



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

16 April 2017



Readings for this week:

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8

John 20:1-9 or Matt 28:1-10



Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31



Liturgical Jottings

The 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time of the year are considered to be Sundays of Easter. (GNLYC 22-24)

Question of the Week

If you could have a conversation, one to one, with Jesus, what question would you ask? How would the answer effect your life?

Task for the week

The Resurrection of Christ is a key belief of Christians. Ponder on its meaning and your approach? Are you like Mary, Peter or John? In Eastern iconography Jesus, rising from the underworld, take Adam & Eve-in other words redeeming all humankind-into heaven, so opening for us a new way of life.

Looking at the Readings

Today's Gospel passage comes at the beginning of Chapter 20 of John. It contains three viewpoints on the meaning of the empty tomb:

- Mary Magdalene – sees the stone rolled away and presumes that Jesus has been taken away. She does not enter the tomb but runs back to tell Peter and John
- Peter – sees the empty tomb and not knowing the scripture prophecy does not understand the significance of what he sees.
- John – sees the same thing as Peter but he believed that Jesus has risen from the dead.

These three viewpoints of believers grow into an understanding of the Resurrection. In this passage the belief in the resurrection develops from the empty tomb and not from a post resurrection appearance. Life is changed not ended. We now need our own personal encounter with the risen Jesus, the Christ!

Mary of Magdala is one of Jesus' key disciples! A woman whom Jesus called to holiness and whose life he transformed by his acceptance of her. She is often considered to have been a great sinner! Even so she is given the privilege to be the first to witness the Resurrection.

Peter, the leader of the inner circle of disciples, one of the apostles. Apostles are ones who are chosen and sent out; disciples are followers. Peter is very human, so like us, not perfect, yet chosen to be the first Pope!

Did you know?

The Tomb: Tombs were like caves in rock, with ledges for the bodies to be laid out. They could take more than one body. When the flesh had decayed, the bones would be collected and placed in an ossuary, a stoneware jar, and the tomb reused. This tomb was new, belonging to Joseph of Arimathea, a Jewish leader who did not approve of the attempts to discredit and crucify Jesus. The stone rolled in front was often like a large cutting stone.

On the Lighter Side

Evan and his family were invited to Easter dinner at his grandmother's house. At table as the food was being served. Evan started eating straight away. "Evan, wait until we all say grace," demanded his father. "I don't have to," he replied. "Of course you do," his mother insisted. "We always say grace at home." "That's at our house," Evan explained, "but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook."





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Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently in the trials of life. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us and a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than despair.

Happy Easter!

~ Excerpt from GPBS eNews 11/4/17

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

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 the Easter Vigil this Saturday:

Jarrood Hall, Rebekah Riordan, Jok Deng, Andrew Bradley & Gabby Lie.

After the Easter Vigil Mass there will be a cuppa in the Mons Jeffrey Centre to welcome our newest Catholics, please come and join them.



Sacristans and Greeters/Ushers . . . 2nd May and all other volunteers

We would like you to attend a formation session on Tuesday May 2 between 7pm and 8.30pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

At this meeting we will be going over the Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct which ALL volunteers and staff are required to sign.

We will then be moving into smaller groups to look at information relevant to each ministry.

Youth led Mass next Saturday 22nd April at 6pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday . . . 23rd April See page 4.

Recently Deceased: Leon (Whiskey) Williams (Mooroopna).

Anniversaries: Ross Stevens, Bill Love, Kevin Clurey, Kevin McLaughlin, Joan Zanelli, Eileen Crozier, Angelina Calabrese, Domenico & Carmela Leo, Piero & Lucia Rossi, Marino & Maria Rossi, Lucia Rossi.

Lectors 22nd and 23rd April

6pm Youth Group, Youth Group

8am P Naughton, C Naughton

11am MA Demase, M Harmer

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

Rejoice! I Am The Resurrection and The Life

Free Concert featuring local musicians . . . 17th April

Monday 17th April at 6.30pm in the Mons Bones Hall. All welcome. For information: icebreakergv@gmail.com

Jesus' Power of the Resurrection

Social Justice Day . . . 21st April

for parishioners & teachers focusing on Refugees in Australia with Tim O'Connor (ex-Tongala) on Friday 21st April from 9.30 – 2.30 at Mons Jeffrey Centre. Morning tea & lunch provided. To register, contact David Walker 0439 201307 dwalker@ceosand.catholic.edu.au

Sacred Heart / St Colman's Reunion . . . 22nd/23rd April

1970 (Form 1) -1975 (Form 6) Saturday 22nd April and Sunday 23rd April, 2017. Contacts: Sacred Heart - Maria Guerra/Scott 0413 198068. St. Colman's - Paul Wilson 0447 818825. Kindly SMS accurate return contact details to the above contacts or email shcfriends70.75@gmail.com

St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group . . . 23rd April

The parish friendship group will be meeting for lunch at the Last Straw Café in Keppel Street next Sunday 23rd April at 12.30pm. Please leave a message for Pat on 5821 1269 by 21st April if you can as numbers will need to be confirmed.

All parishioners are welcome to attend and enjoy good food and fun and fellowship.

Reunion St Joseph's College

Convent of Mercy, Kilmore . . . 29th April

Reunion for all students of the former St Joseph's College Convent of Mercy, Kilmore to be held at Trackside Bistro, Kilmore Racing Club for lunch at 12 midday on Saturday April 29th. For further details please contact Mary-Ann Zeven 0409148536 or ma.carnaffan@gmail.com or Mary on 0458 130853.

Catholic Women's League (CWL) present

Blumes Fashions . . . 1st May

Blumes Fashions morning will be on Monday 1st May in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 10am. Entry \$5 and all are welcome to come along and enjoy some fashion and fellowship.

A course about Catholic Faith & Beliefs . . . 1st May

'Beginning Theology.' All are welcome to attend an 'Orientation & Inquiry' session 5 – 6pm Monday 1st May with option to continue. Mons Jeffrey Centre.

RSVP: Adult Faith Education Sandhurst

adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au OR 5441 2544

St Brendan's Day Celebration 2017 . . . 21st May

Theme "Families of the Parish" celebration is on Sunday 21st May after the 11am Mass. For details or if you can help please contact Irene Garla on 5823 1311 or email: garla.irene@gmail.com

Little White Books are available in the church and only \$5 each. A selection of six-minute reflections for each day of the Easter season. A beautiful resource!

Pictures and Religious items

There are some pictures and religious items in the narthex and you are welcome to take any you would like.

Bishop Les Tomlinson's Easter Message

Bishop Les recently recorded his Easter Message in the parish church of St Mary's, Golden Square. The message can now be viewed on the Diocesan homepage:

www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Gluten Free Hosts

If you would like to receive Holy Communion but have trouble with coeliac or food intolerances we have a supply of gluten free hosts. Please see Father before Mass so a pyx can be arranged for you (via sacristy door in the west side entrance).

Thanksgiving Envelopes Weekly and monthly envelopes are now available at the back of the Church for collection today. Please take as you leave Mass to save the Parish postage.

There will be **NO Garabandal prayer group** meeting this Easter Monday 17th April. Next meeting will be held in Mons Jeffrey Centre on Monday May 15th at 1:30pm.

Men's Group . . . 23rd April

will gather for pizza and a film on Sunday 23rd April at 5.30pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre, cost \$10.00 for pizza. The film we are showing is "God Willing" a film about a young man who decides to become a priest against the wishes of his family which sets in motion many funny scenes as they try to discourage him from entering the seminary.

Any questions call Anthony 58212633.

Beautiful Gifts . . . Ideal for Mother's Day

A lovely lady has made some beautiful gifts suitable for Mothers Day. **Faith & Light Community** members will be selling these items to raise money for our Retreat. These will be sold after Mass two weeks prior to Mothers Day. Please, before you buy your gift check these out. Thank you to our generous parishioner. ~ Denise

Vocations and Pope Francis

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2017 is, "That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life." Let us join with Pope Francis during this month and pray daily for this intention.

~ Bendigo Serra Club.

Father Frank Jones has moved to Acacia House.

His address is now: Acacia House, Shepparton Villages, P O Box 203, Shepparton. 3630. Phone number is 5821 0592. As in the past, Fr Frank would appreciate visits.

'The Journey' Catholic Radio Program

Airs 16th April, 2017 Easter Sunday

This week on the Journey, we hear a beautiful Easter message from Bishop Peter Ingham in the Gospel reflection. Bruce Downs, the Catholic Guy talks to us about Praying for Lonely Hearts and as we know, Easter can be joyous for some and terribly lonely for some. And Sr Hilda shares with us her wisdom from the Abbey reminds of The Present Moment of love. The contemporary Christian music weaves through our show to help us create a show for you that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Divine Mercy Sunday

23 April, 2017

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
120 KNIGHT STREET, SHEPPARTON

Sunday: DVD screening of Divine Mercy Image
1:00 pm
Expositions of the Blessed Sacrament
and Reconciliation (several Priests)
Approximately 2:15 pm
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and
Benediction **3:00 pm**
Holy Mass **3:30 pm**
Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image

Main Celebrant: Fr. Berny Agustines



Enquiries: Parish Office 5821 2633 or Tom Mellis 0431 706 296

**The soul that will go to Confession and receive
Holy Communion shall obtain complete
forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary 699)**



*Thank you for your support of
Project Compassion for 2017.
Please bring your boxes and/or
envelopes to Mass or drop them off
at the Parish office.*

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,
Friday 6pm 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.