



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)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 July 2017



*Readings for
this week:*

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



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Sequences II

The next sequence of Sunday Gospels: 15th to 17th Sundays of Ordinary Time is known as the Discourse in Parables. It consists on the entirety of chapter thirteen of Matthew's Gospel. They contain long parables and very short parables over three weeks, each giving a lesson on the kingdom of heaven.

Pope Francis on Parables

How many of you each day read a passage from the Gospel? But then how many of you, hasten to finish work not to miss a soapie? Have the Gospel in your hands. Have the Gospel on the table. Have the Gospel in your bag. Have the Gospel in your pocket and open it to read the Word of Jesus, so the Kingdom of God comes. Contact with the Word of Jesus brings us closer to the Kingdom of God.

Looking at the Readings

In film, TV drama and even in real life, we often hear the boss claiming he does not know his employees' family circumstances, his workers' private lives or the difficulties they experience. Of course, some employers do know, care and make workplace provisions to assist. Today's Gospel Christ emphasises that the Father knows him, he knows the Father, and he reveals the Father to his disciples. Christ knows and cares about his disciples. We also hear he no longer calls us servants but friends (John 15:15). He understands the difficulties we have, the burdens of life we experience and offers to carry them for us. Christian love and discipleship entail demands, but with Jesus' love we can never say they are painful.

Zechariah prophesies on a future time of peace and happiness at a time of domination and uncertainty. His encouragement and wisdom are most evident but also the meekness and humility of a future and different type of king. Images of donkeys and dirt serve to help the listener to change the expectation from mere political victory to a truly spiritual salvation.

The symbols associated with coming of Christ: taking human nature, born in a stable, riding on a donkey, washing feet, executed on a cross and his teachings: sermon on the mount; proclaiming a year of God's favour, command to love our neighbour all point to a Saviour close to his people, sharing our suffering, and bringing us new life. He shows us that through humility and magnanimity - the humble person can achieve great things.

Saint of the Week: Benedict Tuesday 11 July

St Benedict was born in 480 in Nursia, Umbria, studied in Rome but left the city to live a hermit's life and soon joined by others to live a simple monastic life. He founded many small communities, wrote a rule of life that proved popular and enduring to this day. Considered the Father of Western monasticism, his practical life and life of prayer have helped many Christians to raise their eyes to heavenly things and yet remain their feet firmly on the ground.

Quote for the Day

Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.

~ St. Augustine

On the Lighter Side

Too much humility is pride. ~ German Proverb.

Swallow your pride occasionally, it's non-fattening! ~ Anon

You know what keeps me humble? Mirrors! ~ Phyllis Diller



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,' 'Be Not Afraid'
and 'Euthanasia: Myths and Reality.'

Resources are available from:
www.cam.org.au/euthanasia and also
www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

Euthanasia in Victoria?

A talk to help better understand assisted dying/suicide issues and the serious risks such potential laws pose and what action you can take.

To be held this Thursday 13th July at St Therese's Parish Hall, Albion Street, Kennington (Bendigo) at 7.30pm.

Speakers: Rev Anthony Kerin,
Canon lawyer and Episcopal Vicar
and Dr John Buchanan.

All welcome.



"How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. Christ, who told us to forgive one another "seventy times seven" (Mt 18:22) has given us his example:

he has forgiven us seventy times seven. Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders.

No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love."
~ Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 3.



CALLING ALL 13-26 YEARS OLD
CATHOLIC YOUTH
RETREAT
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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 school hols)

Parish Schools

St Brendan's Primary School 5821 1926

St Luke's Primary School 5822 1834

Notre Dame College 5822 8400

Recently Deceased: Merlyn Terry (Murphy)

Anniversaries: Veronica O'Dwyer, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sebastiano & Maria Tomarchio, Antonino & Giovanna Garufi, Mary (Mollie)Hoare, James Hoare. Chiara Santina Saracino (one month mind).

Lectors 15th & 16th July

6pm D Tarquini Sr F Kennedy

8am P Naughton C Naughton

11am W Hunt L Ferguson

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

Parish Men's Group . . . 15th July

Our parish men's group will gather next Saturday 15th July 7.30 am in Mons Jeffrey Centre for breakfast and a faith topic shared by Fr Joe. We gather as men trying to deepen our understanding of the God who made us, by sharing our lives the up's and down's we see evidence of the love God has for us and this strengthens our faith. We invite all to come and join us next week.

Any questions to Anthony 58212633.

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 50th Jubilee Celebrations . . . 23rd July

Join Fr Michael Grace on Sunday 23rd July to celebrate 50 years of Priesthood with a shared BYO lunch at St Mel's Hall in Hamilton Street, Shepp.

Enquiries to St Mel's School on 5821 3163.

50th Anniversary of Ordination . . . 23rd July

Fr Ted Burns celebrates 50 years of Priesthood and will offer 11am Mass here on Sunday 23rd July. If you 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 on 5443 3996 or Mons. Frank Marriott on 0427 315633.

Promoting Lay Formation:

Cardijn and the YCW in Australia . . . 29th July

Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Saturday 29th July. Cost \$20 per person.

Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea.

Registrations by Wednesday 26 July to Jill Doncovio

on 9412 3304 or jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au

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.

Stations of the Cross DVD

We have some copies of the 2017 Stations of the Cross production for you to purchase at \$25 each.

'ENGAGING WITH THE HOPES OF PARISHES' Fr Brendan

Reed, Tuesday July 25 2017, 7.30 – 9.30 pm,

St Kilian's Church, BENDIGO. Fr Brendan Reed, Parish Priest of Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Catholic Parishes,

Catholic Theological College lecturer, with practical

findings from his research *Engaging with the Hopes of Parishes*. ALL WELCOME to join the St Kilians's PPC. RSVP:

St Kilians 03 5441 6244

StKilians@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or The Chancery adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au ' Ph: 03 5441 2544.

Our ***Faith & Light Community's Christmas Crib set*** is still missing. Some of it has been returned but our beautiful figurines are still missing. Could the person who took these please return them. Thank you. ~ Denise.

CatholicCare Workshops for Couples

CatholicCare are conducting Life Partnership and Relationship education workshops in Shepparton & Bendigo.

1. FOCUS Life Partnership Program for Couples, a program that aims to support couples strengthening their relationship.
2. Life Partnership Workshop for Couples, for all couples preparing to marry or commit to a long term relationship. Relationship Education Sessions for Couples, one on one sessions, for all couples preparing to marry or commit to a long term relationship.

For more information please see the CatholicCare flyers or contact Anne-Maree Britt at CatholicCare Bendigo on 5438 1300 or CatholicCare Shepparton on 5820 0444.

Men Alive Weekend . . . 19th & 20th August

When was the last time you felt really alive?

Join us for the Men Alive Men's Weekend at

St Patrick's Parish Hall, Victoria Street, Pyramid Hill on Saturday 19th August (full day) and Sunday 20th August (half day), 2017. For more information contact:

John Wallinger 0488 333728 johnwallinger@bigpond.com

Fr Jun Jun at Kerang 0428 792150 stpatker@bigpond.com

Rommel Umali 0431 193021 melyenoh14@yahoo.com

Accommodation available—please ask.

See the flyer on the noticeboard.

In the words of St Thomas Aquinas:

"O banquet most precious! O banquet most admirable! O banquet overflowing with every spiritual delicacy! Can anything be more excellent than this repast, in which not the flesh of goats and heifers, as of old, but Christ the true God is given us for nourishment? What more wondrous than this holy sacrament! In it bread and wine are changed substantially, and under the appearance of a little bread and wine is had Christ Jesus, God and perfect Man. In this sacrament sins are purged away, virtues are increased, the soul is satiated with an abundance of every spiritual gift. No other sacrament is so beneficial. Since it was instituted unto the salvation of all, it is offered by Holy Church for the living and for the dead, that all may share in its treasures."

~ Excerpt from www.catholicculture.org



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 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.