



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 November 2017



Readings for
this week:

Malachi 1:14-2;2, 8-10
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13
Matthew 23:1-12



Readings for
next Sunday:

Wisdom 6: 12 – 16
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13



Liturgical Jottings True Worship I

The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows. For the aim and object of apostolic works is that all who are made sons and daughters of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of His Church, to take part in the sacrifice, and to eat the Lord's supper. Constitution on the Liturgy art. 10

Saint of the Week

10 November: Saint Leo the Great was Pope from 29 September 440 to his death in 461. He is remembered for issuing the 'Tome of Leo', which was a major foundation to the debates of the Council of Chalcedon dealing primarily with Christ's being as the hypostatic union of two natures, divine and human, united in one person, "with neither confusion nor division".

Looking at the Readings

The prophet Malachi, in the last book of the Old Testament, uses strong words against the priests of the new Temple. The Babylonian exile is over, the Temple has been rebuilt, their nation and religion have been re-established but from the tone of the first reading today, something is terribly wrong. In fact, two things: the priests exercise of worship and their administration. Temple worship with sacrifices of thanksgiving and atonement are third rate, using badly blemished or stolen animals, rotten or polluted food and anything goes. Certainly not uplifting liturgy, or worthy and proper praise to God. Their administration is shoddy, they are being corrupted by the world around them.

About 450 years later Jesus uses most vehement language against the religious leaders of the day for their spiritual hypocrisy and uncaring application of rules and traditions upon the people. Matthew's community, the first readers of this Gospel know about the scribes, Pharisees and priests of the Temple which is now destroyed. They know that there were good and bad leaders, vain ones and humble ones. Jesus response is found in the last three verses of Today's Gospel passage.

His warnings and encouragements are pertinent today. Do we give our best time and participation to our liturgies or just turn up if we have a few minutes to spare or give half hearted attention to our parish celebrations? Do we see our fellow Christians as our brothers and sisters whom we share, serve and encourage and so together able to call our God "Father and Teacher"? Jesus shows true leadership by carrying our burdens and being servant to all.

Quote of the Week

The commemoration of the dead fills us both with sorrow, a sense of sadness, and with hope. A cemetery is sad because it reminds us of our loved ones who have died, it reminds us of our future, death. In this sadness, we bring flowers as a sign of hope. This hope can help us because we too must make the same journey, from this life to the next. The hope in the Resurrection does not disappoint. In fact it is Jesus Himself who first took this journey; we walk along the path He has trod." *Pope Francis' Homily on All Souls Day 2016 at the Roman cemetery of Prima Porta*

On the Lighter Side

Fuzzy Sabbath Logic, from Matthew 12:9-14 "Jesus entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. Looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath? ... But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus." Lesson: For the Pharisees it's sinful to heal on the Sabbath, but OK to plot murder.



New Carpet in the Church

12th to 18th November

Commencing Sunday 12th November new carpet will be laid in the church. The work is expected to be completed by Saturday 18th November.

Weekday Masses 14th to 17th November

will be held in the Mons Jeffrey Centre (Parish Centre) for that week only at the usual time of 9.15am.

Holy Hour Thursday 16th November

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 17 November

Details about this will be advertised in next week's bulletin.

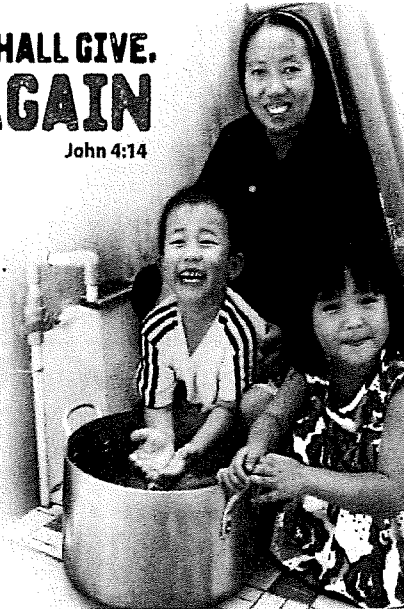
**WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE.
WILL NEVER THIRST AGAIN**

John 4:14

Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal supporting the forgotten farming families of Vietnam, and throughout the world. Your considered gifts will help provide a new clean drinking water filtration system for the people of the coastal mountain region of Xuan Son. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continue your support of the life-giving work of Catholic Mission.



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



Many thanks to Fr Joe, Mons Peter, Fr Berny, other priests, nuns and parishioners for their Masses and prayers for Lorraine's recovery following her surgery and hospitalisation in Melbourne. The operation was a complete success and the growth on her spine was benign. She will be coming home this Sunday. Love and God bless. ~ Lorraine & Peter Stein

Recently Deceased: Carmela Scarcella, Brian Crowe (brother of Sr Rosemary Crowe fcj).

Anniversaries: Gavin Connelly, John Hicks, Harry Hickey, Pasquale & Francesco De Maria, Sebastiano Tomarchio, Nunzio Portia, Bernadette Rachele, Imelda Meehan, Margaret Behan, Lou Stein, Kevin Stein, Marie Wardle, Sylvia Crowe.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday mornings 9.30am-10.30am

Baptism, 4th Sunday of each month except August and 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

Holy Hour

Thursdays 7pm to 8pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 3pm to 6pm, First Friday of the month 3pm to 7.25pm

Holy Rosary

Pray the Rosary after 8am Mass Sundays and after 9.15am weekday Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word 11am Mass (not school hols)

Parish Schools

St Brendan's Primary School 5821 1926
St Luke's Primary School 5822 1834
Notre Dame College 5822 8400

Lectors 11th and 12th November

6pm	Youth Group,	Youth Group
8am	M Hicks,	S Hicks
11am	I Garla,	A Ferguson

Regular Meetings (Also check notices from time to time)

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 during school term

Catholic Women's League (CWL) - 2nd Thursday monthly 1pm, Parish Centre

Charismatic Prayer Group - Tuesdays 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Christian Meditation—Mondays 7.30pm St Mel's Parish house

Faith and Light Community - 1st Sunday monthly

Friendship Group - Third Sunday monthly for lunch at 12.30

Garabandal - 3rd Monday monthly 1.30pm, Parish centre

Gospel Discussion Group - Mondays during Lent & Advent

Men's Group - Saturday fortnightly 7.30am in the Parish centre. Contact the Parish office.

Playgroup - Mondays 9.30am at Ave Maria Village

Serra Club - 1st Friday monthly 7.30pm Church & Parish Centre

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

Notices

Melbourne Cup Sweep . . . ticket sales this weekend

It's on again—the annual Melbourne Cup Sweep!

Tickets will be sold after Masses. \$2 each.

1st prize \$500, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100,
4th \$50, ticket seller \$20. Drawn Monday 6th November.

This is a great fundraiser for the Parish.

Office Closure . . . 7th November

The Parish office will be closed on Tuesday 7th November
as it is a public holiday.

Mass at Tarcoola 8th November at 10.30am.

Music Liturgy/Ministry Workshop . . . 8th November

8pm – 9.30pm at St Brendan's Church

Wednesday 8 November

Dale Wright will be giving an insight on the
Australian Pastoral Musicians Conference which he
recently attended in Perth. All interested Musicians and
Singers from are invited to come along.

Please phone the Parish Office on 5821 2633 to indicate
your attendance. Thank you.

Youth-Led Mass on Saturday 11th November at 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council

Annual General Meeting . . . 15th November

The AGM of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held in the
Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7pm on Wednesday 15th November.

This is open to all parishioners and new members are
encouraged to come along.

For information phone Kathy on 0416 058431.

Friendship Group . . . 19th November

St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group will be holding their
Christmas Lunch on Sunday 19th November at 12.30pm at

The Last Straw café in Keppel Street.

Come along and enjoy the festive season and meet some of
your fellow parishioners! If you would like to join in please
ring Pat on 0423343711/58211269 or leave a message—
numbers need to be confirmed by 15th November.

All parishioners are welcome to attend and enjoy some fun
and fellowship together.

Annual Memorial Mass . . . 22nd November

The Parish Bereavement Team invites all parishioners,
families and friends to attend the annual Memorial Mass to
be held in St Brendan's Church on

Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm. Supper will be
served in the Mons Jeffrey Centre after the Mass.

Advent Small Groups

Our parish will have some Advent discussions groups
meeting this coming Advent. If you would like to be part of
a group the times are flexible. The groups begin the last
week in November running for four weeks through until
Christmas. Call the Parish office to add your name to the list

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - PRIMARY

is a program run by the parish for primary school children
in Year 3 or higher who would like to celebrate the
Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First
Eucharist and become fully initiated into
the Catholic Church. **In order for your child to participate
in this program they need to be Baptised.**

If your child is not baptised, please contact the parish
office as soon as possible.

or email Laura at sacramental.coord@bigpond.com

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM — SECONDARY

St Brendan's Parish would like to provide secondary school
students with the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of
Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2018.

If you would like to be involved in the program, could you
please contact Miss Jessica Alampi via email
jessica.alampi@notredame.vic.edu.au or phone the parish
office on 5821 2633.

Child Safe Update

If you haven't yet completed the training module relevant to
the new child Safe regulations there will be an opportunity
this **Wednesday 8th November** at 1pm to complete it at the
Parish office. Also you have the opportunity to complete this
on your own computer if you haven't already.

Please call the parish office to rsvp either way.

*Thank you to all volunteers who have already completed this
training as it helps the parish fulfil the new obligations.*

Christian Meditation . . . Mondays

Meditation is now held at St Mel's Parish House
18 Hamilton Street, Shepparton on Mondays at 7.30pm.

Everyone welcome to attend.

Little Blue Books

are now available in the narthex and west side entrance.

These little books have 6 minute reflections.

Take a short Scripture passage and simply let God speak to
us through the words, guiding us to reflections that
sometimes seem to come from nowhere.

Daily Mass Books

for the forthcoming Liturgical Year, commencing on
Sunday 3rd December, are now available in the Piety stall
(west side entrance) at a cost of \$25.

*Please place money in the envelope supplied and post in the
mail slot at the Parish office. Thank you.*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend . . . November Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious
nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your
feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that
normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

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.

17th-19th November (Melbourne)

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.

Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: Marianne & Marcel 9733 0997

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: www.wwme.org.au

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SUNDAY
14 JANUARY
2018

FRG
MINISTRY

5.30PM - 9.30PM

LIMITED
TICKETS!

FR ROB + BAND
PERFORMING!!
Merchandise available
including Fr Rob's new book
'Breakthrough'

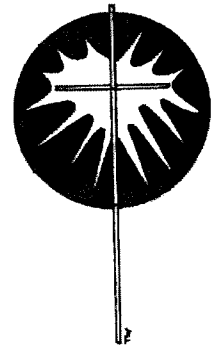
TICKETS:
Contact Carol 0408 149962
Ticket cost of \$75 includes a
2 course dinner with
drinks

A RELAXING EVENING WITH
GOOD FOOD, GOOD COMPANY
AND GREAT MUSIC!

GET YOUR TICKETS ASAP AS THIS
EVENING WILL BOOK OUT!!

BRING YOUR COPY OF
'BREAKTHROUGH' TO BE SIGNED!

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE
PROVIDED WITH YOUR TICKETS.



**YOU HAVE THE
ONE TEACHER:
JESUS CHRIST.**

Mt 23:10

Cemetery Ritual remembering Sisters of Mercy buried in Tatura and Shepparton (1914-2014)

This year marks the 160th anniversary of the arrival of the three founding Sisters of Mercy in Melbourne. Throughout November, in this special anniversary year, there will be remembrance rituals in the cemeteries in Victoria where sisters are buried. In this way, we will name and remember, in a simple yet significant way, these women, known or unknown to us personally, strangers, relatives, friends, companions, Sisters, who gave their lives to Mercy.

Tatura and Shepparton Cemeteries — Wednesday 8th November , 2017

Suggested arrival times:

10.45 Tatura Cemetery, 12.30 Light lunch Tatura, 1.45 Shepparton Cemetery

Sisters of Mercy and parishioners from Tatura, Shepparton and surrounding Parishes are invited to join us.

Enq: maureen.sexton@mercy.org.au 0439 720193 OR agnes.murphy@mercy.org.au 0428 996975.

Mass Times

St Brendan's Parish

Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am and 11am

Sunday 5pm Syro Malabar Rite

Weekday Mass times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am,

Thursday at Ave Maria Village 4.30pm

Other Mass Times

Mass of Anointing, Wednesday preceding first Friday
monthly at 11am

Mass at Tarcoola, second Wednesday monthly at 10.30am

Reconciliation Saturday mornings 9.30am to 10.30am

Neighbouring Parishes

St. Mel's Shepparton South, Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm

Saturday 9.00am, Every first Saturday of the month Holy
Rosary & devotions after Mass,

Wednesday 8am Mass.

Reconciliation None until further notice. See St Brendan's.

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

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

St. Mary's Mooropna, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 6pm,
Friday 10am, Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10am Mass.

Reconciliation Saturday mornings 10.30am to 11am
(First check with St Mary's on Thursday beforehand).