



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Pentecost Sunday

4 June 2017



Readings for
this week:

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13
John 20:19-23



Readings for
next Sunday:

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18



Liturgical Jottings

Solemnities

Feasts of the Lord and the saints and the mysteries of Christ that are celebrated in the liturgical calendar are ranked in order of importance: Solemnities, Feasts, Memorials and Optional Memorials. Liturgically solemnity does not mean glum or sombre but quite the opposite. Solemnities, the highest rank, are for the greater mysteries of Faith: the Incarnation (Christmas, Epiphany, Annunciation, Mary the Mother of God), Salvation (Easter, Ascension and Pentecost, Trinity) and the Eucharist (Corpus Christi and Mass of the Last Supper). Notable saints days are also ranked as Solemnities: Mary's feasts of the Assumption and the Immaculate Conception; All Saints, Sts Joseph, John the Baptist, Peter & Paul and for Australia: St Patrick, Our Lady Help of Christians and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. At these joy-filled Masses the Gloria and Creed are said or sung.

Looking at the Readings

Unlike almost all the other celebrations of the year, the story of today's Feast is narrated in the First Reading, not in the Gospel. Yet the readings psalm, sequence and prayers give us many insights into the gifts, actions and impact of the Holy Spirit in the world and the lives of Christians and all people of goodness. We do not see the face of the Spirit, yet the identification of the Holy Spirit as wind, breath, flame gives us a clue. The Spirit is not controllable or in any way predictable by human beings. It underlines the truth that that God is not in any way controlled by us and that we need to resist the temptation to think that we have all of the answers.

Another quandary is how can one determine whether an inspiration or action really comes from the prompting of the Spirit or merely a human impulse. Today's reading help us. The Holy Spirit presence, therefore is shown by its gifts, its fruits, its actions and in the lives of spirit-filled people. Session Three of the Sandhurst Diocesan Program for Confirmation Eucharist - *Steps in Faith* asks the children to identify a person who is spirit-filled and to talk about them. They often choose a grandparent, neighbour or teacher who is full of life, kind, good, wise and generous, ... These remind us of the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. The wide variety of inspired people the children chose also remind us of today's second reading: "The Lord is working in all sorts of different ways in different people" (1Cor12:5-6). The Gospel reminds us that Christ gives the Holy Spirit to the Church for the Church to discern these often difficult situations.

Prayer for the Week

By bringing your Paschal Mystery to completion,
You, O Lord, bestowed the Holy Spirit today
on those you made your adopted children
by uniting them to your Only Begotten Son.
This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth,
opened to all peoples the knowledge of God
and brought together the many languages of the earth
in profession of the one faith. (*Preface of Pentecost*)

On the Lighter Side

A young boy was flying his kite on a Pentecost Sunday. The kite kept going higher and finally it was out of sight. A passer-by, seeing the boy holding the string asked him: "How do you know you still have a kite?" The boy replied, "Because I can feel it." Moral: "We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we can feel it."



The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Pentecost Sunday

1. Wisdom

Wisdom is the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit because it is the perfection of the theological virtue of faith. Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world, and wisdom helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake.

2. Understanding

Understanding is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a hard time understanding (no pun intended) how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us to grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith.

3. Counsel

Counsel, the third gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

4. Fortitude

While counsel is the perfection of a cardinal virtue, fortitude is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a cardinal virtue. Fortitude is ranked as the fourth gift of the Holy Spirit because it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel. While fortitude is sometimes called *courage*, it goes beyond what we normally think of as courage. Fortitude is the virtue of the martyrs that allows them to suffer death rather than to renounce the Christian Faith.



5. Knowledge

The fifth gift of the Holy Spirit, knowledge, is often confused with both wisdom and understanding. Like wisdom, knowledge is the perfection of faith, but whereas wisdom gives us the desire to judge all things according to the truths of the Catholic Faith, knowledge is the actual ability to do so. Like counsel, it is aimed at our actions in this life. In a limited way, knowledge allows us to see the circumstances of our life the way that God sees them. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we can determine God's purpose for our lives and live them accordingly.

6. Piety

Piety, the sixth gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love, the way that we desire to honour our parents and do what they wish.

7. Fear of the Lord

The seventh and final gift of the Holy Spirit is the fear of the Lord, and perhaps no other gift of the Holy Spirit is so misunderstood. We think of fear and hope as opposites, but the fear of the Lord confirms the theological virtue of hope. This gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him. Our desire not to offend God is more than simply a sense of duty; like piety, the fear of the Lord arises out of love.

~ www.thoughtco.com/gifts-of-the-holy-spirit

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Ray Commerford, Pauline Restall, Elisa & Ricardo Rigoni.

Lectors 10th & 11th June

6pm	P Stein	J Boccabella
8am	A Leahy	T Francis
11am	P Cooper	J Pilkington

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

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

Notices

School Immersion Fundraiser . . . 4th June

This Sunday there will be a sausage sizzle after 11am Mass run by Notre Dame College students and staff who will be travelling to Broome and the Lombadina and Djarindjin Aboriginal Communities, approximately 200 kms north of Broome, for their immersion trip. Sausages will be \$2 each. Funds raised will go directly to the community.

MacKillop Faith & Light Community . . . 4th June

Will gather this Sunday at 11am Mass then support the Notre Dame College students by having lunch at their fundraising sausage sizzle.

Afterwards we will have our gospel role play in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

For more information phone Denise on 0432 054003.

'Lessons from the Long Paddock' . . . 6th June

An online experience offering outback and rural perspectives on faith and spiritual life with the Diocese of Wilcannia – Forbes. Tuesday 6th June commencing 9am. Fr Frank Brennan SJ and Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE explore the lived experiences of faith from those in the bush.

View full conference or individual 1hour sessions at your computer, individually or with a small group. For more information go to <http://www.wf.catholic.org.au>.

Also Facebook: 'Lessons from the Long Paddock Wilcannia-Forbes' and Twitter @wilcanniaforbes

Catholic Women's League . . . 8th June

The next meeting of the CWL will be held this Thursday 8th June commencing at 11.30am (note change of time). We will celebrate W.U.C.W.O. Day with a shared lunch. This years' intentions "Suffering Women in the World."

All welcome.

(Enter via the Parish office door)

Cuppa after Mass . . . 11th June

Next Sunday will be our next 'Cuppa after Mass' and our hosts this time will be the

St Brendan's MacKillop Faith & Light Community.

You're all welcome to enjoy a cuppa and a chat together after 11am Mass in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

Feast of St. Anthony..... 11th June

St. Mel's Parish invite you to join this years

St. Anthony's Feast Day celebrations.

Mass at 9.30am followed by Blessing & Distribution of St. Anthony's Bread. Shared lunch in the St. Mel's school hall will commence at 12noon. BYO food to share.

Songs, dance and music by Mick Tenace.

Save the dates . . .

Sunday 16th July 2pm Spirituality of St Ignatius

Mondays 31st July, 7th August, 14th August, 21st August

'Inner Peace in Divine Love' A retreat in daily life.

Details to follow. See flyers on the noticeboard.

50th Anniversary of Ordination . . . 23rd July

Fr Ted Burns will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood and will offer 11am Mass on 23rd July. Parishioners are invited to attend, and for those who would like to share a light lunch with him and his family after Mass, please ring Rose Priestly on 5821 5859 or 0490 348984, to help with catering numbers.

Parish Sacramental Program

A warm welcome to our sacramental candidates and their families to today's Commitment Mass. During the mass the children will receive their yellow Steps in Faith workbook and along with their family and parishioners reaffirm their commitment to the program.

Congratulations to our candidates who over the last two weekends celebrated their First Reconciliation. It was beautiful to witness this special moment in our children's faith journey to becoming fully initiated into the catholic church.

Parents are reminded that this Tuesday 6th June we will have our next Adult Faith Gathering beginning at 7pm in the Monsignor Jeffrey Centre. Only parents need to attend this session. All information about the home groups will be distributed at this gathering.

Parishioners are asked to please pray for our Sacramental candidates and their families as they begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Rosters . . . Lectors, Offertory & Ministers of Communion

The new rosters covering the period 30th July to 26th November inclusive will be prepared shortly. If you are on these rosters and know you will be away during that time please advise dates by phone or email to the Parish office by 16th June. If you would like to be included in these important Ministries please also contact the office.

Video Teaching Series - Fr Rob Galea

Fr. Rob has produced a series of engaging videos and lesson plans to teach faith and life issues at school, youth groups or for personal study. These are available on USB. YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/aEZ-1dxRgXQ> and web link <http://www.frrobalea.com/teachingseries> Contact the St Kilian's Parish Office on 5441 6244.

Respite Care

Southern Cross Care Victoria in Shepparton (Ave Maria Aged Care) currently has vacancies for the Home or Away program and Residential Day Respite program. Both programs provide support and care for your loved one so you can have a break. The Home or Away program is aimed at giving the carer time out for themselves whilst their loved one attends a Planned Activity Group (approx 10am – 4pm). The Residential Day Respite program is run within our Ave Maria home between the hours of 8am – 8pm, 7 days a week. Contact Jennifer Hanning, Coordinator on 5831 3000 for information.

Raffle winner ... Marg Preston is the winner of the hamper kindly donated by CCI—Catholic Church Insurances. Thank you to all who bought tickets and/or gave a donation. It will go towards our live streaming project which will keep those who cannot attend our Sunday Mass still very much connected with our Parish.

We will keep you updated on the project.

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Parishioners may remember fundraising in the parish last year for a project in Timor-Leste. This is an update on the project:

Project Montanha AILEU Village, Timor Leste

Progress at Project Montanha continues. Many young girls and women are accessing the cooking classes, gaining practical and theoretical experience about good nutrition and food planning and preparation.

Beautiful bread, cakes and basic meals are prepared using much local, fresh produce. Many village families are reaping the benefit of this learning, bringing variety and more nutritious meals to their tables.

A team of kitchen staff provide meals for students at Project Montanha each day.

A new group of 22 young boys have now joined Project Montanha in the form of a Soccer Development Group. These boys are provided a nutritious breakfast. They receive physical education training, along with guidance in personal hygiene and English language lessons.

After a busy morning the boys enjoy a wholesome lunch before setting off for their afternoon at school.

Building has begun on the expansion of Project Montanha. This will include a commercial/teaching kitchen with plenty of space for classes and increased food preparation. They currently work from a tiny kitchen space.

Money donated generously by St Brendan's Parish Mother's Day Collection has been portioned between cooking classes and the new kitchen build.

**Gisele and Eduardo, Directors at Project Montanha and all the Participants say a HUGE THANK YOU for your contribution
God is providing for the future needs and growth of Project Montanha.
Lives are being changed.**

~ Vicki Woodhouse



Mass Times

St Brendan's Parish

Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am and 11am
Sunday 5pm 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
Saturday 9.00am.
Reconciliation None until further notice. See St Brendan's.

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.

Reconciliation None until further notice. See St Brendan's.

St Joseph's Undera, No Mass until further notice.