



ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 January 2017



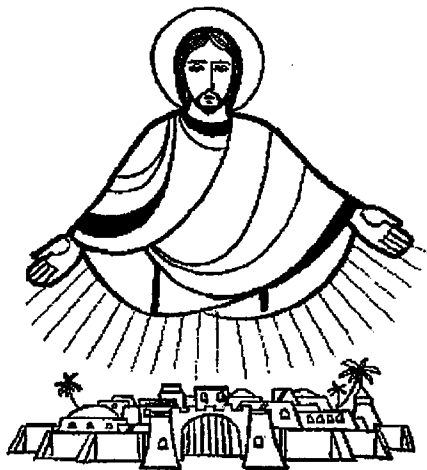
Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday:

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

Ritual Masses

The Roman Missal provides prayer texts for feasts of the Lord, Mary and the saints, the liturgical seasons, Mass with the sacraments and various needs and occasions "Days of Prayer", and funerals and commemorations.

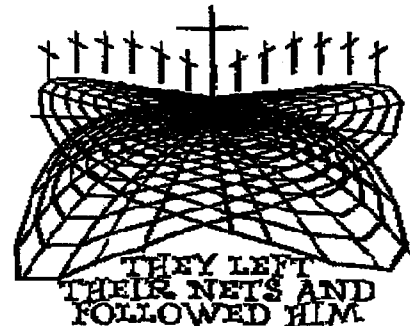
The celebration of sacraments and other rites and called "Ritual Masses" include: the Rites of Christian Initiation, Rite of Election of Names, the Scrutinies, Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, Viaticum, Holy Orders (Deacons, Priests and Bishops), Marriage, Blessing of an Abbot or Abbess, Consecration of Virgins, Religious Profession, Institution of Readers and Acolytes and the Dedication of Churches and Altars. However days of Solemnities (Easter, Christmas, Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter) and other major days take precedence over ritual Masses.

Looking at the Readings

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

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Australia Day:

Thursday 26 January

This national commemoration and public holiday provide various opportunities to celebrate and give thanks for our national achievements, identity, freedoms and blessings and also pray for better relationships and development among all Australians our indigenous people and those who come across the seas. Our Roman Missal includes texts for this day. As it is not a feast day it is called "A Day of Prayer." The Opening Prayer or Collect acknowledges the presence of Christ in our geography, nationhood and mix of indigenous and migrant peoples: "as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives.



Welcome to St Brendan's Parish

The **Parish Office** will be closed next Thursday 26th January, 2017 for Australia Day public holiday.

Thankyou

St. Brendan's Conference of **St. Vincent de Paul Society** wishes to thank our parishioners for the ongoing and generous donations to our Poor Box.

We also wish to thank the donor of lovely gifts left at the Parish Office for us to distribute at Christmas. They are very much appreciated and have been put to good use.



Celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus

Thursday 2nd February at Seiter's Grotto, 11 Kaarimba Road, Wunghnu, 200 meters from the highway. Beginning with Angelus at 6pm then Rosaries and hymns until Mass at 7.30pm, beginning with the Blessing of Candles. Cuppa afterwards. All most welcome. Enquiries to Alf Seiter on 5862 1740

Recently Deceased: Nancy Dawber, Sheila Laycock (Tasmania).

Anniversaries: Bill Quilty, Bogdan Zurawski, Gerard Dumaresq, Elisabetta Zito.

Lectors & Commentators 28th & 29th January

6pm	J Boccabella	Sr. F Kennedy
8am	D Teitzel	G Jelliff
11am	M-A Demase	M Harmer

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 third 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

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

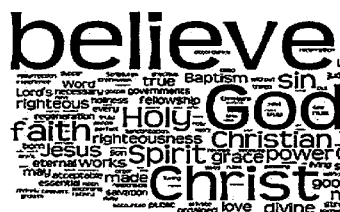
The Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) are hosting International guest Ulf Ekman who will be speaking on the topic "Come Holy Spirit - Fill us with the Fire of Your Love". Everyone is welcome to attend **Tuesday 24th January 2017** 10am to 4pm day session and 7pm to 10pm night session, child care available at evening session.

In the Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

Please bring shared lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

R.S.V.P: Margaret West on 5722 2821

Email: margaret.west4@bigpond.com or Brigita Hore on 0412 042 196 Email: brigitajh@bigpond.com
For more details please see flyer in narthex.



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Volunteers Required

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** urgently requires new volunteers to assist with staffing the Phone Room at our Welfare Centre. This would involve 2hours per fortnight (10.00am - 12.00pm) answering calls from clients seeking appointments for welfare assistance, recording their details and allocating them a time for that afternoon. No previous experience required, as training will be provided. For any enquiries, please contact Denise on 0432 054003.



2017 Columban Art Calendar

is available for purchase from the Piety Store at \$9 each.

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 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. Peter Sweeny's 1967 group will be celebrating their 50 year get together. For details contact; Tim Cootes 5443 9129 or 0407 403 574; Jim Brennan 5448 3645.