



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday 23 October 2016



Readings for this week.

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18.
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18.
 Luke 18:9-14.



Readings for next Sunday:

Wisdom 11:23-12:1.
 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2.
 Luke 19:1-10.



Liturgical Jottings

The Rosary – Part 4

The Sorrowful Mysteries: traditionally said on Tuesday and Friday. Read the Scripture passage and during the Hail Mary's meditate on the story listening to God speaking to you. **The Sorrowful Mysteries**

- Agony in the Garden: Jesus sweats water and blood while praying the night before his passion. Mt 26:36-46; Mk 14:32-42; Lk 22:39-46.
- Scourging at the Pillar: Pilate has Jesus whipped. Mt 27:26; Mk 15:15; Lk 23:16-22; Jn 19:1.
- Crowning with Thorns: the soldiers mockingly place thorns on Jesus' head. Mt 27:26; Mk 15:15; Lk 23:16-22; Jn 19:1.
- Carrying of the Cross: Jesus meets His mother and falls three times on the way up Calvary. Mt 27:31-32; Mk 15:21; Lk 23:26-32.
- The Crucifixion: Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies before His mother and apostle John. Lk 23:33-46; Mt 27:33-54; Mk 15:22-39; Lk 23:33-47; John 19:17-37.

Looking at the Readings

The publican (Tax Collector) returned to his home justified: the Pharisee did not. This Gospel is taken from Luke Chapter 18. As Jesus' journey to Jerusalem enters its final stages he continues to instruct his disciples and those around him. This parable starts with the two men going to the Temple led by the Pharisee, both in turn stand and pray, they then go down from the Temple with the Tax Collector leading...

The Pharisees were middle class Jews who were very observant of the Law. They knew and kept the 613 laws and made sure other people knew about them too. They, like Jesus, believed in resurrection. The Pharisees were good people, probably a bit insufferable like many good people, hard to get on with. We know that Jesus ate with them and went to their homes, but as a class they were, with the Sadducees, out to trap Jesus and remove the threat of his new ideas. The Pharisee was a good man, he did more than was asked of him. His problem was that he believed that his own actions justified him, he had earned God's approval.

The Tax Collectors/Publicans were a group of Jews despised by the other Jews for collaborating with the Roman government that ruled over them. Tax collectors paid the authorities for the privilege of collecting taxes, then overcharged the people, skimming money off the top to line their own pockets.

The tax collector knows he is not the better person. He looks to God's mercy to justify him, a mercy he cannot earn, but receive as pure gift. After his prayer the tax collector probably had no choice but return to his unjust profession. Yet Jesus calls him justified because of what was in his heart.

This week, meditate on the prayer of the tax collector: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner. How is it that God loves us even though we are sinful?"

Saint of the Week: Monday 24 October

St Antony Mary Claret (1807-870), priest, publisher, missionary, an outstanding preacher, founder of the Claretian Missions Society, Bishop of Santiago de Cuba where he did much renewal in the diocese and finally confessor to Queen Isabella II of Spain.

Quote of the Week

If you're too busy to pray...you're too busy. *St Teresa of Calcutta*

On the Lighter Side

Q. How do you recognise a good tax accountant? A. One who has a loophole named after him. There are three types of tax accountants: those who can count and those who can't.



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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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 this weekend and also next weekend.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$10.00 per book

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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.

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ANTI-POVERTY WEEK-- ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



16 - 22 October was recognised as Anti-Poverty Week, and a timely opportunity to share on our activity over the past quarter. In the past 3 months, 232 separate households were assisted by the Conference, comprising 356 adults and 388 children. Assistance was given to the value of \$15,380 for food vouchers, \$7,087 for accommodation, and \$3,048 towards transport, which might have been helping with vehicle registration, repairs, or petrol vouchers. We have also been fortunate to have had a lot of lovely warm clothes to hand out following donations by the two primary schools from their Mass of Compassion earlier in the year. Households are also assisted by bread runs, with volunteers distributing bread generously donated by local businesses each afternoon.

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Catholic Mothers of Young Children

Catholic Mothers of Young Children will be meeting on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at the Mons Jeffrey Centre (directly behind St Brendan's church) from 10am to 11:30am. All mothers welcome and suitable for children under school age. BYO snack (nut free) and gold coin donation. Share vocational discussion, a cuppa, and catechesis for children. For more info contact Katie Mills 0417504635.

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The St. Brendan's Parish Ave Maria Playgroup Mondays at 10 am at Ave Maria, 25 Graham St, Shepp.

Playgroup is a group of parents/carers and their children under five meeting together to play and socialise. It has grown through the recognition of the mothers of young children, a genuine desire to create a space where they can connect with others. All are welcome. For any enquires please contact the Parish office on 5821 2633.

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St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program 2017

In order for your child to participate in the 2017 Sacramental program next year they must be baptised. As the Sacramental program begins in February there is not much time to prepare your child for Baptism. Please contact the parish office ASAP to arrange your child's baptism.



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

Fr. Sebastian Mandapathil

Fr. Sebastian will be living in our parish and ministering mainly to the Syro Malabar Community.

We hope you enjoy your time in our Parish

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

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Annual Remembrance Mass

The Parish Bereavement Team invites all parishioners, families and friends to attend the annual Remembrance Mass on Thursday November 10th commencing at 7.30pm here at St. Brendan's. Following the conclusion of Mass everyone is invited to a light supper in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre.

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The yearly *Garabandal prayer group* will be held in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey centre (behind St. Brendan's Church) on Sunday 13th November. Francis and Trish Seymon are visiting us. They will be at the 11.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share. For information please ring Ellie. 58 21 6359

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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.

CCR SANDHURST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

29 & 30 OCTOBER

9AM - 5PM (SAT) | 9.30AM - 4PM (SUND)

ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH, SHEPPARTON

GUEST SPEAKER FR. FRANCIS OTOBO

TOPIC: BUILDING BRIDGES

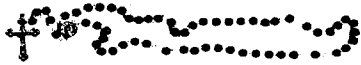
MUSIC: JOHN DIJKER

PLEASE BRING SHARED LUNCH AND MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA | TRAVEL/COFFEE 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

Pray A Rosary
October
 Month of the Holy Rosary

Rosary is prayed after 8am Mass each Sunday in the Marion Chapel in the Church. Everyone is welcome.

Special graces and blessings are given by Our Lady to those that pray the Rosary.



Blessing the Rosary Beads.

Our three sessions of making Rosaries has just concluded. Making the Rosaries was a spiritual and truly rewarding experience for all of us. We have learned how to make a simple wire loop, a basic beading wire jewellery technique.

This will make a beautiful and more precious prayer, for us and our loved ones, because we pray the Rosary with the beads that we have made with our own hands and hearts.

The Rosaries will be blessed at the 11am mass next Sunday 30th October 2016.

Lord, make me an instrument of
your peace

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi



Through its partnership with Mercy Works, Catholic Mission supports community leaders like Steven Dude in Papua New Guinea to engage with their communities and be instrument of peace, so they can find consolation, understanding and love, and heal the wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you are helping community leaders in Papua New Guinea receive training so they can advocate for their communities and allow them to find peace through mercy.

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



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.



God, be
 merciful
 to me a
 sinner.

Lk 18:13



**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.

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

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

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 29th & 30th October 2016

6pm J Howley, F Scheibel

8am M Hicks, S Hicks

11am M-A Demase, M Harmer



RECENTLY DECEASED Sr. Alma Tadman RSM
(aunt of Margi Breslin and Sharon Pivac)

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Kelly, Mary Kinna,

Reflection

A prayer to the Holy Spirit

*O Come Holy Spirit fill me with
the power of healing
of both mind and body.
Cleanse me from all my physical
and emotional hurt.
Encourage me to endure the
challenges of life on a daily basis.
Inflame in me the power to
always believe in you.
Give me a mind to always
think and reason as
a child of God.
Be by my side in times of
trouble.
Comfort me when I feel lost.
Help me to feel
your love and saving grace
in me always!
In your name.
Amen!*

Prayer by Vanessa Madeira

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.