



# Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish



Christ in community...the heart of our faith

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**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm (Closed Mondays and Public holidays)

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**25 June 2017**



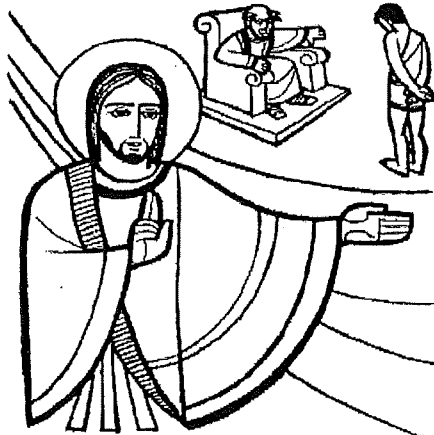
*Readings for this week:*

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



*Readings for next Sunday:*

2Kings 4:8-11, 14-16  
Romans 6:3-4,8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42



## Liturgical Jottings Optional Memorials

Fourth in precedence of Feast days of Our Lord, Mary and the Saints is the "optional memorial." There are nearly 100 optional memorials in the general calendar and several more that are added to national, diocesan, regional, parish and religious orders calendars. Similar to obligatory memorials, they commemorate the lives of saints but who may not be so well known or are of lesser significance or are very new, eg Pope John XXIII 11 October and the revised Most Holy Name of Jesus, 3 January. There may be one, two or three on the same day so the community or celebrant may choose to celebrate one or other of them, but not both. The memorials are deleted if they coincide with a Sunday, days in Holy Week, and in the Christmas and Easter octaves.

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## Looking at the Readings

We re-enter the large part of the liturgical year called Ordinary Time. It is not ordinary in the common sense of the word. These weeks derive their titles from the ordinal numbers: first, second, third, thirty-third, distinct from the cardinal numbers 1,2, 3 & 33. Far from common or ordinary we look at life and growth of ourselves with God. Also we have sequential readings from one Gospel, in Year A, Matthew. And on the Sundays of Ordinary Time, the first reading and the Gospel have a connecting thread, often an Old Testament prophecy that relates to the life and teachings of Christ.

This Sunday the Prophecy is from the "Confession of Jeremiah" and the Gospel passage on Jesus' "Instruction to the Twelve Apostles." There is more than one string connecting these two readings. Jeremiah, called by God to be a prophet in unpopular times, is persecuted, disheartened and feels seduced. The apostles, called by Christ, are warned that they will be persecuted and afraid.

Then both received a "surge of trust", great affirmation, and promise of God / Christ being with them to support and bring them peace. Christ is one who suffers with them and for them. They are inspired to go out and declare justice and mercy. They become real heroes. Not like the kings, generals and elders that stay in their castles, forts and mansions but leaders who work and suffer with their own people in their fields, factories, offices and homes.

## A Prayer from Pope Francis

"May the Holy Spirit grant peace to the whole world, may He heal the wounds of war and of terrorism, which even strike innocent civilians and children: let us pray for the victims and their families."  
*(published after the terrorist attacks in London)*

## Solemnity of the Week: Sts Peter & Paul, 29 June

"Peter, established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles so, each in a different way, gathered together the one family of Christ ..."  
*from the Preface of their feast day*

## Memorial of the Week: St Irenaeus, 28 June

St Irenaeus was born in Asia Minor about 120. Second bishop of Lugdunum in Gaul (now Lyon, France); his most famous writing is *Adversus Haereses*, an explanation of the faith and also peace broker regarding the East-West debate on the date of Easter. Martyred in 202.

## On the Lighter Side

What do an apostle and a copper coin have in common?  
They are one "sent".



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.

**Recently Deceased:** Nora Barzen, Mary O'Brien, Ken Heaney

**Anniversaries:** Nazario Giuliani, Joan Grant, Lilian and Timothy McCart, Jack McNally

**Mercy Place bus accident.**

Parishioners are asked to please keep in their prayers all those involved with the accident last Tuesday afternoon.

Residents, family and staff are very much in need of support and prayers for their well being as they recover from this trauma.



**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

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

At all masses next weekend we will celebrate NAIDOC week in recognition and support of our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait

*Come to me,  
all you who are  
weary and  
burdened,  
and I will give you rest.*  
MATTHEW 11:28

**Lectors 1st & 2nd July**

<b>6pm</b>	M Sexton	F Scheibel
<b>8am</b>	D Teitzel	G Jelliff
<b>11am</b>	M Taverner	D Segafredo

**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

**A sincere thank you to the Parish for the effort put in to farewelling Fr Frank Jones on Monday. It was a wonderful Mass and the detail for the liturgy and hospitality preparations was a great sign of our love for Fr Frank .**

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## **Child Safe Regulations Training . . .**

Thank so much to all of you who have completed the training module 'Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults' either at the Parish meeting on 2nd May, at home or one of the recent weekend training sessions.

This helps the Parish comply with its obligations in regards to the new regulations. If you have a certificate of completion please give a copy to the office. If you haven't yet completed the training, please advise the office as soon as possible.

This can be as simple as completing it in your own home or that of a family member.

We can help you arrange to complete it.

**This training is mandatory for all volunteers and staff to ensure the Parish complies with the new regulations.**

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## **Men's group Saturday 1st July**

Hi all good men! Next Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of July, we will have a cooked breakfast at our men's group gathering at 7.30am in the MPJC. Jean Maria Mupenda is our guest speaker. The cooked breakfast is always a great way to start the day and Jean Marie speaks passionately of his home land, so come along and start the weekend with an engaging encounter. Questions to Anthony 58212633

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## **Serra Club .....Friday 7th July**

This coming Friday , July 7th , is the 1st Friday of the month, the Serra club will have mass for vocations. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue to 7.25pm at St Brendan's, when we will have a blessing followed by the mass for vocations . All welcome.

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## **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.

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## **POPE FRANCIS' 'ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME'**

A workshop on Pope Francis' call to all people, to care for our world and its people **with Sr Cecilia Merrigan & Lyn Breen, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.**

Mercy Centre, Sacred Heart Primary School, Hogan Street TATURA. **All welcome. No cost.** Morning Tea provided.

Lunch if you would like to stay - plate to share. **RSVP:**

Judith [tatura@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:tatura@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

(03) 5824 1049 OR

[adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) (03) 5441 2544

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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.

## **To All Users of the Parish Centre**

**(Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre) All Rooms**

Please help us keep the Parish Centre clean and shiny and in good order! This can be achieved by:

- Cleaning up after yourselves
- Wiping tables after using for eating
- Ensuring dishes are washed and put away
- Taking out rubbish to the bins in the carport
- Vacuuming after use
- Turning all heaters off
- Turning off any other electrical equipment where appropriate
- Stacking excess chairs away correctly ie: no more than five high in rows in the store room
- Leaving tables as you find them
- Turning off the 3 main light switches when leaving
- Reporting any breakages or issues to the Parish office

This space is a wonderful asset for the Parish and is for all parish groups to use. Let's do our best to look after it and keep costs to a minimum. *Thank you.*

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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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## **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 link is:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey>

The survey will close on Sunday 2 July, 2017.

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## **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/>

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## **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](mailto:stbrendansdeb@live.com)

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## **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](http://youtube.com/thatsworship) and web link <http://www.frrobgalea.com/teachingseries>

Contact the St Kilian's Parish Office on 5441 6244 for further information.

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**CALLING ALL 13-26 YEARS OLD  
CATHOLIC YOUTH RETREAT  
DETAILS ON THE BACK PAGE!**





## St. Brendan's Catholic Church

St Brendan's Catholic Parish is vibrant and engaging; it works with the grace of God to build God's kingdom in the midst of Shepparton.

Applications are sought from enthusiastic and suitably qualified persons with a commitment to the values and ethos of Catholic Faith for the following position:

### **Parish Secretary/Administrator & Office Manager**

9.00am – 3.00pm, Monday – Friday

Responsibilities will include general and financial administration.

Please refer to the St. Brendan's Catholic Parish website for further details about this position and to download an application form.

**The closing date for this position is midday Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.**

**Applications must reach the Parish Priest by this time.**

## Youth Ministry Worker – Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

Applications are invited from people of varying ages and experience for this full time position with the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst – Bendigo.

The successful applicant will require excellent communication skills and the ability to relate to a wide range of people. They will be able to demonstrate a keen sense of networking and marketing, promoting the values, principles and ideals of Jesus Christ and of the Catholic Church to the young people of the Diocese. It is also desired that the successful applicant will have previous experience in active youth ministry leadership, or in working with young people in schools.

A copy of the position description can be obtained from [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

Applications to [sally.holmes@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:sally.holmes@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)  
For any questions please contact Sally Holmes on Ph 54453617

Applications close Monday, July 17, 2017.

## STRONGER RETREAT -Catholic Youth Retreat "WONDER"

**I am fearfully and wonderfully made//Psalm 139**

*REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN* for the 2017 Stronger Retreat on [strongeryouth.com](http://strongeryouth.com)

Register now if you're 13-26 years old to join 130 other young people from our diocese having fun, growing in discipleship and learning about your faith with our keynote speakers

**Fr Rob Galea, Fr Dan Serratore and Sr Bernadette Toohey!**

**Date: September 15-17    Venue: Kyneton    Cost: \$165**

Registrations are now open at [strongeryouth.com](http://strongeryouth.com). Transport may be available.  
For more info follow @StrongerYouth on Facebook or contact Danielle at [Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## 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.