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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.

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 Our **Mary Mackillop Faith and Light community** are heading off to Harrierville for their annual retreat to share faith and friendship.

Please keep them in your prayers. Denise.
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Parish Men's Group The men's group have a special guest next Saturday 22nd of October at 7.30am, Jean Marie Mupenda will join us to share his story of growing up in the Congo. Jean Marie will share the many great things about growing up in the Congo and also some of the trials and the ongoing conflicts they experience. The Men's group is always looking to ways to expand it's understanding of the problems other country may face.
 Any questions call Anthony 58212633

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GV Spirituality in the Pub invites you to dinner with **Tim O'Connor, Refugee Council of Australia**, speaking on Understanding Australia's Refugee Conundrum. The Vault Restaurant Shepparton at 7 pm on Tuesday 25th October.

RCOA is the national umbrella body for refugees, and the organisations associated with them. Pre-paid bookings necessary by Tuesday 18th. Further information on flyers at back of church. Tickets: \$50 includes 3 course meal
 Contact: Julie 0418 101591 Kerry 0408 579904

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Father Hugh Thomas CSSR will speak on "*Living in the Divine Will*" at St. Joseph Parish Centre Quarry Hill Bendigo on Saturday November 12th beginning with Mass at 9am. The day concludes at 4pm. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

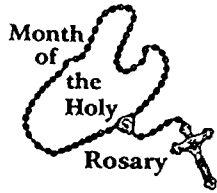
CCR SANDHURST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

GUEST SPEAKER FR FRANCIS OTOBO
 TOPIC: BUILDING BRIDGES
 WITH JOHN DUIKER

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

October the Month of the Holy Rosary



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is due to the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated on October 7th. This feast was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

Want to say the Rosary on the go? Download one of the following rosary apps:

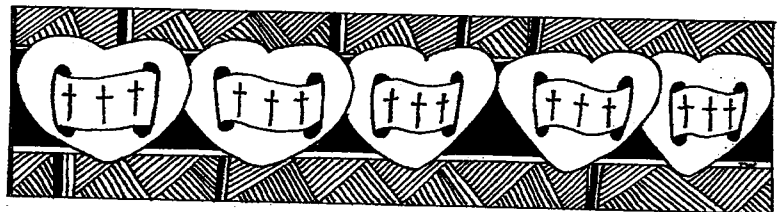
- iRosary** featuring colorful images and prayers (iPhone, iPad; \$2.99)
- Virtual Rosary** vibrates after every 10 Hail Mary's (Android, free)
- Mobile Rosary** allows you to share a cause and intention on Facebook or Twitter (iPhone, iPad, Android; free)
- Rosary** in many languages — available in Polish, English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Japanese (Android, free)



All Saints Day—Tuesday 1st November
Mass times 7.00am and 9.15am
All Souls Day—Wednesday 2nd November
9.15am Mass

St. Mary's Mooroopna—6pm 1st & 2nd November

*St. Mel's - November 1st 9.00am Rosary followed by Mass at the Pine Lodge Lawn Cemetery.
- November 2nd. Memorial Mass 7pm*



The Word of God probes the motives of our heart.

Heb 4:12



Why is that book in the Bible?
A look at issues about inspiration, the canon of Scripture, and why some books are in the Bible and other similar books are not.

How do we know the word of God is inspired?
Who decided which books go in the Bible?
Why is the Bible so important for Catholics?

Fr Brian Boyle will be presenting an evening talk on books of the Bible.

Monday 21st November 7.30pm– 9.00pm
Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre.

Youth Ministry Update

Stronger Rally:

Our last Stronger Rally for 2016 will be held on Nov 4th at FCJ College Benalla!

Join us for a BBQ, Games, Praise and Worship and talks with Fr Rob and the Stronger Band

Location: FCJ College, Benalla

Date: Friday Nov 4th

For more information contact Danii at
Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



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 arms, as "many hands make light work".

For more information contact

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

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi



Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to reach out and support local community leaders in Papua New Guinea to engage with their people, help them heal the wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships, and find peace through mercy. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.

Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/PNG

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 22nd & 23rd October 2016

6pm Sr. F Kennedy, J Boccabella

8am J Zampaglione, D Teitzel

11am L Ferguson, W Hunt



RECENTLY DECEASED Kevin Keenan,
Madge Phillips

ANNIVERSARIES: Matteo Sfirro, Antonia Sfirro,
Patrick Dale, Rosina Sepe, Pasquale De Maria,
Francesco De Maria, Giuseppe Petito,
Carmela Petito, Attila Sarkady, Elvira Szakall,
Alison Marita Hicks, Leone Baker, Vincenzo Romeo,
John O'Keeffe

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 persons who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty and their families.

*Heavenly Father,
Grant true peace and joy
to our family members
and friends
who experience same sex
attraction or gender
uncertainty.
May we be sensitive and
supportive
especially in times of trial.
Lead us to deeper faith as
we all strive for
Christian perfection.*

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.