



# Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 February 2017



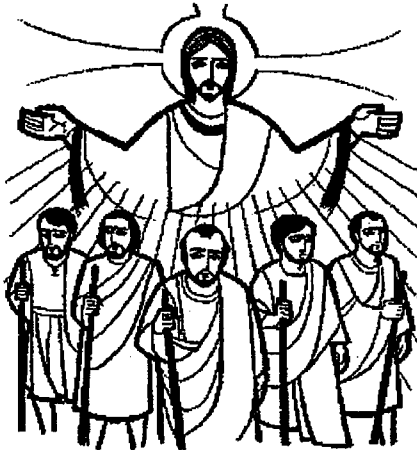
Readings for  
this week:

Isaiah 58:7-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37



## Liturgical Jottings

### Votive Masses

Last two weeks Ritual Masses and Masses for various needs and occasions were featured. Another group of Masses, called Votive Masses, may also be celebrated on days without feasts and that celebrate the mystery of God, Christ, Mary, Angels and the Saints. They include Holy Trinity, Mercy of God, Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, Mystery of the Holy Cross, Holy Eucharist, Holy Name of Jesus, Precious Blood, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Holy Spirit. The votive Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary include a general Mass and three under the titles of Mother of the Church, Holy Name and Queen of the Apostles. Votive Masses of angels and saints include Holy Angels, St John the Baptist, St Joseph, All Apostles, Sts Peter and Paul, One Holy Apostle and one for all the Saints

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## Looking at the Readings

Today, when we describe a person as being the 'salt of the earth' it's generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth. It's usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying 'You are to be the salt of the earth; you are to be the light of the world.' It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them.

Today's first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus' meaning in the gospel passage: 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.' It sounds a lot like the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It's a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that's used for salting the streets or a lamp that's under a tub. © Greg Sunter

## Feast of the Week Our Lady of Lourdes (11 February)

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in a grotto near Lourdes on 11 February 1858 and so began a great devotion to Mary, a call for conversion from sin and a place of pilgrimage for Christians, especially the sick. This day is the 25<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick. The theme of the Pope Francis' 2017 Message is "Amazement at what God has accomplished."

## Quotable Quote

Gandhi, the great leader of the Indian independence movement, said, 'You must be the change you want to see in the world.' The charge to be the light of the world that shines in the sight of all and sets an example for all is echoed succinctly in Gandhi's words.

## On the Lighter Side

Grandpa, Did You Know Noah? Grandson (staring at his grandfather): "Grandpa, were you on the ark when the Flood came?" Grandpa: "No, certainly not." Grandson: "Well, then, why weren't you drowned?"



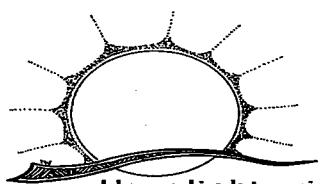
## Reflection

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them.

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

(Mark 10:13-16)



Your light will shine  
like the dawn. Isa 56:8

They Are Just Children!

Not Slaves!

February 8, 2017

## World Day of Prayer

and Awareness

Against Trafficking in Persons

*Pope Francis has declared 8 February 2017 to be the world day of prayer, reflection and action against human trafficking.*

He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and victim of slavery. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister.

The United Nations estimates that today one in every three victims of trafficking is a child.

This week join ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in prayer, reflection and action.

Find out more about the campaign at  
<http://acrath.org.au/world-day-of-prayer/>

### 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

#### 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)

#### Parish Schools

St Brendan's Primary School 5821 1926

St Luke's Primary School 5822 1834

Notre Dame College 5822 8400

**Recently Deceased:** Ian Pendergast (brother of Frank), Antica Burtina, Lorraine Sinclair, Aileen O'Sullivan.

**Anniversaries:** Laurie & Kath Foley.

#### Lectors 11th & 12th February, 2017

**6pm** F Scheibel D Sullivan

**8am** T Francis G Quinlan

**11am** P Chalkley P Crane

**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, Parish Centre

**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 7.15pm Church & Parish Centre

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

# NOTICES

## **Letter from Bishop Les Tomlinson**

regarding the forthcoming Final Hearing of the Royal Commission. There are copies of the letter in the narthex. Please take a copy home with you.

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## **Faith & Light Community**

Will gather together for the first time for this year at 11am Mass this Sunday. After Mass we will enjoy lunch together then role play in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

Mass will be offered for Sr Peter Wilson, who passed away recently, in thanksgiving for her enthusiasm around the parish and especially for her dedication to our Faith & Light Community.

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## **African Mass for the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita**

to be held in St Brendan's Church next Wednesday 8th February at 7pm. All welcome.

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## **Catholic Women's League (CWL)**

The first meeting of the CWL for the new year will be held on Thursday 9th February at 1pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

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**Anointing Mass will be held on Sunday 26th February at 11am Mass. (NOT Wednesday 1st March as it is Ash Wednesday)**

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## **Gospel Discussion Group during Lent**

During Lent our parish will gather together for a **Lenten reflection group**. This year the theme is 'HOPE' in our troubled world. It is difficult to look with hope on the events we see around us. The hope Jesus offers will bring peace and understanding to our lives.

The group will first meet on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at Ave Maria Village at 1.30pm and thereafter each Monday of Lent. All parishioners welcome. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish office 58212633 or email Anthony at: [anthonypastoral@bigpond.com](mailto:anthonypastoral@bigpond.com)

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## **Stronger Youth Rally**

Youth of the Parish!!! Come join us for our first Stronger Rally of the year in Wodonga on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Contact Judi Robinson to book a seat on the bus 0419 575 585.

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## **Aussie Camino 3rd to 11th April, 2017**

St Brendan's Parish are gathering a group to walk the Aussie Camino from Portland to Penola. There is to be an information session on the 12th February after 11am Mass with a light lunch to follow. If you are interested in knowing a bit more contact Anthony 5821 2633.

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## **Save the date . . . Tuesday 23rd May, 2017**

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP

'Touching the Imagination: The Adventure of Faith' and 'What Hope can we offer the Young?'

9am to 4pm at The Eastbank Centre, Welsford Street.

This is a free event but RSVP needed for catering purposes by 5th May to Marina Scott at 5443 2377.

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## **Ash Wednesday 1st March, 2017**

Mass times: St Brendan's Church 9.15am & 6pm

Mercy Stadium, Skene Street, 11am

St Mary's, Dookie 7pm.

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## **Rosters - Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Offertory**

These rosters will soon be prepared for the period 26th March to 23rd July inclusive.

If you are unavailable for any dates within this time or you would like to be involved in these important ministries, please contact the office by phone or email by 10th February clearly stating preferred mass times and ministry you are interested in or are unavailable for.

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## **Stations of the Cross**

Calling for actors and volunteers for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross.

A formation meeting will be held soon for those interested in participating. Please contact Dale on 0408 216522 or see him at 11am Mass.

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Our **Faith & Light Community's Christmas Crib set** is still missing. Some of it has been returned but our beautiful figurines are still missing. Could the person who took these please return them. Thank you. ~ Denise.

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**Lost Items** There are several lost items of jewellery at the parish office waiting for their owners to collect them!

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## **Ave Maria Playgroup**

We are a gentle playgroup which belongs to St Brendan's Parish. We meet on Monday mornings from 9:30 until 11am during school terms at Ave Maria Aged Care Home, 25 Graham St, Shepparton. Everyone is welcome to come along and spend time with other families and our beautiful community who live here at Ave Maria. There are plenty of Grandparents here who would love to see you.

Please call 5831 3000 and ask for Liz or Jan if you would like more information or contact us through our Facebook page: "Ave Maria Playgroup Shepparton"

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## **Altar Servers**

If you are an existing Altar Server or would like to join this very special ministry, please complete your details on the yellow A3 form in the narthex and west side foyer.

We are currently in the process of updating roster times and looking for new recruits so it's important to include your preferred Mass times and contact details on the form.

As we are updating rosters in the coming weeks, can all altar servers attending Mass please check to see if they are needed to serve. Thank you to our existing list of servers.

We appreciate your commitment and dedication to this great service.

Thank you. ~ Patricia Chalkley, (Catholic Identity Co-ordinator, St Brendan's Primary School)

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## **Light to the Nations, Easter Youth Pilgrimage.**

Light to the Nations (LTTN) is an Easter Youth Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics ages 16+. Camp under the open skies with a thousand other young people and celebrate the Easter Triduum with us over 13-16 April 2017! Visit [www.ltn.org.au](http://www.ltn.org.au) for more information and register today.



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MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

During 2014, NDC undertook a Master Plan development process to:

- produce an innovative and flexible site development plan matching the College Mission and Values Statement
- provide architectural concepts that respond creatively to site, planning and pedagogical objectives
- propose facilities which will serve as an exemplar for the school's vision for its 21st Century Teaching and Learning objectives as well as our Student Pastoral Care System with architecture serving to articulate this to the school and wider community
- document future physical building plans for Notre Dame College
- plan for future development with a high degree of certainty, commitment and confidence
- provide the College Board and the College Community the certainty as to how the site is planned to be developed and managed within the time frame of the Master Plan
- minimise impacts created by the further development of the College
- provide greater recreational space for the Knight Street South Campus
- properly manage student movement at Knight Street and Emmaus

**BUILDING PROJECTS IDENTIFIED**

The Master Plan identified 5 major capital developments over the life of the plan. Although design is only conceptual at this stage, the total cost of implementing Stages 2 to 5 of the Master Plan is estimated to be between \$27m and \$34.5m.

Whilst this plan is ambitious, we secured a grant to contribute towards Stage 1, the Trades Skills Centre which has been constructed on South Side Knight Street Campus during 2015.

During 2016/2017, Stage 2, the Science Jennings Mungovan Centre, will be completed. This is at a cost of approximately \$8m. This stage comprises 8 specialist Science rooms and 8 general purpose classrooms.

Beyond this, we have 3 major capital developments identified as follows:

<u>Stage 3</u> \$5.5-\$7.5m	Arts Centre and General Purpose Learning Areas (GPLAs) (South Side Knight St)
	We aim to commence the Arts Centre late 2017 and complete during 2018
<u>Stage 4</u> \$10-\$12m	Performing Arts Centre (North Side Knight St)
<u>Stage 5</u> \$5-\$6.5m	Canteen, Learning Enrichment and General Purpose Learning Areas (South Side Knight St)

In addition to these 5 stages, we have several minor and major refurbishment works to improve the environment of other areas within the College, not identified as individual stages within the Master Plan. During 2015 we landscaped the Year 9 area to provide paths between buildings and improved drainage. During 2016, we added Science and Art portables at Emmaus, we replaced the Stadium floor and completed more landscaping at Emmaus.

To complete further stages we will continue to seek grants (very difficult to secure), increase borrowings and draw on Building Fund contributions.

The timing of future stages will be dependent upon capacity to service debt responsibly.

The level of Building Fund voluntary contributions received will affect the timeline for future building projects and other refurbishments required.



**You are the salt of the earth.**

Mt 5:13

## Mass Times

**St Brendan's Parish**

**Weekend Mass times**

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am and 11am and 5.30pm 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 except March which will be on Sunday 26th February 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  
(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 Vigil 6.30pm,

Sunday 10.00am Mass, Monday No Mass,

Tuesday to Thursday 6pm Mass, Friday 10am Mass.

*Reconciliation* Saturday 10.30am - 11am.

**St Joseph's Undera**, 2nd Sunday of the month 8.30am.