



ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Parish Priest: Fr. Joe Taylor

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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

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

15 January 2017



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 8:23-9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Matthew 4:12-23



Liturgical Jottings

After the Christmas and Epiphany Season which concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the church commences Ordinary Time so named because of the use of ordinal numbers, that is first, second, third, etc. Except there is no First Sunday. Green vestments are worn symbolising growth and life. We celebrate the wonder and joy of creation and look forward to the life of the world to come.

Quote From Pope Francis

Spirit of Life

Yu dwell in every living creature
And you are always calling us
Into relationship with you.
May we find you wherever we seek
you. Amen

Based on "Care for Our Common Home"
Pope Francis, paragraph 88

Looking at the Readings

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Feast of the Week: St Antony, Tuesday 17 January

Saint Anthony or Antony was born in 251, Heracleopolis Magna. He lived a monastic life and is recognised as the founder of Monasticism for he attracted many others to join him in common life of prayer and penance. The Letters of St Antony the Great are still a great source of Christian spirituality. He was revered since his death on 17 January 356 in Egypt as a saint.

On the Lighter Side

Four young monks took a vow of silence. They're sitting in the refectory when one complains out loud about something. Then the second one says "be quiet!" then the third one says, "Shh you are both talking!" then the last one says, proudly, "I am the only one who has not spoken!"



Welcome to St Brendan's Parish



The Lord has prepared a feast for me.

Recently Deceased: Betty Law, Barry Patrick Deane, Max Fletcher (Wangaratta)

Anniversaries: Aileen Mary O'Dwyer, Carmel Lewis, Margaret Hart, Tom Hopkins, Jean Clare Deane, Aldo Landini,

Lectors & Commentators 21st & 22nd January

6pm	M Keyte,	D Tarquini
8am	S Hicks,	M Hicks
11am	L Ferguson,	W Hunt

Sacraments

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 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 1st Sunday monthly for lunch at 12.30pm (not in January)

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

2017 Columban Art Calendar is available for purchase from the Piety Store. \$9.00 each.

"Come Holy Spirit-Fill us with the Fire of Your Love"

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) are hosting International guest Ulf Ekman who will be speaking on the topic "Come Holy Spirit-Fill us with the Fire of Your Love".

Everyone is welcome to attend **Tuesday 24th January 2017** 10am to 4pm day session and 7pm to 10pm night session, child care available at evening session.

Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre, behind St Brendan's Church Shepparton

Please bring Shared Lunch morning and afternoon tea.

R.S.V.P: Margaret West, Phone -5722 2821

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For more details please see Flyer in narthex.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Co-ordinator of Pastoral Initiatives and Youth Ministry – Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst. Applications are invited for this full time position with the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst – Bendigo. The successful applicant will participate in the development and implementation of a Pastoral Plan and will act as a reference point and co-ordination for a number of pastoral initiatives and movements in the Diocese. The successful applicant is responsible primarily to effectively co-ordinate and manage all resources and personnel involved in the delivery of diocesan services and events related to Youth Ministry whilst fostering the personal and spiritual growth of each person in the Diocese of Sandhurst. They will work in close collaboration with Pastoral Associates, RCIA, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Adult Faith Education, the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, and Teams of Our Lady. It is desired that the successful applicant will have an understanding of and willingness to work within the Catholic ethos.

For any other queries please contact Sally Holmes on Ph (03) 5445 3617 or sally.holmes@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

A copy of the position description can be obtained from www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

St Vincent College Re-Union 18th & 19th February 2017

All past students, partners and friends of St Vincent's College, Bendigo are invited to attend the Marong Cup Bendigo Racecourse Saturday February 18th, 2017. A designated hospitality area will be provided followed by a get together at the Bendigo Club. Peter Sweeny's 1967 group will be celebrating their 50 year get together. Contact your old St Vincent buddies and join in for a great day out.

For details contact; Tim Cootes 5443 9129 or 0407 403 574; Jim Brennan 5448 3645; Kevin McGrath 0408 124829;

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.

For the month of January, the weekend bulletin will be produced in this smaller, one page, A4 version.