



# Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

**Thrd Sunday of Easter**

**30 April 2017**



*Readings for this week:*

Acts 2:14, 22-33  
1 Peter 1:17-21  
Luke 24:13-35



*Readings for next Sunday:*

Acts 2:14, 36-41  
1 Peter 2:20-25  
Luke 10:1-10



## Liturgical Jottings

Halleluiah (Hebrew) and Alleluia (Greek) meaning "Praise Yahweh" is an ancient liturgical invitation and response in the psalms (104-150) and in the Mass especially during the Easter season but never in Lent. "Sing ALLELUIA!" St Augustine says rightly, "Singing is for one who loves", and there is also an ancient proverb: "whoever sings well prays twice over".

## Thought of the week

How do we recognise Jesus in our lives and meet him in those we meet?

## Quote from Pope Francis

May the Risen Lord sustain the efforts of all those actively engaged in bringing comfort and relief to the civil population in beloved Syria, so greatly suffering from a war that continues to sow horror and death. May he grant peace to the entire Middle East, beginning with the Holy Land, and in Iraq and Yemen.

*Easter Sunday Urbe Et Orbi 2017*

## Looking at the Readings

On the road to Emmaus, they recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus is the one who walks with them, by their side. We meet in this Gospel the one who walks with us, the one, at times whom we turn away from, the one who never abandons us.

On the first day of the week, the day of resurrection, these two disciples had been told by Jesus to wait in Jerusalem, but they had lost faith and were leaving Jerusalem. They had given up. A stranger, the resurrected Jesus, walks with them. They recognise him in the 'breaking of the bread'; this is how the early Church referred to Eucharist. While the disciples had walked out on Jesus, he had not given up on them.

The two disciples, one of them was named Cleopas. In the Orthodox tradition of the church, icons often display these two as a husband and wife team. The Western, Roman, tradition does not contradict this but often depicts them as two males. But the Cleopas whose wife Mary, was one of the women at the foot of the cross on Good Friday (John 19:25)

Emmaus is seven miles away from Jerusalem, although the exact location of the town is not known. They are going away from Jerusalem, the pivot of Salvation. The perfect number seven may point to them going as far in the opposite direction to salvation as they can, but Jesus seeks them out!

The gospel reflects the structure of the Mass: Jesus first opened the Scriptures (the Liturgy of the Word) and then broke bread (the Liturgy of Eucharist) and after this they are burning with zeal to bring the "Good News" to the other disciples and ultimately the world.

## Featured Feast of the Week

St Athanasius of Alexandria (2 May), bishop and doctor of the church, prolific writer and skilled politician, the greatest defender of the divinity and humanity of Christ in the first ecumenical council of Nicea (325). He was both controversial among leaders and very popular among his people.

## On the Lighter Side

The late Cardinal Carlo Martini, Archbishop of Milan and renowned scripture scholar asserted that Cleopas' companion on the road to Emmaus could not be a woman because Christ addressed them as "Foolish men, so slow to believe..." (Luke 24:25). Christ never criticised any woman in the gospels for lack of faith but in fact, went out of his way to praise them for their faith, sincerity and perseverance.



## Reflection

*Our life - a Christian's life -  
has to be as ordinary as this:  
trying every day to do well those  
very things it is our duty to do;  
carrying out our divine mission  
in the world by fulfilling  
the little duty of each moment.*

*Or rather, struggling to fulfill it.  
Sometimes we don't manage,  
and when night comes,  
in our examination,  
we'll have to tell Our Lord,  
"I am not offering you virtues;  
today I can only offer you defects.  
But with your grace I will be able  
to count myself a victor."*

*~ St. Josemaría Escrivá, The Forge, #616  
Scepter Publishers*

Learn Try something new Take action  
Hobby Meet people Help people Passion  
**Give something back**  
**Make a difference**  
Be involved Experience Skills  
Interact

### 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

## All Volunteers . . . 2nd May

Regardless of what capacity you work in the parish be it in a Ministry or volunteer in another way . . .

It is essential volunteers attend an induction formation session on Tuesday 2nd May between 7pm and 8.30pm in the Church.

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.

**Included in the bulletin is an insert "Child Safe Policy/Child Safe Code of Conduct." Please take it with you and complete it and bring it to Tuesday's meeting. (We will have extra copies available.)**

**Recently Deceased:** John Kilmartin, Margaret McNally.

**Anniversaries:** Soledad Lee, Teresa Varapodio, Nell Gledhill, Albert Mori.

### Lectors 6th & 7th May

<b>6pm</b>	M Keyte,	Sr F Kennedy
<b>8am</b>	T Francis,	Volunteer required
<b>11am</b>	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 7.30pm Church & Parish Centre

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

# Notices

## **• Mother's Day Gifts for sale . . . 29th/30th April**

Our Faith and Light Community will be selling some Mother's Day gifts after all Masses this weekend.

For more information phone Denise.

*Please support this great fundraiser.*

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## **Children's Liturgy of the Word . . . 30th April**

will recommence this Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at the 11am Mass.

We invite all primary aged children to participate in this very special ministry. A great opportunity to hear the Word of God explained in age appropriate words. Children come forward when called by the celebrant. Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at the 11am Mass during school term.

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## **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.

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

### **'Beginning Theology.'** All are welcome to attend

an 'Orientation & Inquiry' session 5 – 6pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May with option to continue. Mons Jeffrey Centre.

RSVP to Lyn at Adult Faith Education Sandhurst  
adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au OR 5441 2544

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## **Anointing Mass . . . 3rd May**

This Wednesday 3rd May at 11am in the Church.

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## **Serra Club . . . 5th May**

This Friday May 5th is 1st Friday. The Serra club will have mass for vocations and our priests. Eucharistic Adoration will continue to 7.25pm (starting at 3pm) when we will have Benediction followed by Mass, Fr Doroteo Bravi will be our celebrant, followed with a cuppa in the Mons Jeffery Centre.

Everyone is welcome to come and join with us .

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## **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

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## **'Touching the Imagination: The Adventure of Faith' and 'What Hope can we offer the Young?' . . . 23rd May**

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP

Tuesday 23rd May 9am to 4pm at The Eastbank Centre, Welsford Street, Shepparton.

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

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## **Prayer for Christian Unity . . . 31st May**

During the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* there will be a prayer service in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7.30pm.

All welcome to come along and join in.

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## **Save the date . . . 18th June**

Ecumenical Service 4pm Baptist Church. Details later on.

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**Little White Books** are available at only \$5 each. A selection of six-minute reflections for each day of the Easter season.

# May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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The pedestrian access from the carpark to the church will be closed while repairs are made to the driveway pavement. Parishioners will need to access the church from the carpark along the Knight Street path. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause.

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## **Parish Sacramental Program**

We welcome our sacramental candidates and their families to mass this weekend. The children, parents and parishioners will take part in a special commitment prayer to mark the beginning of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The children will also be presented with a beautiful mass book. Parishioners are asked to please pray for our sacramental candidates as they begin this journey.

Parents are reminded that they are to complete week 1 in the Steps in Faith purple workbook this week in readiness for the workshop the following week.

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## **Next Sunday is Good Shepherd . . . 7th May**

when the church traditionally prays for more vocations.

Following the 8am mass next Sunday we will have a Holy Hour when we will pray for more vocations to the religious life. We pray for our priests and for those priests who are now retired after many years of ministry to the faithful.

So can you spare an hour or so next Sunday to especially pray for them all. We need them!

**Jackson Saunders a seminarian for the Sandhurst diocese will be a guest speaker at all masses next weekend.**

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## **The 100 Year Anniversary of Fatima . . . 13th May**

Come and Celebrate FATIMA 100 YEAR Anniversary on Saturday 13th May 2007 at Holy Rosary Church, White Hills, Bendigo. Father Peter Dell'Avo, Chaplain of Bendigo Apostolate of Fatima will offer Mass at 9am, followed by The Rosary, procession, information and spiritual talks, concluding around lunch time. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. Also, on this day Pope Francis, in Fatima, will declare Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta saints of the Church. These are two of the three young shepherds to whom Our Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima for the first time on 13th May 1917. In our present times the Fatima message of hope is more important than ever, and you are invited to attend for all or part of this celebration of the wonderful Fatima events.

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## **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.

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

or on 0408 841997.

# New Life

It is easy to take things for granted, to let life go by unappreciated. We are all pretty busy, lots to do, lots to worry about. Easter is the annual reminder not to take things for granted, to stop and think. It is not just ANOTHER Easter, it is a reminder of the continuing gift of new life. It is the annual reminder that this gift is meant to revitalise us, our attitudes, our beliefs, our ways of acting, and thus revitalise our relationships, our families, our communities, our organisations. This new life is for the here and now, not something for the afterlife!

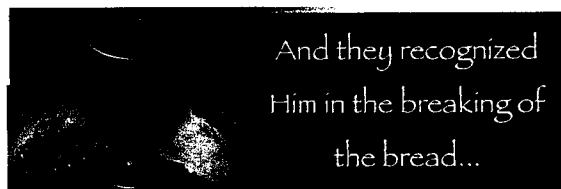
In one of Jesus' references to his being the Good Shepherd, he says:

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness. Jn 10:10*

In our time, the thief that comes to kill and destroy this new life is busy-ness, frantic activity on the one hand and on the other complacency, indifference, just drifting along not making genuine commitments.

When Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection, *He breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:22)*. Why did Jesus breathe on them? Breath is the sign of life – receive my Spirit within you. We have not only received the life of this Spirit at Baptism, we have also received the gifts of this Spirit. These gifts of the Spirit are meant to make this new life come alive in our attitudes, values, actions, interactions, commitments. We have received 'the gifts of the Holy Spirit' not so we might become supernatural but so that we might become better human beings and so that when we put these gifts into action, the world we live in might become a better place. These gifts of the Spirit within us are like seeds, sparks. Easter reminds us of our need to fan them into life.

~ Excerpt from '*Along the Track - New Life*'  
by Jim Quillinan 18th April, 2017



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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

Friday 9.15am

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,

Friday 5th May 10.00am

**St Joseph's Undera**, no mass until further notice