



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

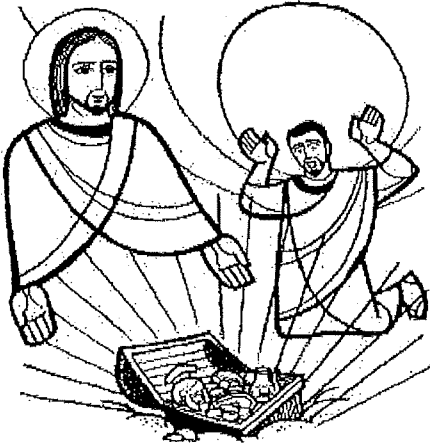
30 July 2017



Readings for this week:
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52



Readings for next Sunday:
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9



Liturgical Jottings

Week of Feasts of Founders

We celebrate on Monday the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits; Tuesday, St Alphonsus Ligouri, founder of the Redemptorists; Wednesday, St Peter Julian Eymard, founder of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers; Thursday, St Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers and next Tuesday St Mary of the Cross MacKillop co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. August is month of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Francis on vocations

I would like to reflect on the missionary dimension of our Christian calling. Those who drawn by God's voice and determined to follow Jesus soon discover within themselves an irrepressible desire to bring the Good News to their brothers and sisters through proclamation and the service of charity. All Christians are called to be missionaries of the Gospel!

His Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2017

Looking at the Readings

The three parables in today's Gospel reading (the treasure in the field, the pearl of great price and the dragnet of many fish) invite us into the mystery of the kingdom of heaven. The celebrated wisdom of Solomon (first reading) is now gifted and shared to the little ones of the kingdom. Christ's proclamation of the Good News is for all. And for all this great invitation is extended to participate and enjoy in the kingdom of heaven!

We are invited to go beyond natural wisdom to spiritual wisdom, see not the treasure in the field or the pearl of great price as material wealth but as spiritual wealth. Often art depicts the treasure in the field as a "pirates treasure chest" full of gold crowns and precious stones (eg is in the line drawing on the right). However, in the first two parables Christ uses the treasure and pearl as images of spiritual wealth that we seek. Seek so much that we will sell all we have - unload the worldly wealth to gain the wealth of God.

The short parable of the dragnet, also comparing the kingdom of God to our own world and lives describes all sort of fish are collected, good and bad fish alike. It is the patience and wisdom of God that the catch will be sorted out not in the net, not in the boat but later - at the end of time. In the meantime we have time to sort ourselves out: to seek the treasure, to rejoice in God's goodness and richness, to be reconciled and forgiven.

Prayer for the Week

Pearl of great price, *wisdom*

Precious treasure, *the kingdom*

Happy are those who discover them

And in their joy sell all their goods

their hearts are free to love.

Seek and you will find, ask and it will be given you.

Where your treasure is, there too is your heart.

Share with the poor, you will have treasure in heaven.

Nersès Snorhali

On the Lighter Side

A very old man had a treasure chest. He knew that he was going to die soon, so the old man and his wife decided to put the chest in the attic so he could take it with him on his way to Heaven. Five weeks later the man died. After the funeral the old man's wife went up to the attic to see if the treasure was gone. But it was still there! She sighed and said, "I knew we should've put it in the basement!"





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O, sacrament most holy!
O, sacrament divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine!

Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for our little Acts of *faith, adoration, love, thanksgiving, repentance and charity* that we can offer Him as we contemplate *His Divine Majesty in the Blessed Sacrament.*

St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote: "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us. *The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: By not only celebrating the Eucharist, but also praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellsprings of grace.*"

~ *Litany of Reparation In Honour of the Blessed Sacrament*

"Let the children come to me,
and do not hinder them; for to such
belongs the kingdom of heaven."

~ Mt 19:14

God's
Love
Never
Fails

Recently Deceased: Christine Partridge-Burder (Qld),

Anniversaries: Brendan Moylan, Doug Partridge,
Hugh Francis Naughton, Michael Carey, Bill Gleeson,
Damian Segafredo.

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

Lectors 5th & 6th August

6pm Sr M Sexton F Scheibel

8am J Zampaglione, D Teitzel

11am JM Mupenda S Pivac

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—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 . . . 30th July

Our next meeting is this Sunday evening July 30th starting at 5pm with an information session on our upcoming Men Alive Weekend. This will be followed by pizza and a few drinks and film entitled "Babette's Feast." (\$10.00 to cover expenses).

Please note the different day and time for our gathering and hopefully this will allow an opportunity for newcomers to attend.

Any questions please ring Anthony on 5821 2633.

Anointing Mass . . . 9th August

will be on Wednesday 9th August (not on the 2nd August as usual.)

Serra Club . . . 4th August

this first Friday 4th August at 7.30pm at St Brendan's. Mons Peter will be the celebrant. Followed by a cuppa in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. All welcome.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue . . . 7th to 14th August

The Fatima Statue will be here in St Brendan's Church from Monday 7th August to Monday 14th August. Rosary is prayed after 8am Mass Sundays and after 9.15am Mass weekdays. Please join in. If you would like to organise a Rosary or special prayer group, please let us know.

Written petitions to Our Lady placed in the petition box which is near Our Lady of Fatima Statue will be sent to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal.

eConference . . . 10th August Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis

Thursday 10 August 10:30am - 2:45pm in Mons Jeffrey Centre
Speakers: Prof Massimo Faggioli, Mr Paul Kelly, Professor The Hon Bob Carr, Sr Clare Condon SGS, Rev Dr Gerald A. Arbuckle SM,
Panellists: Ms Elizabeth Proust AO, Sr Ruth Durick OSU.
www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/short-courses/eConference-2017.
Phone 5821 2633. To be facilitated by Fr Berny.
Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee supplied.

Stronger Retreat . . . 15th to 17th September Registrations are now open!

Registrations for the 2017 Stronger Retreat are now open on strongeryouth.com Register now if you're 13-26 years old to join 130 other young people from our diocese. 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

St Mel's Primary School Celebrating 60 years . . . Friday 27th October Saturday 28th October & Sunday 29th October, 2017.

See details on the website: <http://www.smshepparton.com/2017-celebrating-60-years.html>

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

Tuesday 15th August - Mass times

St Brendan's Church: 7.30am, 9.15am, 5pm (Syro Malabar Rite)

Mercy Stadium (Skene Street): 12 noon.

Ave Maria Village (Graham Street): 4.30pm

St Mel's Church (Hamilton Street):

10am in Italian, 12 noon and 6pm.

St Mary's Church, Mooroopna: 10.15am and 6pm.

Parish Sacramental Program

During all masses this weekend our sacramental candidates are handing out Prayer Cards and asking parishioners to please pray for them as they draw closer to their special mass when they will be Confirmed and celebrate their First Eucharist. If you did not receive a card at the start of Mass and you would like to have one or two, you will find them in a basket in the narthex or side entrance.

Parent reminders: Completed Confirmation cards are now due back and parents are asked to please bring the completed card to the parish office before Wednesday 2nd August. Home group gatherings begin this week.

Groups remain the same as does the place, day and time. Parents are asked to prepare for their home group by reading "Thoughts for Adults and Aims" on page 25 prior to attending their home group gathering.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

during the 11am Mass. Children's Liturgy is suitable for primary school aged children. No need to enrol, children will be called forward by the celebrant.

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of giving envelopes and a record of giving for the financial year are now available in the narthex.

Ave Maria Playgroup . . . Mondays

Playgroup will resume on Monday 7th August. We are a gentle playgroup which belongs to St Brendan's Parish. We meet on Monday mornings from 9:30 until 11am during school terms at Ave Maria Village Aged Care, 25 Graham St, Shepparton. Everyone is welcome to come along and spend time with other families and our beautiful community who live here at Ave Maria.

New Rosters for Greeters/Ushers

Have been emailed to all those on the roster.

Winter Appeal Thankyou



St. Brendan's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank parishioners for their generous support of our recent Winter Appeal. To date we have received \$1,025 in donations, which will be well used in supporting our clients in the local area.

Thankyou.

Piety Stall

We have some beautiful gifts available in the piety stall, just in time for gift giving for the children who will receive the Sacraments at the end of August.

Invitations for celebrations # Cards
Rosary beads # Plaques
Photo frames # Candles
And much more. Come and take a look! (West side entrance)



Proposed Euthanasia Bill

This weekend 29th/30th July after each Mass there will be a letter writing opportunity together in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. We will have sample letters available to use to write to our local MP's if you wish to use them. You can take them home instead if you wish and write something yourself or contact the office and we can email samples to you.

We can also organise visits to local MP's together.

Writing letters to our local MP's has been identified as one of the most effective ways of letting politicians know how we want them to vote.

Whichever way you do it, please write to your local politician!

(For Shepparton, it's Suzanna Sheed in the lower house.

Wendy Lovell, Daniel Young, Luke O'Sullivan, Jaclyn Symes & Mark Gepp in the upper house).

Petition There is a petition to sign.

Forms are on clipboards at each entrance.

Please sign the petition.

If you would like to organise your own petition, we have copies at the office you can collect or we can email a copy to you.

Do what it takes to defeat this bill

Pray, Visit the Blessed Sacrament

Rosary after 8am Mass on Sundays, Rosary after 9.15am Mass weekdays

Day of Prayer 6th August

NOW is the time to act!

Before 8th August when it is likely to be debated in Parliament.

We urge parishioners to please pray for the defeat of the proposed euthanasia bill.

This could have enormous consequences for our society.

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.

There are four brochures available in each entrance. Please take a copy of each.



"Forward, no matter what happens!

Cling tightly to our Lord's hand and remember that God does not lose battles. If you should stray from him for any reason, react with humility that will lead you to begin again and again: to play the role of the prodigal son every day..."

~ St. Josemaria Escriva, (Friends of God, 214)

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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 Saturday mornings 10.30am to 11am (First check with St Mary's on Friday beforehand).

St Joseph's Undera, No Mass until further notice.