



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish



Christ in community...the heart of our faith

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 February 2017



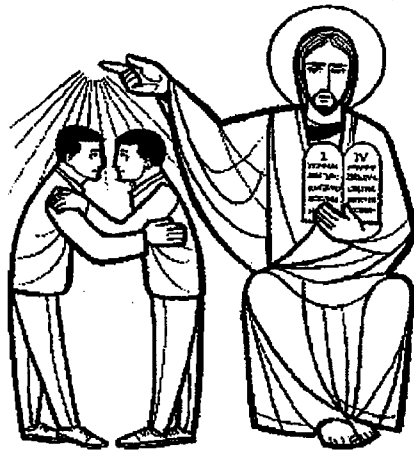
Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48



Liturgical Jottings

Proper & Common Masses

Most celebrations of the mysteries of Christ and feasts of the Saints have prayer texts and scripture readings proper for the particular feast. Others do not so texts are found in the Missal under Common Prayers, they include: the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church; the Blessed Virgin Mary (in Ordinary Time, Advent, in Christmas and Easter times). Then there are Martyrs (one or several, pastors, missionaries and virgin martyrs and Holy Woman Martyrs). Next are Common of Pastors: popes, bishops, pastors (several or one), Founders of Churches, Missionaries and Doctors of the Church. Then there are Common of Virgins, Holy Men and Women: Monks and Religious. Nuns, those who practiced works of mercy, educators and Holy Women.

Looking at the Readings

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of prophetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.

By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete or fulfil them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded. © Greg Sunter

Saint of the Week St Valentine 14 February

St Valentine was a priest in Rome at the time of Emperor Claudius II who urgent to recruit soldiers for his armies, banned all weddings to encourage single men to enlist. Seeing the anguish of young couples forbidden to marry, St Valentine performed secret weddings in defiance of the Emperor. He was arrested, beheaded on 14 February 269 and buried in the catacombs where an ancient church is dedicated in his name. He is the Patron Saint of engaged couples, happy marriages, love and lovers.

Prayer for Married Couples

Father, look with tenderness upon your daughters and your sons gathered in your name. Together, may each couple continue to both praise you in their gladness and turn to you in their troubles so that you may fill them with the joy of salvation. Keep them faithful in their marriages, and let them be living examples of Christian love.

On the Lighter Side

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Sherwood! Sherwood who? Sherwood like to be your Valentine!



Reflection

Heavenly Father,

I want to thank you for the precious gift of love you have given to the world and to me. Thank you for blessing me every day with this love and the power and strength that I get from you every single day.

Without your love for me I can't be....I can't function...because I **NEED** your love to sustain me. It's like food and medicine for my soul Lord.

Please continue to let me feel your comforting love in my life and Lord I give myself over to you to perfect in me this gift of love...that I may be able to express it and share it with others. Lord...I have not always been good at this...forgive me.

Lord...some people are harder to love than others...but I want to be like your Son Jesus...so please continue the work you are doing in my heart so my heart will be like yours. In Jesus name I pray.

<http://cathfamily.org>

*** Parish Meeting re Royal Commission Findings ***

Over the last week and in the coming weeks the findings of the Royal Commission into Sexual Abuse in Institutions will be widely publicised and discussed. For many people this is a time of intense emotion, including anger, grief, sadness and pain. This Thursday February 16, at 7pm in the Mons

Jeffrey Centre we are offering time and space for our community to gather together to give and receive support.

Estela Hutchings and Selina Quilty will be available to facilitate our discussions and outline some of the supports available.

~ Fr Joe & Kathy Hunt (Chair of the PPC)

Pilgrim Cross coming to Shepparton

"A call to hope through Prayer"

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is celebrating 50 years Jubilee in the Church and is inviting all Catholics to celebrate with us. Everyone within the Church will be invited to spend one hour before the Cross with the Blessed Sacrament at St Brendan's Church on Saturday the 4th March. All groups of the Parish and surrounding parishes will be invited to lead an hour of worship through; Rosary, meditation, silence, singing, reading of Psalms or other. Sunday the 5th March the Cross will travel out onto the streets and Parks of Shepparton for the unchurched to see and experience the Cross of Jesus.

For information contact Pastoral Associate Anthony Kilmartin.

More details to follow. We are inviting groups within the Parish to take 1hour during the Saturday starting from the opening liturgy at 10.30am through to 5.30pm, some groups have been contacted please contact Anthony if you would like to be involved. Contact - Anthony 58212633

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: Robert (Peter) Law, Tom Danaher.

Anniversaries: Ester Romeo, Corradina Giliberto, Giuseppe Giliberto, Neil Giliberto, Angela Rizzeri, Shirley Moylan, Mary Kerlin.

Lectors 18th & 19th February

6pm D Sullivan, P Stein

8am A Leahy, T Francis

11am S Quilty, Maureen Collins

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

A Shepparton Priest, Fr Greg Homeming, who is a Carmelite priest, has been appointed as Bishop of Lismore.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will start this Sunday and is held every Sunday during the school term at the 11am Mass. All primary school children are invited to come and hear God's word. There is no need to sign up; children come forward when invited by the celebrant.

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 this Sunday 12th February** after 11am Mass with a light lunch to follow. If you are interested in knowing a bit more contact Anthony on 5821 2633 or just turn up at the Mons Jeffrey Centre after mass this Sunday.

Men's Group

Our Men's Group returns to the Parish centre next week for our fortnightly breakfasts Saturday 18th February at 7.30am. One of the group will share a faith topic for reflection, and we will share breakfast as usual. Our calendar cards for 2017 have arrived and are in the foyers both back and side narthex. Interested people might like to pass on to others. Any questions call Anthony on 5821 2633.

St Brendan's Friendship Group

will meet for lunch on Sunday 19th February at Maguires Bistro, Sherbourne Terrace Hotel, Wyndham Street at 12.30pm. Come along and meet some of our parishioners. All welcome. Enquiries to Pat 58211269.

Stronger Rally February 24th at 6pm at Catholic College Wodonga. Guest Speaker: Sam Clear. Contact: sandhurst@strongeryouth.com

Polish Mass

There will be a Polish Mass on Saturday 25th February at 4pm. All parishioners are very welcome.

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 27th 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

Reunion of St Colman's Students

A reunion of students who attended St Colman's College Shepparton in era 1951 to 1954 will be held at Goulburn Valley Hotel in Shepparton on Thursday 9th March at 12.30pm.

Please call Pat English on 0409 028248 or Peter Parker on 0427 911828 for more details or just turn up on the day.

Ash Wednesday 1st March, 2017

Mass times: St Brendan's Church 9.15am & 6pm
Mercy Stadium, Skene Street, 11am
St Mary's, Dookie 7pm.

Columban Calendars - Last Chance

Calendars are available in the piety stall for \$9 each. This is the last chance to purchase one of these beautiful calendars.

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 as soon as possible stating preferred mass times and ministry you are interested in.

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.

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)

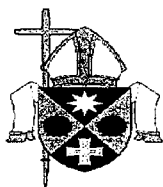
Parish Sacramental Program

All families with children in Year 3 or older including secondary school aged, who are interested in participating in the Sacramental program this year are asked to contact Laura O'Sullivan at the parish office. Please note this is only for families whose children attend non catholic schools in North Shepparton. Laura is available on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 1pm on 5821 2633 or via email at Sacramental.coord@bigpond.com.au. Families with children at St. Luke's and St. Brendan's primary schools will receive an information pack via school in the next couple of weeks. Notre Dame Students are asked to contact Miss Jess Alampi.

The program will commence on Wednesday 29th March.

Classical Concert in the Church

There is to be a concert on Friday 10th March at 8pm in the Church by violinist, Hayley Bullock and cellist Dimitrij Gornowskij of classical music by Bach, Beethoven, Ravel, Tsintsadze & Mozart. Tickets \$20/\$10 Under 16 free. Bookings through 0438 301338 or at the door from 7pm.



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Statement from Bishop Leslie Tomlinson – Royal Commission

The figures released yesterday about the Diocese of Sandhurst by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse between 1950 and 2010 require a response.

The evidence of the Royal Commission, along with all we have heard over the past four years, can only be interpreted for what it is - a massive failure on the part of the Catholic Church as an institution in Australia to protect our children from abusers and predators.

I acknowledge that the Diocese of Sandhurst, like every other Diocese in Australia, had its share of perpetrators of sexual abuse. To have a single priest abuser was one too many and to have a single claim against a Diocese was also one too many.

It has been reported that the Diocese of Sandhurst was the second worst in Australia for rates of alleged child sexual abuse. This statement needs to be read in the correct context.

Over a 60-year period, the Sandhurst Diocese had a total of 27 claims of abuse, of which 14 were substantiated.

The report identified 1880 alleged perpetrators across Australia, of which 384 were Diocesan priests. The total number of priests from the Sandhurst Diocese alleged to have been perpetrators, using the 14.7 percent figure stated in the report released yesterday by the Royal Commission, is 16. This is consistent with data held by the Diocese.

On these figures, the 16 Sandhurst priests represent 4.1 percent of the total alleged perpetrators Australia-wide.

The last report of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest in this Diocese was 26 years ago in 1991.

As the Bishop of the Diocese of Sandhurst, I have apologised to victims and survivors of sexual abuse on several occasions in the past. I wish to take this opportunity to do so again. I remain committed to working with victims, survivors and their families into the future. As a Diocese and community we will work together to ensure that this betrayal can never occur again.

We have recently recruited a Child Safety Officer to work across the Diocese to ensure that all proper processes for protection of children are in place and maintained. This important position will assist in meeting the requirements of the Victorian Government's Child Safety regulations in our schools, parishes and charitable organisations.

We commit to working with the findings of the Royal Commission to ensure a positive future for our young people and those entrusted to our care.

I believe that the Diocese is very well served by a dedicated clergy, in who I have the utmost confidence.

I encourage anyone who has suffered sexual abuse to report it to the police.

Bishop of Sandhurst, Leslie Tomlinson

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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

Ash Wednesday 1st March see times on page 3

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.