



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Thirty first Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday 30 October 2016



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38



Liturgical Jottings

The Rosary – Part 5

Glorious Mysteries are traditionally said on Wednesday and Sunday. Read the Scripture passage and during the Hail Mary's meditate on the story listening to God speaking to you:

The Glorious Mysteries

- Resurrection: Jesus rises from the dead. Mt 28:1-10; Mk 16:1-18; Lk 24:1-49; Jn 20:1-29.
- Ascension: Jesus leaves the Apostles and bodily "ascends" to heaven. Mk 16:19-20; Lk 24:50-51; Acts 1:6-11.
- Descent of the Holy Spirit: The Apostles receive the Holy Spirit in tongues of fire in the upper room with Mary. Acts 2:1-41.
- Assumption: Mary is taken bodily--assumed--into heaven by God at the end of her life here on earth. Revelation 12:1.
- Coronation: Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. Rev. 12:1.

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Looking at the Readings

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is almost complete. Jericho is the last town to be passed through before the steep ascent up to Jerusalem. This story about Jesus calling Zacchaeus is found only in Luke's gospel. Zacchaeus in Hebrew means righteous, upright, pure, clean, innocent. His actions belie his name and earn him the title of "sinner". He is the chief tax collector, a publican. The tax collectors 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.

Imagine the ridiculous sight of this wealthy, "small man, dressed in his fine robes, climbing a tree, like a schoolboy. (Imagine a bishop or mayor in their robes climbing a tree. It is for children to do so). In his desire to see Jesus, he humbles himself by making a show of himself. He thus humbles himself before the Lord! Jesus then takes the initiative and calls him down. Initially Zacchaeus sought to see Jesus but now God, through Jesus, seeks Zacchaeus. The physical problem of his size/height symbolizes the exclusion he suffers. No one in the crowd is going to stand aside for him. Zacchaeus, one of the marginalised who provides hospitality to Jesus and his entourage, and finds in return the hospitality of God: a welcome into the community of salvation.

After meeting Christ, total meaning came into Zacchaeus' life enabling him to withstand the ups and downs of everyday living. We are not told if Zacchaeus went back to his employment. He does have the conversion of heart so often provided by the total acceptance the sinner finds in Jesus' unconditional love. The crowd were not happy, here Jesus is picking out the outcast and transforming him. This week, meditate on how Jesus is calling you today. Jesus saw the good in Zacchaeus whom the crowd did not really know. Get to know some one you are acquainted with but do not really know well. Try to move into a deeper relationship with them.

Quote of the Week

To be faithful in little things is a great thing. *St Teresa of Calcutta*

On the Lighter Side

Q. Who makes the better detective - Sherlock Holmes or a tax accountant? A. The tax accountant - she make's more deductions. Q. What did the tax accountant do to liven up the office party? A. Not show up.



Notices

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. Tickets will be on sale before and after mass this weekend.

\$2.00 each or \$10.00 per book. The draw will be held on **Monday 31st October**. Winners will be notified.



Helping Hand—Assisting Seniors with Technology

Free lessons and personalised support being offered.

Information session pm **Wednesday 2nd November**
St Paul's African House, 54 Poplar Ave., Shepparton.

For more information call

Tatura Community House 5824 1315

The Serra Club invite you to join us this

Friday November 4th when we pray for vocations and especially remember priests that have been part of the special occasions in our lives and who have now gone to their eternal rest. Adoration will continue to

7.25 pm, we will then have a blessing followed with mass.

Afterwards we will go to the Mons Jeffery Centre for a cuppa and a film. All welcome.

Youth Ministry Update **Stronger Rally**

Our last Stronger Rally for 2016 will be held on

Friday November 4th at FCJ College Benalla!

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

FCJ College, 2 Arundel Street, Benalla.

For more information contact Danii at

Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Transport: A bus will be leaving from the church at 4.45pm to go to Benalla. If you would like a ride on the bus please contact Judi Robinson on 0419 575585 asap.

Our Parish Men's Group will meet next

Saturday 5th of November at 7.30am in the Mons Peter Jeffery centre. Jean Marie Mupenda will be sharing his story of growing up in the Congo. He will share the many great things about his growing up and also some of the trials and the ongoing conflicts they experience.

Any questions call Anthony 58212633.

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. All welcome.

The yearly **Garabandal prayer group**

will be held in the Mons Peter Jeffery Centre 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 on 5821 6359.

Mackillop Faith & Light Community will gather on

Sunday 20th November for Mass. **NOT** 6th November.

Our Retreat went very well. We shared our time in God's beautiful country. Father Joe and Kathy joined us on Saturday with Fr. Joe celebrating Mass.

Thank you Fr. Joe and Kathy for your support.

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, South Shepparton - Tuesday 1st November
Rosary and Mass at Pine Lodge Cemetery starting at 9.30am.

Wednesday November 2nd Rosary and Mass at Shepparton Lawn Cemetery starting at 9.30am & 7.00pm memorial Mass at St Mel's Church (Hamilton Street).

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.



St. Brendan's
Catholic Parish in Shepparton

St. Brendan's Parish
Pastoral Council

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 16th November, at 7pm in the Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre.
All welcome.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!
Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Melbourne weekend: **11-13 November, 2016**

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.

Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel

9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: www.wwme.org.au

Feast of Christ the King


This year we are extending our celebration of the Feast of Christ the King to include a cuppa after 11am Mass on November 20th including blessing and naming the new garden and closing the Year Of Mercy. We are looking for people to carry flags representing our many different cultures at 6pm, 8am and 11am Mass on November 19 and 20. If you are able to help, please either ring/text Kathy Hunt on 0416058431 or put your name and number down on the roster in the narthex.

We would also like parishioners to bring a plate of traditional food to share for our cuppa after 11am Mass.

Rosters—Ministers of Communion, Lectors & Offertory

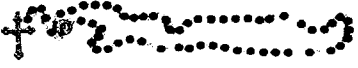
The new rosters are available in envelopes for those who don't have an email address.

For all those who have advised their email addresses new rosters will be emailed next week.

Pray A Rosary

October
 Month of the Holy Rosary

Rosary is prayed after 8am Mass each Sunday and after 9.15am weekday Masses 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 this Sunday 30th October 2016.

The Parish is offering a **Weekly Reflection Group for Advent**, beginning the week of *Monday 21st of November*, time and day to be decided. The program is titled Emanuel (God with us). The reflection groups would run for one hour and would be a great way to prepare our spirits for the feast of Christmas. Contact the Parish office or e-mail: anthonypastoral@bigpond.com if you would like to join.

St Brendan's School Fete
 It is a twilight fete on the 11th November from 5-8pm. Food, Drinks, Entertainment & Stalls galore.

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.

Important - there is no personal cooking required, we purchase all the bread, slices and hot finger food. 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 0439 401357.

A Good Role Model

That guy Zacchaeus is one of my heroes. He was a little guy. Maybe he was pushed around much of his life by bigger people. The "in crowd" looked down upon him. He collected taxes for the Romans, so there couldn't have been anything good about him.

But Zacchaeus had guts. He couldn't see Jesus, so he climbed a tree. His job as a tax collector also gave him the power to abuse people, but he told Jesus he would repay people "four times over" if he had treated them unjustly. He also had great wealth but pledged to share it with the poor.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches by making Zacchaeus a role model. Religious people were shocked that Jesus would dine with Zacchaeus. But Jesus, unlike them, saw the man's heart and scolded onlookers for judging Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus can be our role model too. And I bet if you look around, you'll see Christians just like him. I have friends who constantly go out of their way to see Jesus' spirit in people I write off. They remind me of Zacchaeus. I have friends who will quickly admit their wrongs and make things right. They remind me of Zacchaeus. I have friends who have great wealth but focus more on sharing it with the poor than on protecting it for themselves. They remind me of Zacchaeus. I have friends who have been pushed around and belittled. They've never been part of the "in crowd". But they don't act bitter. They focus in living a good life. They remind me of Zacchaeus.


I bet if you look around your school, parish, family, or local community, you'll see Zacchaeus. You might catch a glimpse of him if you look in your mirror. I bet people see some of Zacchaeus in you too. Don't sell yourself short.

Whom do you know that reminds you of Zacchaeus?

GPBS eNews

All parishioners are encouraged to subscribe to the **free eMagazine** at www.cathfamily.org This is an excellent resource for the whole family eg. Faith and Family Life, Sacraments etc.

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.

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, Sundays 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 and after 9.15am weekday Mass

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 5th & 6th November 2016

6pm A Kilmartin, M Keyte

8am P Naughton, C Naughton

11am P Scanlon, JM Mupenda



RECENTLY DECEASED: John Collingwood, Kathy Barton (nee McManus), Kathryn Groves, Milena Bassani, Tom Shannon (Numurkah), Jeffrey Hovey (Pauline Hovey's son).

ANNIVERSARIES: Des Vallence, Tim O'Keeffe, George George, Desma Bicknell, Rita Mary Sexton, Sebastiano Tomarchio and Garufi Family, Lorna Bowyer, Ilma Jewell, Dermot Kerlin.

Reflection

Lord God,

May everything we do

Begin with your inspiration

And continue with your help,

So that all our prayers

and works

May begin in you

And by you be happily ended.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



**God, I will praise
your name forever.**

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.

**Tuesday 1st November Rosary and Mass at Pine Lodge Cemetery starting at 9.30am

**Wednesday 2nd November Rosary and Mass at Shepparton Lawn cemetery starting at 9.30am & 7pm Mass at the Church.

St. Mary's Dookie, 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays 9.30am

St. Bernard's Katandra West, 2nd Sunday 9.30am

**Sunday 13th November 9am (not 9.30am)

St. Mary's Mooropna, 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.