



# Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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heart of our faith

**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10 September 2017**



*Readings for  
this week:*

Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Roman 13:8-10  
Matthew 18:15-20



*Readings for  
next Sunday:*

Sirach 27:30-28-7  
Romans 14:7-9  
Matthew 18:21-35



## Liturgical Jottings Gospel Sequence IV

The Gospels from 23-25 Sundays of Ordinary Time are from Matthew chapter 18 and are called the Discourse on the Church because of its focus on the life of the church communities. The passages contain both promises and warnings for Christians living in communities.

## Pope Francis on Creation

We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that "less is more". A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment. *Laudato Si': 222*

## Quote of the Day

Whether or not our prayer is heard depends not on the number of our words, but on the fervour of our spirits.

*John Chrysostom*

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## Looking at the Readings

The child cries: "I'm going to tell on you!" is, in fact, an ancient exclamation and a remedial encouragement towards repentance.

Ezekiel in today's reading has the role of a "Sentinel Prophet" looking out for others and warning them of danger. It is spiritual pastoral role - not looking out for physical dangers, because that would depend on good eyesight and being there at the right time. But looking for someone with spiritual sight means seeing the hidden sins of others and then with sense of pastoral mission seeking their conversion.

The Gospel moves from sentinel-prophet role to the one of fraternal correction and charity. This passage follows from the parable of the lost sheep. The brother shares the role of the Lord shepherd by bringing back the lost. But the lost has free will and may not want to come back. There is a suggested practice, also the ecclesial community has a role. The method engages discretion and mercy, and the desired outcome is forgiveness and reintegration.

This concern about others' salvations must be at the heart of every cell of the church, especially the heart of the family. So our child in the first paragraph above may not be so vengeful!

## Feast of the Week

### Exaltation of the Holy Cross Thursday 14 September

This feast was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mt Calvary by St Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but had fallen into the hands of the Persians and then recovered and returned to Jerusalem in 629. The Church celebrates the triumph of the Cross of Christ, the instrument of our redemption.

## Season of Creation Prayer 1

O Lord, we understand the sacred duty to protect our children and future generations. We pray for the courage to lead the way and to care of our environment on their behalf.

## On the Lighter Side

"Dobbing on" is an Australian expression equivalent to "ratting" in America or denouncing someone. Though it is an Australian idiom it is not in Australian culture to do so.

"Dobbing in" however means to contribute to a common cause as in "everyone dopped in a few bob each to help a mate out"



## Parish Sacramental Program

We welcome our 2017 Sacramental Children and their families to our liturgy this weekend.

During mass the children will be presented with their certificates of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Congratulations to the parents whose children are now full members of the Catholic Church.

It is because of your goodness and care that your children have celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

As parishioners we hope and pray that your children will continue to grow in knowing and loving God and in belonging to his family.



**“Lord we pray for the children that you will strengthen and sustain them to grow in faith and love and to give witness to Christ throughout their lives”.**

*(Catholic Diocese of Ballarat)*



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

### Lectors 17th & 18th September

**6pm** D Tarquini, N Keyte  
**8am** D Teitzel, J Zampaglione  
**11am** P Naughton, C Naughton

### 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 \$20 for the tickets at St Brendan's or St Mel's Parish office before 22nd September if you wish to attend.**

**Coach departs St Brendan's car park at 8am sharp with stops at Mooroopna and Tatura.**

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



**Love each other.**

### New Parish Office Hours

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

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

**Recently Deceased:** Eileen Clancy

**Anniversaries:** Mick Smyth, Pasquale Barbaro, Bryan McNamara.

### 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

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

'Cuppa after Mass' this Sunday is hosted by St Brendan's Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society. Please join in for a cuppa and a chat outside the church after 11am Mass. Everyone welcome.

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## **The Journey Catholic Radio Program . . . 10th September**

We have a two-part interview with Monica Doumit who is the spokeswoman for the Coalition for Marriage discussing the case for traditional marriage.

Go to [www.icr.org.au](http://www.icr.org.au) or [www.itunes.icr.org.au](http://www.itunes.icr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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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 this 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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## **Mass at Tarcoola . . . 13th September**

**This Wednesday at 10.30am.**

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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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## **St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group . . . 17th September**

This group is for everyone in our parish.

A great way to meet other parishioners over a meal and a chat!

This month we meet at the Shepparton Club, 455 Wyndham Street at 12.30pm on Sunday 17th September. For enquiries phone Pat 5821 1269 or Graeme on 5825 2816.

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

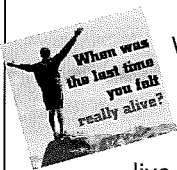
St Brendan's Parish MenAlive weekend is fast approaching and an opportunity not to be missed.

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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## **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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## **Community Climate Petition**

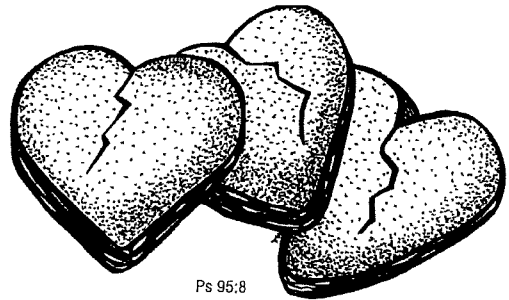
Climate change is one of the greatest human rights challenges of our generation. It's hurting vulnerable communities around the world, entrenching poverty. Caritas Australia within a coalition of faith-based agencies is organising the largest multi-electorate petition in Australia's history to make it impossible to ignore that people of faith want climate justice. "We must not forget the grave social consequences of climate change. It is the poor who suffer the worst consequences... when we mistreat nature, we also mistreat human beings." Pope Francis, Laudato Si.

Please join the call on our Government to take stronger action to reduce our emissions, transition to clean energy and support our most vulnerable neighbours face a changing climate by signing the petition today.

*Copies are located in the Narthex and the side entrance of the Church.*

Note: If you would like a Petition Sheet to gather more signatures amongst your friends or colleagues, please ask the Parish Office.

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Ps 95:8

## **Harden not your hearts.**

**St Mel's Education Community will be celebrating 60 years of learning**

**Friday October 27th School Festivities & Fun**

**Saturday October 28th Past Students Gathering:**  
2pm-4.30pm

**Celebration Dinner @ Park Lake Hotel,**  
\$65 per person 6.30pm—11.30pm

**Sunday October 29th Community Gathering:**  
Mass at 9.30am

Contact St Mel's by email:  
[stmels60@smsshepparton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmels60@smsshepparton.catholic.edu.au)

*"Rest assured that you will usually find few opportunities for dazzling deeds, one reason being that they seldom occur. On the other hand, you will not lack opportunities, in the small and ordinary things around you, of showing your love for Christ."*

Friends of God, Chapter 8

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### Loosen Those Bonds

I was in a car with a young woman one day as she poured out her anger about a friend at school. "Have you talked with him?" I asked. "He won't listen to me if I try," she responded. And she just stayed angry and hurt.

Too many people sit in pain and anger after an argument – or after they hear that someone has publicly dissed them. That pain and that anger bind us. They eat up our energy, keep us from focussing on school or work, and make us toss and turn at night.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers a recipe for freedom – confront the person who hurt you.

The early Christians sinned against one another in a variety of ways. Matthew included this teaching from Jesus, possibly as advice for them. First, talk about your conflict one on one. If that doesn't help, find an objective person who might help you work things out. If that still doesn't work, you might have to end the relationship.

You can use that advice too. When people hurt you, face them and express your feelings without attacking or insulting them. Sometimes people don't even know they've done something hurtful until you confront them. If the people who hurt you won't listen, look for someone who's objective, maybe an adult, to help mediate. Sometimes that can help.

Unfortunately, sometimes you'll come across stubborn people who just can't admit they're wrong. Rather than continue letting them hurt you, move on to other friendships. You deserve better.

This week resolve to face conflicts head on. As Jesus says, you'll not only free yourself but you'll also probably be helping the person who hurt you.

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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, 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