



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)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 August 2017



Readings for this week:
1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



Readings for next Sunday:
Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Sequences III

The Gospel sequence 18th to 20th Sundays of Ordinary Time focuses on the community of believers the church that must have its faith in Jesus who comes to their aid when they are hungry, afraid and sick.

Pope Francis on Vocations

To be a missionary disciple means to share actively in the mission of Christ. Jesus himself described that mission in the synagogue of Nazareth in these words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed to bring good news to the poor." (Lk 4:18-19). This is also our mission: to be anointed by the Spirit, and to go out to our brothers and sisters in order to proclaim the word and to be for them a means of salvation.

From his Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2017

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Looking at the Readings

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, "Why did you doubt?" he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi! © Greg Sunter

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (15 August)

It is a holy day of obligation in Australia along with Christmas Day. The feast celebrates both the high honour we give to Mary and the ancient tradition that Mary after her earthly life was taken to heaven body and soul. The Feast dates back to the fifth century in the East. Vatican II referred to the teaching as "... a sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim people of God." (LG 68)

On the Lighter Side



A bishop, a priest and a seminarian go fishing on a lake. Come lunchtime, the bishop leaves the boat and walks across the water to the kiosk to get hot pies. On his return they run out of beer so the priest waters across the water to the pub and returns. The seminarian, wanting to impress offers to go to get ice-cream. He falls into the water, swims back, tries again and falls again. The bishop whispers to the priest: "Do you think we should tell him where the stepping stones are?"

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this Sunday from 9am to 10am .

Adoration is always on Thursday evening from 7pm to 8pm and Friday afternoons from 3pm to 6pm.

A special Monstrance, blessed by Pope Benedict and brought to the Parish by the Serra Club, will be used in the church during the Hour of Adoration on Thursday evenings 7pm to 8pm and Friday afternoon Adoration 3pm to 6pm during the coming week.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA (Rite of Christian initiation of Adults) 2017 will begin on **Thursday 7th of September at 7.30pm** in the Mons Peter Jeffery centre.

The RCIA process is continually renewing our parish and refreshing our parish life with new people asking the questions about this process and becoming a Catholic. RCIA is very much a process where we open the doors of our parish and our faith inviting those interested in becoming a Catholic to look in and see if this is what they are searching for. If someone you know would like to ask some questions about RCIA, please put them in touch with Fr Joe, Fr Berny or Anthony 58212633.

The RCIA team are looking for two new members to join this parish ministry, if you think you would enjoy sharing your faith with others we would love to hear from you.

Recently Deceased: Teresa Segafredo, Terry O'Brien

Anniversaries: Bonnie Wiltshire (Kilmartin), Christine Fenn, Maggie Delahey, Aleyamma, Gilda Patone, Fr. John Leahy, Maria Victoria Fava.

Lectors 19th & 20th August

6pm	M Keyte	D Tarquini
8am	M Hicks	S Hicks
11am	A Ferguson	A Madeira

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

Careful What You Reach For

About ten years ago a cocaine addict developed his addiction when he was a teenager. He used cocaine to ease the pain and fear from his abusive home. But the cocaine brought him even worse suffering.

Be careful what you reach for when you are hurting or fearful.

That's an important message from today's Gospel. Peter finds himself sinking in a storm. He reaches out to Jesus, who brings him to safety. We have no control over what storms burst in our lives. But we do have control over who or what we reach for when the storms come. Like Peter, we'll find ourselves sinking if we take our focus off Jesus during those tough times. And like the homeless addict I met, we might make mistakes that hurt us for years to come.

Young people are vulnerable to lots of storms – pain and hurt they just can't avoid or control. Many live in abusive homes or with alcoholic parents. Many suffer in poverty.

Many hurt from friends who betray them. Many feel unyielding pressure from parents, teachers, or coaches to excel.

If any of that is true of you, reach out to Jesus for help. Turn away from some things others might choose, like isolation, cutting, drugs, sex, or violence. Strengthen your prayer life. Don't miss Mass. Talk with someone you trust. Open up at youth group. Like Peter, you'll find Jesus offering you strength, peace, and a way to safety.

What do you reach out for when you face the storms in your life?

Does it help you meet your troubles or just ignore them?

GPBS eNews

COMMUNITY CLIMATE PETITION: Climate change is one of the greatest human rights challenges of our generation. It's hurting vulnerable communities around the world, entrenching poverty. Caritas Australia within a coalition of faith-based agencies is organizing the largest multi-electorate petition in Australia's history to make it impossible to ignore that people of faith want climate justice. Please join the call on our Government to take stronger action to reduce our emissions and transition to clean energy and support vulnerable nations who face a changing climate by signing the petition which is located in the Narthex and the side entrance of the Church. If you would like a petition sheet to gather signatures ask at the Parish Office.

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 in recess until 4th September

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

Our Lady of Fatima Statue . . . This week until 14th August

The Fatima Statue is here in St Brendan's Church until Monday 14th August.

Rosary is prayed after 8am Mass Sundays and after 9.15am Mass weekdays. Please join in.

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.

Stronger Youth Rally. . . 18th August

All youth are invited to the next Stronger Rally which will be held HERE in Shepparton!!

The Rally will feature Fr Rob Galea and the Stronger Band. Praise & Worship. Games. Food. Adoration.

If you would like to attend, the details are as follows...

When: Friday August 18 **Time:** 6-9pm

Where: St Mels Hall, Hamilton St, Shepparton

For more information email sandhurst@strongeryouth.com

St Brendan's Friendship Group will meet for lunch at the Sherbourne Hotel (Maguire Bistro) on Sunday 20th August at 12.30. Come along and meet some of our friendly parishioners. Enquiries Pat (0423343711) or Graeme (58252816)

Cake Stall: Sunday 3rd September after 11am Mass.

The stall will support Notre Dame supporting Caritas, "Trek Solidarity" to Nepal in November.

Contact Jacinta Cosgriff at Notre Dame 5822 8400.

Christian Meditation . . . 4th September onwards

Christian Meditation is held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre and will re-commence on Monday 4th September. All welcome.

POSITION VACANT Parish Secretary

St Mary's Catholic Church, 2 Toolamba Road, Mooroopna. Permanent/Part-Time. 12 Hours/Week (Days Negotiable) Applications are sought from enthusiastic and suitably qualified persons with a commitment to the values and ethos of Catholic Faith.

Email: mooroopna@cdos.org.au for Position Description.

CLOSES: 14th August 2017

COMBINED PARISHES MEETING

On Tuesday 8th August a COMBINED PARISHES MEETING was held at St Mel's Parish, South Shepparton.

Fr Joe Taylor, Fr Berny and Mons Peter were accompanied by Parish Secretaries and some members of the Pastoral Council and Finance Committees from St Brendan's, St Mel's and St Mary's Parishes. Everyone was asked to think of areas (both Pastorally and Administratively) where we could combine our resources to further streamline our practices and so that together we can enhance our Parish life as a whole.

It was decided to invite ALL Parishioners from ALL 3 PARISHES for their input/suggestions. These suggestions can be written and dropped in to any of the parish offices or emailed to your parish.

If you would like to talk to someone about this, please leave your name at your parish office and someone from the group will get in touch with you.

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.

We would like to welcome our new Parish Secretary, Diane Teitzel, to the Parish team. Diane commences this week and we wish her well in her new role.

Cuppa and a chat after 11am Mass . . . this Sunday

Our next "Cuppa after Mass" is on this Sunday and our hosts this time will be Notre Dame College.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat together after 11am Mass in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

Parish Sacramental Program

Parishioners are asked to please pray for our sacramental candidates who will become fully initiated into the Catholic Church on Friday 25th August at 6.30pm, Saturday 26th August at 6.00pm and Sunday 27th August at 11am.

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, candles, plaques, photo frames and much more!

Come and take a look! In the west side entrance.

Thanksgiving Envelopes

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

Family Conference

The 2017 National Association of Catholic Families (NACF) conference/retreat will be held in Melbourne (Belgrave Heights) September 29 - October 1. Activities during the weekend will include Mass, rosary procession, talks running concurrently for parents, youth and children, sporting events, workshops, and a family bush dance on Saturday evening. For more information contact Claire on (03) 9543 5613 or go to www.nacf.info.

Registrations close 10 September.

Church & Presbytery Roof Restoration works

Roof cleaning and restoration works are progressing well on our Church & Presbytery and we are already starting to see some pleasing results, along with securing its longevity for many more years to come.

Works will continue into next week and all going well should be completed by weeks end. We're continuing to monitor and attempt to minimise disruption to masses and services at the church during the works, however it is expected that access around the Church & Presbytery will at times be restricted. Parking and driveways all round the Church & Presbytery will be impacted as machinery and scaffolding remains in use. Foot traffic will also be restricted at times throughout the duration of the works.

Please obey site signage and instructions in the interest of your own safety and the quality of the works being completed - we apologise for any inconvenience





Proposed Euthanasia Bill

Sample letters are 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.

Writing letters to our local MP's and personal visits to them have 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

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.

www.cam.org.au/euthanasia and also

www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

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, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 6pm, Friday 10am, 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.