



# Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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**Associate Priests:** Fr Berny Agustines & Fr Sebastian Mandapathil

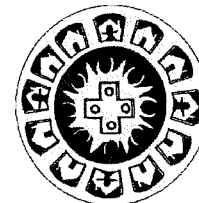
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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**3 September 2017**



*Readings for this week:*

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

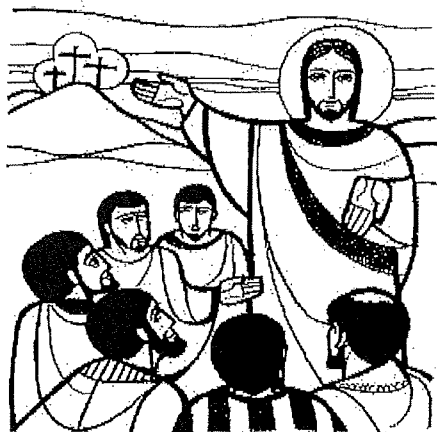


*Readings for next Sunday:*

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Roman 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



## Liturgical Jottings Season of Creation

From 1 September to 4 October, Christians around the world are praying and caring for creation in this **Season of Creation**. September 1 is proclaimed as a day of prayer for creation. It ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (author of the Canticle of the Creatures).

### Pope Francis on Creation

The day of prayer for the care of creation gives individuals and communities an opportunity to implore God's help in protecting creation and an opportunity to ask God's forgiveness "for sins committed against the world in which we live". Message 2015

### Prayer for Father's Day

God our Heavenly Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless our dads, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Amen

## Looking at the Readings

Last week's and this week's Gospel form a unity featuring a dialogue between Christ and St Peter. Matthew Chapter 16 is the first time Peter stands out from the gathering of disciples. First he acclaims of Jesus: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,' and now today: 'Heaven preserve you, Lord, this [suffering and death] must not happen to you. Jesus praised him for his faith, granted to him by God the Father and later rebuked him for following man's way not God's way.

Peter is emerging as a leader of the apostles and later as the leader of the Church keeping its unity and peace and encouraging the early Christians in their faith in the Risen Christ. Peter knows the difficulties of life and faith. He experienced Jesus saving him from drowning, and forgiving him his denials. Peter stands as a symbol of the church: both human and graced with the divine life of God.

Our church today continues with human failings, conflicts of faith and society, splitting communities and challenges in structures. At the same time we also have the same graced experiences of Peter: Jesus firm grasp to hold us in time of doubt, his mercy and his promise to be with when we pray and til the end of time.

## Featured Feast of the Week

St Peter Claver (Saturday 9 September), Born in Spain, studied at University of Barcelona, entered the Jesuits, then left his homeland to go to the missions in Colombia, He became a servant to the African slaves who entered via the port at Cartagena to work in mines and plantations. After a long debilitating illness during a plague he died on 8 September 1654, canonised in 1888 and proclaimed patron saint of Colombia and the Mission to the slaves.

## Quote of the week

"We must speak to them with our hands before we try to speak to them with our lips" *St Peter Claver while giving out food, medicine, brandy and tobacco to the slaves in the holding yards at Cartagena.*

## On the Lighter Side

I once bought a pair of shoes. One day while wearing them, I fell and broke my wrist. Some time later while wearing them, I slipped, fell, and broke my knee. Those shoes cost me an arm and a leg! A Pun from Robyn Anon



### Father's Day Leaving Collection this Sunday

The Retired Priests Foundation seeks your generosity in giving to this special collection. There will be a leaving collection or if you prefer a receipt, there are envelopes on the seats in the church you can use. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you for your contributions and prayers.

## Strength of a Mountain

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

◇ Author Unknown

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Please continue to pray for the defeat of the Euthanasia bill currently before the Victorian Parliament.

### Lectors 9th & 10th September

6pm	F Scheibel,	D Sullivan
8am	P Guthrie,	L Boschetti
11am	M Sarkady,	P Howard

### 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

### Marian Festival 2017 - Fatima Centenary . . . 8th October

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo

On Sunday October 8th Bishop Leslie and the Sandhurst Diocese will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima which occurred on the 13th October 1917. All are cordially invited to join in the celebration commencing with 11am Mass followed by lunch in the Cathedral hall (bring your own). 1.15pm Cathedral bells welcome all to the Marian Festival then procession outside the Cathedral, confessions, crowning of Our Lady's statue, Rosary.

2.30pm Guest speaker will be Fr Paschal Corby OFM, 3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction. 3.40pm Cathedral bells ring to end the Marian Festival then afternoon tea in the hall.

For enquiries, phone John or Wilma on 5439 6283.

**For those who would like to attend the celebrations, St Brendan's Parish Pastoral Council is organising whole day bus trip to Bendigo .**

**Places on the bus will be limited, so register and pay for the tickets at St Brendan's or St Mel's Parish office before 22nd September if you wish to attend.**

**The cost of the whole trip is \$20.**

**For more information call Bozena 0426 867647.**

On the 8th September, Bernadette Sullivan will commence her Postulancy with the Franciscan Immaculate Sisters in Dalton Park, Queensland. Our thoughts and prayers are with her in this exciting time of her life.

### New Office Hours

Commencing **Monday 11th September** the office hours will change to:

*Monday and Tuesday 9am to 3pm  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am to 4pm.*

**Recently Deceased:** Marjorie Redfern, Guerino Nave, Leonard Boumen, Allan Warren, Tony Brown-Graham.

**Anniversaries:** Frank Demasi, John Naughton, Imelda Mahony, Mary Monica Michel.

### 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

**Cake Stall** after 11am Mass this Sunday.

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## **Liturgy for Hope and Healing . . . 5th September**

As part of Child Protection Week we will be gathering as a community on Tuesday September 5 at 7pm in St. Brendan's Church to pray together for strength, courage and guidance as we work to protect our children and vulnerable adults from abuse.

We will also be praying for victims and survivors of historical abuse, that we be able to surround them with love and compassion as they continue their journey of healing.

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## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults . . . 7th September**

**It is time ...** Our Parish RCIA process begins this coming

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Mons Jeffrey Centre.

The first three evenings are called enquiry nights where we look at; opening up *the mystery of our faith, sharing its beauty,* and asking *is this what you are seeking?*

If you have any questions or know of anyone who might like to be a part of this special faith journey please contact Fr Berny , Fr Joe or Anthony Kilmartin—5821 2633.

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## **Men's Group . . . 9th September**

Our *Parish Men's Group* will meet next Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September in Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7.30am for a faith reflection topic and a hearty breakfast.

Please feel free to join this group of men who meet to share faith and friendship. Any questions call Anthony on 5821 2633.

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## **Cuppa after Mass . . . 10th September**

The next 'Cuppa after Mass' will be Sunday 10th September outside the church after 11am Mass. Everyone welcome to stay and have a cuppa and chat together.

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## **Minister of Communion Formation . . . 11th September**

On Monday September 11th at 7pm in the St Brendan's Church we are having formation for New and experienced Ministers of

Communion. We anticipate that the formation will last approximately 1 hour and will cover both the theology of this special Ministry and practicalities. Phone Kathy 0416 958 431.

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## **Catholic Women's League 'Blumes Fashions' . . . 11th Sept**

The CWL present Blumes Fashion Parade on Monday 11th September in Mons Jeffrey Centre at 10am. \$5 entry. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy some fun and fashion!

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## **Catholic Women's League . . . 14th September**

The next meeting of the CWL will be held next Thursday 14th September at 1pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. All welcome.

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## **Catholic Charismatic Renewal . . . 23rd & 24th September**

A Life in the Spirit course "*The Gift*" A response to Pope Francis call to 'share with everyone the grace of Baptism in the Holy Spirit.' Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th September 9.30am to 5.30pm. Bring bibles, a light lunch to share and morning/afternoon tea. Tea and coffee provided. Donation \$30 or what you can afford. Contact Brigita on 0412 042196.

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**Church Doors** Please do not adjust the control panel of the automatic doors. We have had a lot of trouble with these lately and to replace a control costs in the vicinity of \$2000!

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## **Congratulations to our Sacramental Candidates**

### **Certificate presentation . . . 9th & 10th September**

Congratulations to all the children and adults who last weekend celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and or Eucharist. We have invited these newly fully initiated members of our parish along with their families to the weekend Masses next weekend, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September when they will be presented with their Certificate of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Families are reminded that children need to see Laura in the narthex at least 15 minutes before the start of their chosen mass and to please bring their child's green sash.

Host families/facilitators are asked to please bring the CD used during the home group gatherings.

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### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September during the 11am Mass.

All primary aged school children are invited to come along and hear the Gospel in words suitable to their age and have a discussion around the Gospel theme. Children will be called forward during the Mass.

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### **MenAlive weekend . . . 21st & 22nd October**

St Brendan's Parish MenAlive weekend is fast approaching and an opportunity not to be missed.

We do not have many chances in our life to grow and nourish our understanding of who we are as men. We have many roles to live out as a *father, husband, friend* and *son* but how do we live these out fully both for ourselves and others.

During the weekend answers to these questions will be explored for each of us individually.

Flyers and registration forms are in the church, or if you have a question contact Paul White

5831 8700, Peter Naughton 0416 216807

or Anthony at the Parish office 5821 2633.

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### **Lost!** White Mother of Pearl Rosary beads and case.

If found, please phone Gwen on 5821 4372.

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### **Australian Catholic Youth Festival . . . 7th - 9th December**

This December the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting the third Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The festival will be held in Sydney from December 7-9 and is for year 9 students- 30 year olds. It will be three full days of spending time with 15,000 young Catholics from right around Australia to celebrate and learn more about the Catholic Faith. If you're in secondary school speak to your RE teacher about attending with the school group, and if you're over 18 and would like to attend email Danielle at [danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

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### **AFL Tipping Comp 2017**

The winner of this year's Parish Tipping Competition is Katherine Coppinger. Katherine had a final score of 132, and will receive the \$150 First Prize. Second place was Clare Coppinger (129, \$70) and in third was Philip Friedlieb (128, \$30). Fr. Joe finished in 9th (slightly higher than his beloved Blues) with a score of 122.

Congratulations to all winners and thanks to all who joined this year and we look forward to more of you jumping on board in 2018.



## Bless Our Fathers

Heavenly Father,  
Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers  
for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity,  
wisdom and mercy that  
You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honour our fathers for putting our needs above their own  
convenience and comfort;  
for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of  
adversity;  
for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries;  
for modelling the qualities that would turn us into responsible,  
principled, caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals.  
Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes.  
Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you  
offer us all.

Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness,  
instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served  
as father figures in our lives  
when our biological fathers weren't able to do so.  
May the love and selflessness they showed us  
be returned to them in all their relationships,  
and help them to know that their influence  
has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need  
to raise happy and holy children,  
grounded in a love for God and other people -  
and remind these fathers that treating their wives  
with dignity, compassion and respect is  
one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

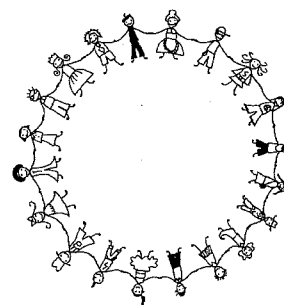
We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life  
have been welcomed into Your loving embrace,  
and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly  
kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son,  
we ask Your generous blessings today and every day.

Amen.

- Tony Rossi

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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, *Wednesday 30th August 9.30am*

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, Every first Saturday of the month Holy  
Rosary & devotions after Mass, Tuesday 9am Liturgy of the  
Word with Communion in the Gold Room of the Parish house.  
Wednesday 8am Mass.

*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