



ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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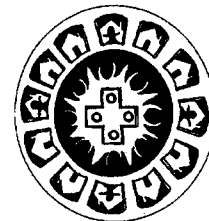
Associate Priests: Fr Berny Agustines and Fr Sebastian Mandapathil

Weekend Mass times: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am and 11am and 5.30pm Syro Malabar Rite

Weekday Mass times: Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Saturday mornings 9.30am to 10.30am

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm (Closed Mondays & Public Holidays)



Christ in community...the heart of our faith

New Year's Day: Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

1 January 2017



Readings for this week:

Numbers 6:22-17
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

This feast day is celebrated on the Octave of Christmas. This day was once called the Naming of Jesus or the Circumcision of Jesus. It is also new Year's Day and the World Day of Prayer for Peace. In Old Testament Law, a child wasn't a son of Abraham or a true part of the family until his circumcision at eight days of age, an event of Christ's life (Luke 2:21), the tenth day of Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (3 January), the twelfth is the Feast of the Epiphany (Matt 2:1-12) and forty days after Christmas we celebrate the feast of Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (2 February - Luke 2:22-40)

A Quote for the New Year

"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

St Francis of Assisi

Looking at the Readings

Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our Abba. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.
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Pope Francis: World Day of Peace 2017

"All of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering, yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peacemakers". In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to building nonviolent communities that care for our common home. "Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace". [Appeal, Assisi, 20 September 2016] from Message of Pope Francis, 50th World Day of Peace 1/1/2017

On the Lighter Side

A New Year's Prayer: Dear Lord, So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen.



Welcome to St Brendan's Parish

We wish you all a safe, happy and prosperous New Year and may you receive the blessings of the Lord throughout the year.

Thanks to our many kind parishioners who have generously given gifts to us this Christmas.
~ Fathers Joe, Berny and Sebastian

Estela Hutchings, Psychologist who consults in the Parish is available for private and confidential consultation on a wide variety of issues. Estela is normally available for consultations on Fridays but will also consult out of hours. There is a small charge for a 60 minute consultation. For information and bookings contact the Parish office on 5821 2633 during office hours.

Recently Deceased:
Anniversaries: Bishop Joseph Grech.

Lectors & Commentators 7th & 8th January
6pm J Howley, F Scheibel
8am G Quinlan, L Boschetti
11am C Naughton, P Naughton

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 and bookings, contact the Parish office.

Holy Hour Thursdays 7pm to 8pm in the Church.

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays 3pm to 6pm in the Church (not in January)

Altar Society Morning coffee 1st Friday monthly

Catholic Mothers of Young Children 1st & 3rd Thursday monthly 10am in the Parish Centre (not in January)

Catholic Women's League (CWL) 2nd Thursday monthly 1pm in the Parish Centre (not in January)

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays 7.30pm in Parish Centre (not in January)

Christian Meditation Mondays 7.30pm in the Parish Centre (not in January)

Faith & Light Community 1st Sunday monthly (not in January)

Friendship Group the last Sunday monthly for lunch at 12.30pm

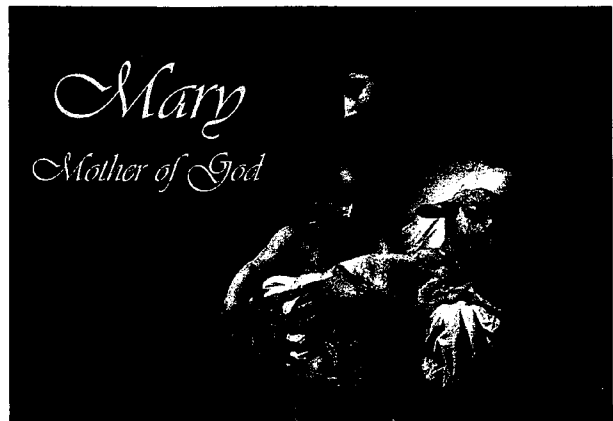
Garabandal 3rd Monday monthly 1.30pm in the Parish Centre (not in January)

Men's Group Saturday fortnightly 7.30am in the Parish Centre (not in January)

Playgroup Mondays 10am at Ave Maria Village (not in January)

Serra Club 1st Friday monthly 7.15pm (not in January)

St Vincent de Paul Society 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm



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Peter and Carmel Naughton will celebrate 50 years of Marriage on 31st December.

They were married at St Brendan's by Peter's brother Fr John.

Congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion.



Thank You

The fcJ Sisters, Rosemary, Shirley and Frances, express their deep appreciation for the support given them by the priests and parishioners of St Brendan's on the death of Sr Peter Wilson fcJ on 15th December.

Thank you to all involved in the Christmas Liturgies

From preparation and set up and to all who help out throughout the year. Your commitment and dedication to your Ministries is so very much appreciated.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please help us to save on postage costs by taking your envelope, which is in the narthex, as you leave Mass today.
Thank you.

Counters Roster

The new Counters Roster commencing next Sunday, 8th January, is now available in the narthex.

Colouring Sheets for Children

Are located on the clipboards in the west side entrance and narthex. These follow the story of Christ's birth, the Holy Family and the Baptism of Jesus.

The children are welcome to take these home.

Mass for Those Ill or Frail at Home

Find Mass 'Streamed Live' or 'On Demand' via the internet or mobile devices:

'Mass on Demand' St Mary's Church, North Sydney (Our Lady of the Way, a Jesuit Church):

CathNews YouTube channel OR

www.northsydneycatholics.com/spirituality/liturgy/mass-on-demand

Mass Streamed Live 9.30 am each day from Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, NSW. Plus Adoration and Benediction on Saturdays: www.dbb.org.au/ Click 'Watch Mass Live' button.

'Mass for You at Home' 6 am Sunday Mass and saved program. Channel 10 TV.

tenplay.com.au/channel-ten/mass-for-you-at-home

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