



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

18 June 2017



Readings for
this week:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58



Readings for
next Sunday:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33



Liturgical Jottings

Obligatory Memorials

After Solemnities and Feasts in the church's liturgical calendar order of precedence comes memorials of Mary (Her Queenship, Our Lady of Sorrows, Holy Rosary, Presentation of Mary) and the Saints, numbering 57 memorial days. However in a given year some are not celebrated because they fall on a Sunday which takes precedence over the saint's feast day. Some of these memorials have two saints eg. Sts Perpetua & Felicity or several as in St Paul Miki and companions. Memorials of saints are celebrated because of their universal appeal or significance in the worldwide Church: St Vincent de Paul, St Therese of little flower, St Francis of Assisi are just a few. Unlike Solemnities and Feasts, the Gloria is not said and the readings are normally from the weekday sequence.

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Looking at the Readings

Moses reminded the people that the Exodus (first reading) was a time of trial and a time to trust in God. The Exodus, the march from slavery to the promised land, also came a parable of the final journey or procession into the eternal promised land. Both interpretations help us understanding what today's feast is about. Food and drink are primary human needs. When the people of the exodus suffered hunger and thirst in the desert God came to their aid and provided manna from the night sky and water from the rock. They received food for their journey. Likewise in our journey in life we face trials but we are also on a quest for life eternal.

Today's gospel, a part of a greater narrative, focuses on the second interpretation of the Exodus and on our procession to God. The Eucharist, the body and blood of Christ, is our "Viaticum" to live in Christ and for Christ to live in us.

The second reading reveals that there are many layers of meanings in the Eucharist. Yes it is the body of Christ; it is food for the journey; it is communion with all partakers. From many we become one because we all share in the one body of Christ. It is commemoration of the Last Supper and the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross; it is the breaking of bread; it is a offering or sacrifice of the heart in thanksgiving for the marvellous saving actions of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Quote from Pope Francis

Breaking: this is the other word explaining the meaning of those words: "Do this in remembrance of me". Jesus was broken; he is broken for us. And he asks us to give ourselves, to break ourselves for others. ... How many mothers, how many fathers, together with the slices of bread they provide each day on the tables of their homes, have broken their hearts to let their children grow, well! How many Christians, as responsible citizens, have broken their own lives to defend the dignity of all, especially the poorest, the marginalized and those discriminated! Where do they find the strength to do this? It is in the Eucharist: in the power of the Risen Lord's love, who today too breaks bread for us and repeats: "Do this in remembrance of me". (Homily 29 May 2016)

On the Lighter Side

A poor family was gathered around the table for the birthday of the youngest son. After a prayer of thanksgiving, the father said: "Son, it's your birthday. Now make a wish, and blow out the candles." The boy dutifully blew out the candles then said, "I wished that on my birthday next year, I will have a real cake so that I won't be holding just the candles."

Not so lighter but a warmer side of thanksgiving!



Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

FAREWELL

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

People have the opportunity to farewell Debbie:

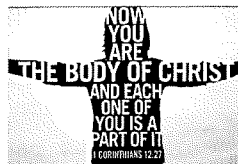
- ⇒ After 11am Mass on Sunday 16th July in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.
- ⇒ Or Thursday 20th July at the RSL Club at 6pm 2 course dinner \$35 (drinks not included). If you would like to attend please RSVP to the office by 4th July for catering purposes. (Place money in an envelope clearly marked and leave at the office). No late bookings can be taken.

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

~ www.cam.org.au



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Proposed Euthanasia Bill

We urge parishioners to please pray for the defeat of the proposed euthanasia bill. Novenas of Eucharistic Adoration in the Marian Chapel, Thursday evenings 7pm to 8pm and Fridays 3pm to 6pm.

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

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

Fr Frank Jones' funeral will be held here at St Brendan's Church at 11am this Monday 19th June. There will also be a vigil Mass on Sunday evening at 5.30pm at St John's Church, 16 Tocumwal Road, Numurkah.

Recently Deceased: Fr Frank Jones

Anniversaries: Percy Donnelly, Maureen O'Keeffe, Michael Grace.

Lectors 24th & 25th June

6pm	Youth Group,	Youth Group
8am	P Guthrie	J Zampaglione
11am	M Sarkady	P Howard

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

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 this 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.

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

Will meet for lunch this Sunday 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.

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.

Garabandal . . .

The meeting that was to be held this Monday 19th has been cancelled to allow members to attend Fr Frank Jones' funeral.

Youth-Led Mass Saturday 24th June 6pm

An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality . . . 16th July

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

An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality

'Inner Peace in Divine Love' . . . from 31st July

And a four week retreat in daily life commencing on St Ignatius Feast Day Monday 31st July

Two time slots offered—1.30pm or 7pm.

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

See page 4 for details and 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.

2018 St Brendan's Deb

Expressions of Interest forms are now available from Student Reception at Notre Dame College for girls in Year 11/12 who wish to make their Debut with St Brendan's in 2018. Please

hand deliver your form to Maree Geisler via Student Reception at Notre Dame. Forms are also available by

emailing: stbrendansdeb@live.com

Video Teaching Series . . . Fr Rob Galea

has produced a series of engaging videos and lesson plans to teach faith and life issues at school, youth groups or for personal study. Available on USB.

You tube link: youtube.com/thatsworship and web link <http://www.frrobgalea.com/teachingseries>

Contact the St Kilian's Parish Office on 5441 6244

for further information.

Priests' Retreat

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

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. If you would like to be included in these important Ministries please also contact the office.

Counters

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

Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its Winter Appeal this weekend.



The Winter Appeal provides very important funds for those who are experiencing disadvantage and poverty in our local communities. During May 2017, St. Brendan's Conference assisted 132 households, consisting of 169 adults and 162 children, with 35 being new clients. Food vouchers continue to be our largest expense, followed by accommodation assistance, but there is also assistance with transport, utilities, medical expenses, along with other items.

We thank you for your continued support.

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.

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.

Catholic Theological College

Intensive Study Options Now Available!

6 day Winter Intensives: 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14 July

Choice of Philosophy or Biblical (OT) units

Semester Two Intensive: 29, 30 July; 19, 20 Aug; 9, 10 Sep

The Liturgy and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church

Audit and Credit options available

Enquiries: Mr Jude Caspersz (Registrar)

Phone: 9412 3309 or Email: ctc@ctc.edu.au

Together At One Altar

is a resource, available free online from the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), designed for school aged children in years F – 12 in Australia to develop their formation in Eucharist and assist their full, active and conscious participation.

<http://www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au/>

Spirituality

of



St. Ignatius

An afternoon of information on the life and spirituality
of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

This is an invitation to learn more about St. Ignatius (founder of the Jesuits);
and the upcoming four week retreat being offered in August in Shepparton.

Come and find out about St. Ignatius and how in today's busy life we can learn
and apply his wisdom and teachings.

Where: St. Mel's Parish House, 18 Hamilton St. Shepparton

Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

When: Sunday 16th July 2017

Presented by: Paul White, (a parishioner of St. Brendan's).

Paul was employed for nearly six years by the Diocese. He graduated from Melbourne
University of Divinity and the Jesuit Arrupe program and practices spiritual direction and
delivers retreats in rural areas of Victoria.
Paul is a member of the Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality.

Register: St. Mel's 58312194, St. Brendan's 58212633,



That
every
person's
heart



Inner Peace in Divine Love

A 'retreat in daily life' - it is for busy committed people who cannot afford to take
time off work and pay for increasingly expensive retreats in spirituality centres.
The retreat is made over four weeks (31/7/2017 – 27/8/2017) and is based in the
Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

- This retreat brings one's desires to light and into the presence of a personal
God.
- It brings one's own life experience into this relationship using various prayer
methods such as imaginative contemplation.
- It takes one quickly and deeply into prayer.

**What happens then is freely up to God.
Do you dare ?**

*The retreat will be directed by Sr. Margaret Claver FCJ, who brings a background of
living Ignatian Spirituality as a member of the Society of Sisters, Faithful Companions of
Jesus. Margaret has a Master of Arts in Spiritual Direction and enjoys and is vastly
experienced in giving retreats in the parish setting.*

(Dependent on numbers) the retreat will be offered with a choice of times:

Mondays: 31st July; 7th August; 14th August; 21st August

Times: 1:30pm – 3:00pm or 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Venue: St. Mel's Parish House, 18 Hamilton St., Shepparton South.

Cost: \$30.00 (covers the cost of the retreat book.)

Registration is required by Sunday 23rd July at St. Mel's (58312 194)
or St. Brendan's (58212 633)



*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or
arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not
irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but
rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Cor 13:4-7)*

St Brendan's Recent Debutante Ball



*A big thank you to the Parish and the Debutante Committee for
making this night possible and helping to create special memories
for us and our families. Thanks a million.*

*This journey is more than being presented and dancing in front of
our family and friends. This night was the best ever and has
changed my life. Every time I'm faced with a challenge, I now know
I can step forward with more confidence and belief in my abilities
to succeed.*

~ Excerpt from letter from Debutante Brittany Sutton.
The full version of the letter is on the Parish website.

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 Mooropna, 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.