



# Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish



Christ in community...the heart of our faith

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**Trinity Sunday**

**11 June 2017**



**Readings for this week:**  
Exodus 34:4-6, 8-7  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
John 3:16-18



**Readings for next Sunday:**  
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16  
1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
John 6:51-58



## Liturgical Jottings

### Feasts

Second in rank to Solemnities are Feasts. Like solemnities these days celebrate events or mysteries of Christ and feasts of Mary and the saints with joy and thanksgiving. Feasts of the Lord displace the Ordinary Sundays should they fall on the same day: the Baptism of the Lord, the Presentation of the Lord, the Transfiguration, and Holy Cross and the Dedication of St John Lateran. All the Apostles and Evangelist have feast days as well as Sts Lawrence, Mary Magdalene, the Archangels, Stephen and the Holy Innocents. Blessed Mary has two feast days: Visitation and Birthday, her others days are Solemnities or Memorials. Particular churches, dioceses and religious orders also have their own feasts days for their patron saints and holy founders. On feasts days the Gloria is said or sung.

## Looking at the Readings

For over two weeks grade two children would come to me in the playground, classroom, supermarket, after Mass and at the footy and each would ask me: "Who made God?" The question came from their RE lesson and from unsated curiosity. Some would elaborate: "God made everything, so who made God?" I would also elaborate, "God is God, he existed always, he did not need to be made!" More puzzled looks so I ask them, "Which came first: the chicken or the egg." Arguments galore; curiosity is still unsated.

Today's readings don't give answers to these basic questions: they speak of God's relationship to his people. "He is the God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness" (first reading); "God of love and peace will be with you" (second reading); "God sent his Son into the world ... so that through him the world might be saved." (Gospel). In fact the Scriptures do not set out to prove the existence of God by reasoning but to reveal something about himself to his personal confidants and to a struggling humanity. God offers a covenant of love and reveals himself by his actions and by the very creation itself.

The greeting at the end of the first reading "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." reminds me of the chicken and the egg conundrum: Did St Paul use an existing liturgical greeting in his letters or did his written greeting be adopted into the liturgy. The oral tradition and the liturgy regularly precede the written text. This Trinitarian greeting, we say, has come full circle!

### Quote

With your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord:

not in the unity of a single person,  
but in a Trinity of one substance.

For what you have revealed to us of your glory we believe equally of your Son and of the Holy Spirit, so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead, you might be adored in what is proper to each Person, their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty.

*(Ancient Preface of the Holy Trinity)*

## On the Lighter Side

A good pun is its own reward-Police were called to a day care centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest. What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.



# Trinity Sunday

After an amazing contribution to the Parish of 17 years, our Parish Secretary extraordinaire, **Debbie is retiring!**

People have the opportunity to farewell Debbie after 11am Mass on Sunday 16th July in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

Or Thursday 20th July at the RSL Club at 6pm  
2 course dinner \$35  
(drinks not included).

If you would like to attend please RSVP to the office by 6th July for catering purposes.



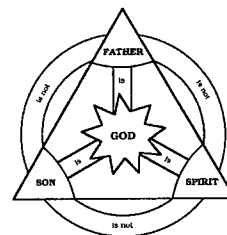
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We would like to welcome Fr Paul Sireh back to St Brendan's. Fr Paul will be with us for the next three weekends.

St Augustine described the Trinity in terms of the Lover, the Beloved and the Love which exists between them.

St Patrick reportedly used the shamrock to explain the three persons in one God to the pagans of Ireland.

~ From [www.catholica.com.au](http://www.catholica.com.au)



*Because of God's great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love.*

~ Extract from Loyola Press

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Ryan, Frances Wilkinson (Seymour—sister of Jim Farrell), Edgardo Hoyla (USA), Felisismo Reyes Jnr 111 (Philippines) Baby Chiara Santina Saracino (baby daughter of Gino & Frances Saracino and sister of Sophia).  
**Anniversaries:** Anne Donnelly, Shaly Jason, Brian Hickey, Frank Minogue, Patrick Healy, Maree Gawne, Michele Zito (6 months).

## 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

## Lectors 17th & 18th June

<b>6pm</b>	M Keyte	Sr F Kennedy
<b>8am</b>	G Quinlan	L Boschetti
<b>11am</b>	M Collins	S Quilty

## 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

## **Cuppa after Mass . . . 11th June**

This 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.

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

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

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## **Mass at Tarcoola 10.30am Wednesday 14th June**

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## **Men's Group . . . 17th June**

Men's group will welcome *Dan Murphy* to offer a reflection on hope— Where does our hope come from? Can this hope transform our lives?

Our faith in Jesus should offer us this hope!

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7.30am for breakfast and reflection.

Any questions to Anthony 5821 2633.

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## **Child Safe Regulations Training . . .18th or 24th June**

If you were unable to attend the Parish meeting in the church on Tuesday 2nd May you are asked to come along to a training session at 2pm on either Sunday 18th June OR Saturday 24th June in the Mons Jeffrey Centre OR you can complete the module online on your own computer at home. Either way could you please phone or email the Parish office and let staff know what you prefer.

*This training is mandatory for all volunteers and staff to ensure the Parish complies with the new regulations that came into force earlier this year.*

Please RSVP to 5821 2633 or email as soon as possible.

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## **St Brendan's Friendship Group . . . 18th June**

Will meet for lunch on Sunday 18th June at 12.30pm at the Peppermill Hotel. Come along to share some fun and fellowship with fellow parishioners.

Enquiries to Pat on 5821 1269. All welcome.

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## **Ecumenical Prayer Service . . . 18th June**

At the Baptist Church, 600 Wyndham Street, Shepparton.

At 4pm. Homilist is Fr Joe. All welcome to come along.

A cuppa will be enjoyed afterwards.

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## **Save the dates . . .**

Sunday 16th July 2pm at St Mel's Parish House.

*An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality*

And a four week retreat in daily life commencing on

St Ignatius Feast Day Monday 31st July

*'Inner Peace in Divine Love'*

Two time slots offered—1.30pm or 7pm.

To book in, phone the Parish office on 5821 2633.

See flyers on the noticeboard.

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## **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.

## **Proposed Euthanasia Bill**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held after 8am Mass on Sunday 13th August from 9am to 10am.



Exposition is also on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 8pm and Friday afternoons from 3pm to 6pm.

Please join in prayer for the defeat of this anti-life legislation.

**Three brochures are available in the narthex and side entrance for you to take:**

**'Real Care, Love and Compassion,'  
'When Life is Ending' and 'Be Not Afraid'**

**Resources are available from:**

**[www.cam.org.au/euthanasia](http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia)**

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## **Priests' Retreat**

The Priests of the Diocese will be on retreat from 19th to 23rd July at CCC Seminary in Carlton. Fr Paul Sireh will be the priest in residence here while we are away.

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## **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.

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## **Counters**

We are looking for people to help count our weekend collections. If you could help with this Ministry please contact the Parish office.

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## **Winter Appeal**

**The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its Winter Appeal next weekend, June 17th & 18th.**

Envelopes will be available in the pews at all Masses.

Last year St Vincent de Paul Society Conferences throughout Victoria provided over \$10 million in assistance to people in need, and last month alone our Conference assisted clients in various ways with over \$14,000 of aid.

We thank you for your generosity for this appeal and acknowledge also the ongoing donations to the Poor Box.

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## **Calling young Australians to be part of an international conversation**

### **POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR YOU . . .**

Young people across Australia are being called to share their views about life, faith, and their experience of Church through an online survey published by the Australian Bishops.

The survey seeks to capture the opinions and perspectives of young people as part of a national consultation process that will inform an international conversation in Rome next year.

Pope Francis will lead the international conversation at the Vatican. Representatives from all over the world will be invited to Rome to share their experiences and views at a meeting in October 2018.

**Australians aged between 16 and 29 years** are encouraged to complete the survey. The questions cover a range of topics including: the experience of being listened to, using social media and technology, friendships and influences in today's world, opportunities for engagement with Church activities such as, outreach programs, youth masses, community leadership or parish events. ~ *An extract from Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Media Release dated 24th May 2017.* The link is: <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey>  
The survey will close on Sunday 2 July, 2017.



# Feast of The Holy Trinity

*Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.*



## **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, Tuesday 9am Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion in the Gold Room of the Parish house.

*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.