



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Third Sunday of Lent

19 March 2017



*Readings for
this week:*

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41



Lenten Focus: Prayer

The Gospel on Ash Wednesday serves as an overture for Lent, presenting three exercises: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Prayer is too wide and multi-varied activity to treat briefly. The Christian is encouraged to give extra attention to prayer during Lent. Individual or private prayer, communal prayer and liturgical prayer are three ways. The Scrutinies in the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults have a particular pattern of prayer in which the congregation asks God to assist the catechumens on their path of conversion: to heal, enlighten, strengthen and fill them with the spirit of Christ. In the fifth week of Lent the Lord's Prayer, is presented to them as the paradigm for all Christian Prayer.

Quote for the Week

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.
(Response, Sunday)

Looking at the Readings

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice? © Dianne Bergant CSS.

Pope Francis on Lent

The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Tim 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol. Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.
(Lenten Pastoral 2017 para 2)

On the Lighter Side

Two men meet on the street: "How are you?" one asks.

The other replies: "I'm fine, thanks." "And how's your son? Is he still unemployed?" "Yes, he is. But he is meditating now." "Meditating? What's that?" "I don't know. But it's better than sitting around doing nothing!"



2017 Debutante Ball

Our prayers and best wishes to the Debutantes and partners
and their families on their special night

Jemima Nash
Olivia Marshall
Sammi Magnusson
Sophie Emmet
Nicole Prater
Monique Pozzobon
Kaitlin Bonner
Ava McConkey
Steph Dearnaley
Stephanie Christopher
Phoebe Enders
Cate Sweeney
Amelia Rando
Claire Boyd
Megan Laws

Lachlan Watts
Kyle Russo
Jaiden Brown
Austin Artavilla
Lachlan Lim-it
Ryger Luksch
Cade Dealy
Clayton Coe
Marc Carroll
Anthony Sgammotta
Brodie Mundy
Lochie Jamieson
Zac Talbot
Andrew Tolliday
Jake MacDonald



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: Anthony Martin

Anniversaries: Felix Negro, Ken Lavaring, Ivy MacSweeney, Gerald & Maureen McNamara, Edward Phelan, Francis O'Connor, Catherine Stein.

Lectors 25th and 26th March

6pm M Keyte, D Tarquini

8am G Quinlan, L Boschetti

11am P Howard, M Sarkady

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 7.30pm Church & Parish Centre

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

Notices

EASTER MASS TIMES

Tues. 11th April: Reconciliation - 5pm to 6.30pm

Thurs. 13th April: Holy Thursday Mass - 7pm

Friday 14th April: Good Friday Ceremony - 3pm

Stations of The Cross - 8pm

Saturday 15th April: Easter Vigil- 7pm

Sunday 16th April: Mass- 8am & 11am

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St. Brendan's Friendship Group.....19th March

St. Brendan's Friendship group will meet for lunch at the Shepparton Club (Wyndham Street) this Sunday at 12.30pm.

All parishioners welcome. Enquiries Pat (5821 1869)

Next Meeting of "Voices for Silent People" will be held on March 21st at the African House, St Paul's Church, 54 Poplar Ave. at 6pm. Contact Jean Marie Mupenda (0432 405 572) or Damien Sullivan (0438 088 403) for more information.

Liturgy Meeting will be held 21st March

Priests taking on new Ministries: Fr Joven (St Mels) and Fr Alex Lim (Elmore) will be leaving their Parishes at the end of April. Fr. Joven will be returning home to The Philippines and Fr Alex is moving to the Parishes of Hoptoun and Warracknabeal. Please pray for them and wish them well on their future ministries.

THANK YOU!

The following is part of a beautiful letter written by Mal and Bernadette Snelling. The complete letter is available in the Narthex and side door. Parishioners are welcome to take a copy which includes the prayer to St. Jude.

Thank you to the people of St. Brendan's community for all their support and prayers; and also to St. Jude the patron Saint to whom we pray for hope when we are told there is none. Five years ago I was told I had oesophageal cancer and had less than 12 months to live; for my wife and I it was the toughest times in our lives. It was also at this time that we first met Fr. Rob Galea, and it was with Fr Rob's prayers and spiritual support and that of the parish community that we kept our faith burning brighter than ever. Mass every Sunday with Fr. Rob and Fr. Joe praying with us, and the beautiful music and singing by Dale and his team of singers was one of the best times of the week as it took us to a peaceful place.

Part-time Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

A part-time Unit of CPE will be conducted in Shepparton in second semester, from 11 July to 22 November. The course will be conducted by the North-east Victoria CPE Centre. It will be coordinated by Dan Murphy, who works as Pastoral Care Coordinator at Northeast Health Wangaratta and is accredited as a Clinical Pastoral Supervisor.

Prospective applicants should contact the Course Coordinator, Dan Murphy, at dan.murphy1949@gmail.com or on 0408 841997.



Meditation Thursday mornings during Lent

7.15am in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

All welcome.

Lenten Reflection Group Mondays during Lent

at Ave Maria Village at 1.30pm.

All parishioners welcome.

Little Black Books (Lenten Reflection) are now available.

Six minutes a day! That's all this Little Book takes.

Only \$5 each available in the narthex and side entrance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



Please pray for our catechumens and candidates and their sponsors who are preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at Easter:

Jarrold Hall, Rebekah Riordan, Jok Deng, Andrew Bradley and Gabby Lie.

2017 Parish Sacramental Program Last opportunity to enroll

If you would like to enroll your child you need to do so in person by calling into the parish office and see Laura on Wednesday morning 22nd March between 9am and 1pm. Or email Laura at sacramental.coord@bigpond.com



The program begins on Wednesday 29th March with an Adult Faith Gathering, 7pm Monsignor Jeffrey Centre.

AFL Tipping Competition.

Calling all AFL Fans! The St. Brendan's Finance Committee invites you to join our footy tipping competition for the upcoming season. Think you know more about footy than the maddest Carlton supporter, Fr. Joe? Or just want bragging rights amongst your family and friends? Then join us as we test our knowledge against parishioners and friends of the parish.

We tip on the official AFL Website: <https://tipping.afl.com.au>. You need to register, so all you need is an email address and internet access. Once registered, click the "Comps" tab, choose join a comp, and use our invite code 6NP9NYM9. Joining fee is \$25, payable at the Parish Office by Friday 21 April. Prizes will be announced when we know how many people have joined. Contact Ashley on 0412475290 if you need any help.

Youth Ministry Leadership Weekend

If you're between the ages of 16-30 and interested in being involved in youth ministry leadership in the Sandhurst Diocese, you're invited to the Youth Ministry Leadership Weekend held from **March 31-April 2** in Corop.

During the weekend we will be joined by Real Talk Australia, Fr Rob Galea and Stronger Leaders. There will be games, workshops, a chance to be a member of the champion trivia team and lots of fun! If you're interested or know someone who would be a great leader, please get in contact with Danielle from the Sandhurst Youth Office at

Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

THE SANCTITY OF WORK

7 Ways to Find God in Your Ordinary Life

cont.....

4. Making time for people and friendships (evangelization apostolate)

We're called to love God and one another. We called to love God through and another. So every day it's important to set aside time to demonstrate our love, in deeds, not just words.

The Christian apostolate—and I'm talking about an ordinary Christian living as just one more man or woman among equals— is a great work of teaching.

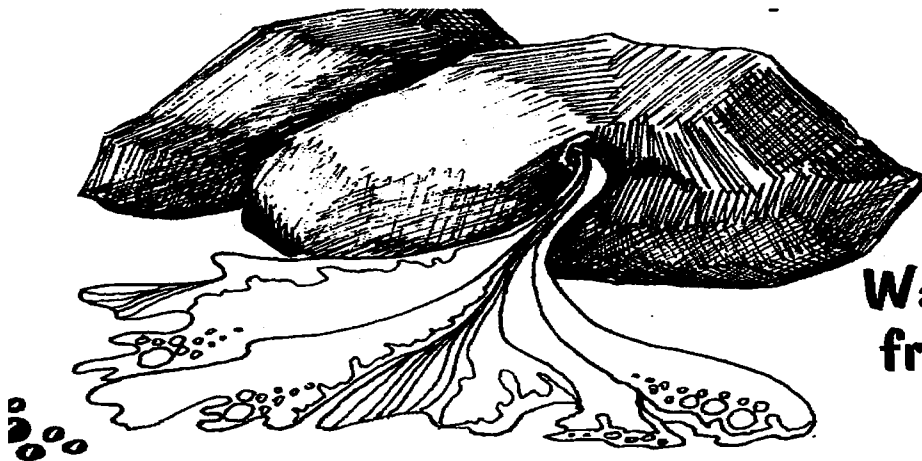
Through real, personal, loyal friendship, you create in others a hunger for God and you help them to discover new horizons— naturally, simply. With the example of your faith lived to the full, with a loving word which is full of the force of divine truth. (Christ Is Passing By—149)

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In 2017, may you find God more often in ordinary moments.

And may you be successful serving others through the apostolate of your work.

(Parishioners can sign up at the website <https://www.scepterpublishers.org> and obtain a 10% discount on their first purchase of any of Scepter books).



**Water will flow
from the rock.**

Mass Times

St Brendan's Parish

Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am and 11am

Sunday 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

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,

Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross 5.30pm then Mass.

Saturday 9.00am. *Reconciliation*, Saturday 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, 3rd Sunday of the month 8.30am.