



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 July 2017



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Sequences

During Year A of the Sunday Readings we hear semi continuous passages from the Gospel according to Matthew. In this series of readings come sub-sequences. Last Sunday, this Sunday and the next are parts of the *Apostolic Discourse* or Jesus' instruction to the twelve apostles on the Mission that will be entrusted to them. This instruction they receive, they will pass on to others. This sequence concludes with a thanksgiving to the Father for the coming of the Kingdom.

On the Lighter Side

This may come as a surprise to those not living in Las Vegas USA: there are more Catholic churches than casinos in the city. Also, some Mass goers will put casino chips rather than cash in the collection baskets.



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Looking at the Readings

Hospitality is a human virtue and a social obligation, especially to the people of the ancient near east as we witness in today's first reading. For the traveller, hospitality provided shelter, food and protection. For Elisha the prophet, who succeeded Elijah, the Shunammite woman anticipated his needs and discreetly offered hospitality and due privacy. Elisha on his part wanted to return the generosity but not embarrass her. He, too, showed discretion and insight into her needs and in simple terms said, "In due time you shall embrace a son" 4:16.

Christ raises this virtue and obligation of hospitality to a higher level but a simpler practice: to give a cup of water to a little one. And in doing so, hospitality also takes on spiritual and even quasi-liturgical forms. By welcoming the stranger we welcome Christ; by giving to the least of our neighbour we give to God; by greeting them in Christ's name we imitate the greeting: "The Lord be with you."

The women of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles showed this Christian hospitality in providing their homes, meals and ongoing support to Jesus and his disciples. St Francis and his brothers showed generous hospitality to the poor, the vagrant and the lost. Christian communities continue this sense and practice of hospitality based not on mere obligation or culture but on love of Christ and neighbour.

Memorial of the Week: Blessed Peter To Rot. 7 July

Born in 1912 at Rakunai, New Britain, Papua New Guinea, Peter became a catechist, married in 1936 and had three children. When the Japanese occupied the island during the war, all the missionaries were imprisoned. Peter, the only spiritual guide, organised prayer services, gave religious instruction, baptized children, and administered to the sick and dying. He was arrested, tortured and killed and has been revered as a martyr ever since.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2 July

For thousands of years before the arrival of Western settlers, the sole inhabitants of the land were indigenous peoples, the Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. Their ancient heritage forms an essential part of the cultural landscape of modern Australia. Thanks to the Australian Government's courageous decision to acknowledge the injustices committed against the indigenous peoples in the past, concrete steps are now being taken to achieve reconciliation based on mutual respect. Rightly, you are seeking to close the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians regarding life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity! This example of reconciliation offers hope to peoples all over the world.

Benedict XVI, World Youth Day 17 July 2008

FAREWELL

After an amazing contribution to the Parish for 17 years, our Parish Secretary extraordinaire, Debbie is retiring! There will be an 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 the dinner please RSVP for catering purposes to the office by **THIS Tuesday 4th July** (Place money in an envelope clearly marked and leave at the office).

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

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

Recently Deceased: Pat Crudden, Des O'Dea, Therese Tyndall (mother of Maureen Naughton), Betty O'Reilly

Anniversaries: Raymond Barwick, Malcolm Madeira, Francesco & Santina Varapodio, Francesco Barillaro, Marino Nappa



NAIDOC SUNDAY

The Welcome to Country will be given by Julie Ferguson at 6pm and 11am Masses.

Smoking Ceremony

Traditionally celebrated by Aboriginal people. Since the beginning of time our ancestors used to smoke away evil spirits and receive the good spirit.

"Today we share with you one of the oldest living ceremonies, to remove our sins and ask for forgiveness. We invite you now to share our smoking ceremony like our ancestors have done for thousands of years."

Message Stick

The significance of the message stick is very important to Catholic Aboriginal Liturgies—carrying the Gospel message to all communities.



CALLING ALL 13-26 YEARS OLD
CATHOLIC YOUTH
RETREAT
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Lectors 8th & 9th July

6pm	A Kilmartin	D Sullivan
8am	M Hicks	S Hicks
11am	S White	P White

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 There will be no meeting in July.

Charismatic Prayer Group - Tuesdays 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Christian Meditation—in recess until 7th August.

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

Mass of Anointing on Wednesday 5th July at 11am

Serra ClubFriday 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.

Breakfast and cuppa after 8 am mass9th July

Warm up on a chilly Sunday morning with a breakfast which will be held on the 9th of July 2017 after the 8am mass. Breakfast is to be organized by the St Brendan's Parish Pastoral Council and will be held in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre. It's a great way to meet everyone so please stay around and join in for brekky and a chat.

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 flyers on the noticeboard.

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 22nd 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

(03) 5824 1049 OR

adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au (03) 5441 2544

Fr Michael Grace's 50th Jubilee Celebrations...23rd July

Sunday 23rd July join Fr. Michael and celebrate his 50 years of priesthood. A shared BYO lunch at the St. Mel's Hall. Enquiries to St. Mel's school 5821 3163

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 here on Sunday 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.

The 50th Anniversary of Joseph Cardinal Cardijn RIP

Former NCGM/YCW members and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass for Cardijn (as he was affectionately known) on Monday, 24th July at St Kilians Church, McCrae Street, Bendigo at 6pm. Please bring some memento of the time you spent as an NCGM or YCW member.

Following suggestion; It is proposed that we adjourn to the Rising Sun Hotel, 84 Barnard Street Bendigo for talk, drink and dinner – there is no need to book, Just turn up!

For further details please phone; Margaret Harrison – 5443 3996 or Mons. Frank Marriott – 0427 315 633

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word during the school holidays. We will resume on 30th July.

Child Safe Regulations Training . . .

Thank you 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.

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.

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 TODAY Sunday 2 July, 2017.

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.



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, 5th 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.

Applications to 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

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. Transport may be available.

For more info follow @StrongerYouth on Facebook or contact Danielle at

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.