



# WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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(Closed Mondays and Public holidays)

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Sunday 20 November 2016**



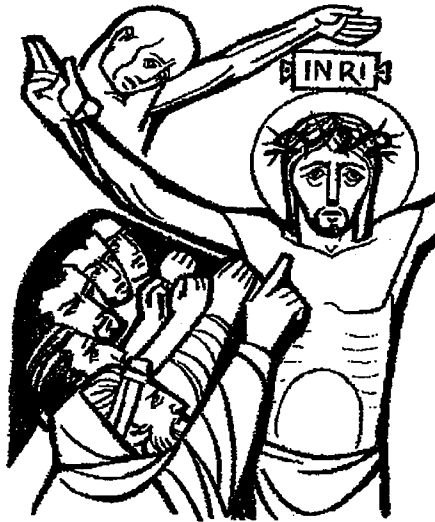
Readings for  
this week...

2 Samuel 5:1-3.  
Colossians 1:12-20.  
Luke 23:35-43.



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Isaiah 4:2-6.  
Romans 13:11-14.  
Matthew 24:37-44.



## Liturgical Jottings

### Shepherds and Criminals

The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. Luke's gospel regularly highlights the role played by the poor: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals - two classes of people on the fringe of society are witness to the birth and death of Jesus.

### Quote from Pope Francis

One of the most troubling of the world's open wounds is the trade in human beings, a modern form of slavery, which violates the God-given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters and constitutes a true crime against humanity...

*At RENATE Conference, 8 Nov. 2016.*

## Looking at the Readings

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images...

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all. © Dianne Bergant CSS.

## Feast of the Week: 24 November

### Saints Andrew Dũng-Lac and his Companions

The evangelisation of Vietnam began in the 16th century. Thousands of missionary clergy, local clergy and the ordinary Christian people shared the labour of apostolic work and have faced death to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel...

## On the Lighter Side

### Things You Never Hear in Church

Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew...

I was so enthralled, I never noticed the sermon went for ½ hr.

I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!

Since we're all here now, let's start the Mass early.



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# Notices

## **Meditation during Advent**

Meditation will be held at 7.15am on 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.  
All welcome to come along and start the day with a quiet time with our Lord.

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## **Leaving Collection**

A collection will be taken up as you leave Mass this weekend 19th and 20th November to help with costs of the Annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon.  
Your contribution will be gratefully appreciated. Help us make this day special for our senior parishioners.  
Contact Graeme on 58252816 for further information.

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## **Weekly Reflection Group for Advent**

**Change of venue for this Monday only will be at**

**Ave Maria Village, Gardena lounge,  
25 Graham Street, Shepparton**

beginning this Monday 21st of November at 1.30pm then each Monday of Advent from 28th November in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

The program is titled Emanuel (God with us). The reflection groups will 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

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## **This Monday: 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.

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## **St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group**

will have their Christmas lunch next Sunday 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 Pat Simpson on 58211269 to confirm your booking by 21st November.

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## **Catholic Charismatic Renewal Day**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11am to 4pm including Mass at 11:30am in Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre.

Guest Speaker is Fr Berny Agustines on the topic "Introduction to 2017 which is the 50 YEARS Celebration of CCR!" (Catholic Charismatic Renewal)

Shared lunch & afternoon tea with coffee & tea provided.

R.S.V.P: Brigita Hore 0412 042 196.

For more details see the flyer on the noticeboard or call Brigita. Bring a friend if you can and we hope to see you there. *All welcome.*

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## **Feast of Christ the King**

To celebrate the Feast of Christ the King a cuppa will be available to enjoy after 11am Mass this Sunday.  
We will also have a blessing and naming the new garden and closing the Year Of Mercy.

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## **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.

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## **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 Sr Agnes Murphy on 0428 996975 or email: mercyaccess@gmail.com

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## **Looking for great Christmas Gifts?**

**We have some great ideas for you!**

\*\* CD 'The Journey' a 2 CD set featuring singers from 11am Mass. This CD has been very popular and is again available for purchase from the Parish office at \$20 each.

\*\* The Piety Stall has some beautiful gifts including Christmas cards and we now stock

2017 Columban Calendars at \$9 each (Place money for items purchased at the piety stall in the envelope provided and place in the mail slot at the Parish office)

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Seeking volunteers to form a committee that will assist the establishment of playgroup/mothers group:

## **Catholic Mothers of Young Children.**

If you have an interest in Catholic families, pre-school faith development, or Montessori education, we would love to hear from you. Committee intending to meet 1-2 times per term in the evenings. For more information please contact Katie Mills on 0417 504635.

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**Counters Roster:** A new roster is due to be completed soon, so if you are unable to help next year or wish to be included on this roster please contact the Parish Office.

If you are unsure of what is involved in this ministry contact the Parish Office.

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## **2017 Daily Mass Book \$20**

**and**

## **The Little Blue Book for the 2016-2017 Advent and Christmas Seasons \$5**

(Six minutes reflections on the Infancy Narrative of Luke)

*These books are now available in the Church.*

## Law Reform Child Safe Legislation

Important Meeting for all

Volunteers, Ministers of Communion, readers, sacristans and anyone involved in the Parish

**14th December at 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the Parish Centre.**

Dr Kevin Lawlor will inform us as to the new regulations concerning making our Parish totally welcoming and safe for children.

The meeting will inform us of the new regulations which will come into effect on the 1st January 2017.

**\*\*\* Please spread the word \*\*\***



The Jubilee of Mercy began when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica on 8 December 2015 (the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council) and concludes when he closes that same door on 20 November 2016.



### New Parish Office

opens this Tuesday 22nd November  
subject to successful installation of our  
phone and computer systems.

(Located directly behind the church  
next to the Mons Jeffrey Centre).

Next weekend after each of the  
three Masses the new office will be open for  
parishioners to come along and have a look.

***Once the new Parish office opens please do not go to  
the parish house.***

### A creative statue of St Brendan

has been crafted by Mark Almond,  
a teacher at St Brendan's School.  
It will be on display in the church  
for two weeks before sailing to a  
mooring at the school.

Come and see the artwork and say  
a prayer that you too may be a  
missioner like our  
parish patron saint.

### Diocesan Appointments effective 18th January, 2017

Father Brian Boyle has been appointed as Director of Clergy Life and Ministry. Fr Boyle has also been appointed as Assistant Priest to the parishes of the Cathedral, St Joseph's Quarry Hill and St Mary's Golden Square. Fr Boyle will reside at St Joseph's presbytery, Quarry Hill. These appointments are in addition to his appointment as Episcopal Vicar of Catholic Education, and for 2016 Fr Boyle will continue to be the Dean of Studies at Corpus Christi College, Carlton.

Fr Ted Harte has been appointed a Pastor Emeritus.

### Parish Priests

Fr Michael Grace has been appointed parish priest of St Mary of the Angels parish, Nathalia, in addition to his appointment as parish priest of St John's parish, Numurkah.

Fr Peter Dell'Avo has been appointed parish priest of Holy Rosary parish, White Hills.

Fr Cornelio (Jinjo) Solis has been appointed parish priest of St Augustine's parish, Kyabram.

Fr Ashley Caldow has been appointed parish priest of St Joseph's parish, Rochester.

Fr Peter Ferwerda has been appointed parish priest of Our Lady Help of Christian's parish, Heathcote.

Fr Pompeyo Tan has been appointed parish priest of St Mary's parish, Myrtleford, and Our Lady of the Snows, Bright.

Fr Joseph Thippabathini has been appointed Administrator of St Mary's parish, Rushworth.

### *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, Parish Centre

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 26th & 27th November 2016*

**6pm** Sr F Kennedy, J Boccabella

**8am** G Quinlan, P Guthrie

**11am** M Frizzell, I Garla



### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pat Hickey, John Langley, Paddy Hicks, Giuseppe and Annunziata Corso, Antonio and Maria De Pasquale, Olivia Rosaria, Ann Nunzio Portia.

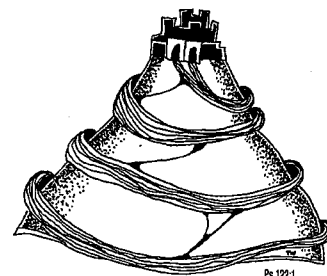
## *Reflection*

*Blessed are you,  
when you remain available,  
sharing in simplicity what you  
possess.*

*Blessed are you,  
when you weep over the absence  
of happiness around you,  
and throughout the world.*

*Blessed are you,  
when you opt for gentleness and  
dialogue even when this seems  
long and difficult.*

*Blessed are you,  
when your creativity devises new  
ways of donating your time,  
your tenderness and gems of  
hope.*



**Let us go rejoicing  
to God's house.**

### *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.