



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6 November 2016



Readings for
this week.

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Malachi 3:19-20.
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12.
Luke 21:5-19.



Liturgical Jottings

The first five books of what we know as the Bible make up what Jews regard as the Torah (the Law). Right up until 1850's, it was accepted that Moses was the author of these five books. Literary criticism reveals a variety of authors and editors and the books are now thought to have been compiled at the time of the Jewish exile in Babylon. Despite this, Moses holds a special place in Judaism as the 'Law-giver' because of his part in receiving the Ten Commandments and he tends to be associated with the whole of the books of Law – the Torah.

Quotable Quote

Through his death and resurrection, Christ freed us from sin and gave us access to a new life, "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:4). *Ad Resurgendum cum Christo.*

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Looking at the Readings

Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present. ©Dianne Bergant CSS.

Feast of the Week: St Martin of Tours 11 November

Martin was born about 316, became a soldier, a hermit, joined a monastery and later he was ordained a priest and then bishop of Tours. He was renowned for founding monasteries, educating clergy, preaching the Gospel to the poor and being a true shepherd in his diocese. He died in 397.

On the Lighter Side

A man dies and goes to the gates of heaven. St Peter asks him "Have you ever helped others?" He answered: "I saw a man being bullied by thugs, I ran to his aid, reprimanded the thugs and let the man escape." St Peter said: "Well done, when did you do that?" The man replied about three minutes ago!"



Notices

Mass will be at Tarcoola on this Wednesday
9th November at 10.30am

Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Annual General Meeting to be held next
Thursday 10th November at 1pm in
the Mons Jeffrey Centre.
All welcome.

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.

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

The yearly Garabandal Prayer Group

will be held in the Mons Peter Jeffrey 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.

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. All welcome.

St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group

will have their Christmas lunch at the Peppermill Hotel on **Sunday 27th November at 12.30pm**. Cost is \$25 per head for a 2 course Christmas lunch.

Please ring/or leave a message to Dot Shipston on 58211269 to confirm your booking by 21st November.



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.

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 have been emailed this week.

Mercy Access - 'Reading Opens Doors'

Volunteers needed

Do you like helping children with their school work or projects?

We are looking for volunteers who have a background in education (any level) to mentor children of all ages.

On receiving your Expression of Interest an application form will be forwarded together with other necessary information. Training days will be offered.

You will be asked to commit one day per week.

Please phone 0428 996975 or email

mercyaccess@gmail.com

We would like to sincerely thank parishioners for all your prayers and support after the recent loss of our daughter and grand-daughter, Laura.

~Geoffrey & Lisa Simpson and Marg & Geoff Simpson.

Melbourne Cup Sweep

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cup Sweep fundraiser. Approx \$1300 was raised.

Winners were: 1st Jean Threlfall, 2nd Biddy McNamara, 3rd Chris Wren, 4th Peter Fitzpatrick.

Ticket sellers prize Pat Wilson.

Many thanks also to the organizing committee.

New stock is available at the Piety Stall including Christmas cards and Columban calendars.

Stronger Youth

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 3rd December

The Shepparton D-Group will be holding a Christmas Concert as our fundraiser this year, we'd love to see you there!

Works on the Church

We have just received confirmation from the contractor that installation of stage 2 of the rising damp rectification equipment will be installed to the outside of the church between Thursday 10th November & Wednesday 16th November.

Weekend Masses **will not** be affected, we will try to minimise any disruption during the week but at times it may require part or full closure of the Church and some services being relocated to the Parish Centre. Please also take extra care around the area whilst the works are in progress.

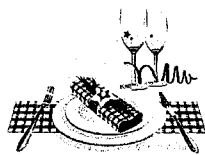
Thanks for your assistance and understanding.

Seniors' Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday 30th November

The last anointing Mass for the year will be held on this day in the Church at 11am.

After Mass all Senior parishioners are invited to lunch in the Mons. Jeffrey Centre to enjoy some Christmas cheer together.



The Parish is offering a

Weekly Reflection Group for Advent,

beginning on *Monday 21st of November* at 1.30pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

The program is titled Emanuel (God with us). The reflection groups would run for approx. one to one and a half hours and would be a great way to prepare our spirits for the feast of Christmas.

Everyone is welcome.

Just turn up or if you would like information contact the Parish office or e-mail Anthony at: anthonypastoral@bigpond.com

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.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy Pope Francis has named this Sunday 6th November, 2016 as the day of Jubilee for Prisoners.

We invite all parishioners to join in prayer for all prisoners that they come to know God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

May all of us remember the victims of crime and also those victims who became offenders.

We remember also all those who are entrusted with the care of those who are incarcerated, especially our prison Chaplains.

God, Our Creator,

We acknowledge our ancestors
and original owners of this land.

Maker and Spirit of earth and all creation
let your love possess our land
and may we share in faith and friendship
and all your gifts.

We pray for all those in our prisons
and those, who through sickness, addictions and other reasons
live in their personal prisons.

We remember and pray for those
who seek to change difficult life stories.

We remember and pray
for the victims of crime on the outside.

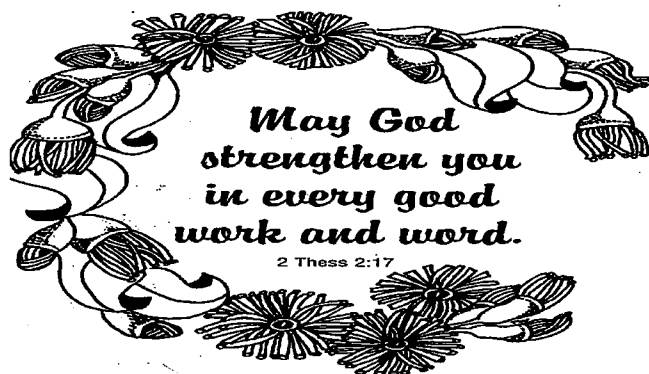
We remember and pray
for the countless victims of crime on the inside.

We remember and pray for
the whole criminal justice system
and its processes.

Keep all of us ever mindful of your great love,
so that we may always remember you
as a God of Mercy and forgiveness.

Amen.

~ Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
Year of Mercy, Holy Father's Jubilee for Prisoners
Sunday 6th November, 2016



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 - Mondays during Advent commencing Monday 21st November at 1.30pm Parish Centre

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

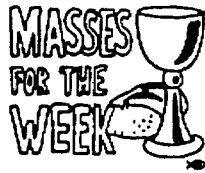
Society of St. Vincent de Paul - 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm

Lectors 12th & 13th November 2016

6pm P Stein, D Sullivan

8am G Jelliffe, Sr R Crowe

11am P Chalkley, P Crane



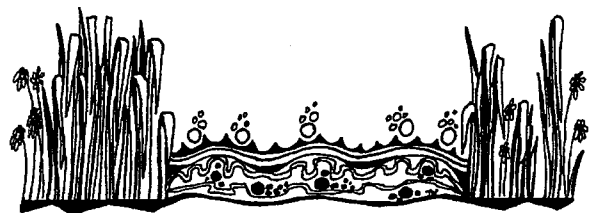
RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Chris Reay, Max Norden, Jeffrey Hovey (Pauline Hovey's son), Anga Cacicavga (sister of Bob Bouvac), Fernada Bertoncini.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sylvia Crowe, John Hicks, Bernadette Rachele, Gerry Shannon, John McManus, Lou Stein, Alf Townsend, Kevin Stein, Gavan Connelly, Adrian Smyth, Margaret Murdoch, Harry Hickey.

Reflection

*When we think about the kind of world
We are leaving to future generations,
May we look at things differently:
May we realize the world is a gift
Which we have freely received
And must share with others.
Challenge us to realise
we can no longer use it
As if everything geared to
our individual benefit.
Remind us that care for future
generations
Is not optional,
but rather a basic question of justice,
Since the world we have received
Also belongs to those who will follow us.
The environment is on loan to us,
And we must hand it on to the next.
Amen*

Based on Pope Francis, "On care for Our Common Home", Laudato Si', paragraph 159



God leads me beside the waters of peace.

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

****Sunday 13th November 9am (not 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.