



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 September 2017



Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24,279
Matthew 20:1-16



Liturgical Jottings

It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord's Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that ... they partake of the chalice so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated. *GIRM 85*

Pope Francis on Creation

"We urgently appeal to those in positions of social and economic, as well as political and cultural, responsibility, to hear the cry of the earth and to attend to the needs of the marginalised, but above all to respond to the plea of millions and support the consensus of the world for the healing of our wounded creation," *Joint Message by Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew I, to mark the Season of Creation, from 1 September to 4 October 2017.*

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Looking at the Readings

Ten thousand talents is an enormous, unimaginable sum for one person to owe to another, even a king. Flavius Josephus, Roman historian about the time of Christ records 100 talents as the sum taxes of two Roman provinces, Galilee and Perea for the year. 100 times that is 10,000 an impossible debt to ring up and then to pay back. We should have grown accustomed to extravagant claims and exaggerated sums in the parables of Jesus. They grab our attention; overwhelm our minds and we must marvel in awe at God's extravagant mercy to exaggerated charity.

Peter's seemingly generous offer to forgive his brother seven times pales into insignificance. The other apostles would not laugh at his offer, they may have been thinking the same or perhaps less times.

God's offer is, of course countless. But the call to us also is be generous. We pray the "Our Father" out aloud at Mass. It bothered one Mass-goer who remarked that other would hear him praying for forgiveness (Our Trespases) and then be forgiving to others (Their Trespases). What if they expect me to do that each time? Yes, as Christians, we must!

Feast of the Week: Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions on Wednesday 20 Sept Korea must be unique in that the first seeds of Christianity were planted there by lay people. The Catholic faith came to Korea in the early 17th century, inspired by the reading of some Catholic books which had come from China. When the first missionaries priest arrived in 1836, they found strong and dynamic Catholic communities led almost entirely by lay people. However, in the years 1839, 1846 and 1866, the Christians underwent severe persecutions, resulting in at least 8,000 martyrs. Most noteworthy among these were a Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon, and a lay catechist, Paul Chong Hasang. The vast majority of the martyrs were lay people and they included men and women, married and single, teenagers, middle-aged and elderly.

Season of Creation Prayer 2

O Lord, help us to protect the poor, both at home and around the world, who are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

On the Lighter Side

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo, while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both very old," he replied.



Parish Sacramental Program

Parents whose child has not received their Certificate of Confirmation and First Eucharist are asked to call into the parish office during office hours to collect the certificate.



A sincere thank you to all the families participating in this year's program. Your support and commitment to the program ensured all ran smoothly and everyone experienced a faith enriching journey.

A special thank you to all those that work behind the scene with me, there are too many to name individually but I am truly grateful for all your help and support. It is truly a team effort guided and inspired by our one and only Fr. Joe.

~ Laura OSullivan.



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"I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding."

Philippians 1:9

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

### Lectors 23rd & 24th September

**6pm** Sr F Kennedy, P Stein  
**8am** Sr R Crowe, G Jelliff  
**11am** D Segafredo, M Taverner

### 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:

- 11am Mass celebrated by Bishop Les. Entrance procession of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir and Our Lady of Fatima Statue and banners, with people in their national costumes joining the procession.
  - 12.15pm Lunch in the Cathedral Hall (bring your own). Tea and coffee provided.
  - 1pm Scapular enrolment for those not already enrolled. Scapulars can be purchased at the Cathedral Hall Piety Stall.
  - 1.15pm Cathedral bells welcome all to the Marian Festival. Assembling of Parish banners and Our Lady's Statue at the Lady Chapel for procession outside the Cathedral—Joyful Mysteries. Confessions in Transept confessionals
  - 1.30pm Procession of Bishop, Clergy Statue and congregation, including banners and national costumes. Bishop's greeting and opening prayer, Crowning of Our Lady's Statue Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
  - 2pm Rosary—Glorious Mysteries and Litany of Loreto
  - 2.30pm Guest speaker will be Fr Paschal Corby OFM,
  - 3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
  - 3.30pm Benediction: Bishop Les.
  - 3.40pm Cathedral bells ring to end the Marian Festival then afternoon tea provided in the Cathedral Hall.
- For enquiries, phone John or Wilma on 5439 6283.  
**For those who would like to attend the celebrations, a bus has been booked at \$20 each. Please pay at St Brendan's or St Mel's Parish office before 22nd September if you wish to attend.**  
**Bus departs St Brendan's car park at 8am sharp with stops at Mooroopna 8.15am bus stop near front of church and Tatura 8.30am at the church, south side of street.**  
**For more information call Bozena 0426 867647.**

**Recently Deceased:** Bryan Smith

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Macgill, Bill Davies, Dorothy Joyce Keating, Kathryn Phelan, Fr Peter McAlpine, Harry Gledhill.

### 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

## **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 Sunday we meet at the Shepparton Club,  
455 Wyndham Street at 12.30pm.

For enquiries phone Pat 5821 1269 or Graeme on 5825 2816.

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## **All Counters . . . 18th September or 27th September**

We are having formation sessions for all counters.

We would like you all to come to one session and you can choose whichever session will suit you best.

Either Monday 18th September at 11.30am or Wednesday 27th September at 7pm in the small room of the Mons Jeffrey Centre. We would like to go through and update some procedures and answer any questions you may have.

Also if you don't have a Working with Children Check we would like to update this for you at that time. It only takes minutes. Could you let us know which session you prefer to come to.

**If you would like to be involved in this important Ministry you are welcome to come along.**

Counters rosters are in the narthex to collect for those who don't have an email address.

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

As part of our Jubilee year celebrations of

Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR), the Annual Sandhurst CCR Conference is on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September. This year we are following the call of

Pope Francis "to share with every one the grace of Baptism in the Holy Spirit." What is Baptism in the Holy Spirit? 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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## **Police Blue Ribbon Day . . . 29th September**

11am Lutheran Church, Poplar Avenue, Shepparton.

All parishioners welcome to come along to this special service to honour local deceased police officers.

*St Brendan's musicians are involved and bereavement catering team are catering for the day.*

Any queries phone Dale on 0408 216522.

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## **Celebrating Marriage . . . 30th September & 1st October**

During all Masses on the weekend of 30th September and 1st October all married couples are invited to renew their vows and receive a special blessing. A beautiful and significant way to celebrate the sacredness of the Sacrament of Marriage.

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## **Blessing of the Animals . . . 1st October**

At 4pm at Lake Victoria in Wyndham Street, Shepparton (near the tennis courts) on Sunday 1st October.

Any queries please phone Dale on 0408 216522.

*In honour of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment.*

*This event is for everyone who loves animals.*

*All animals must be on a lead, in a basket or cage at all times and be under the control of the owner.*

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

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. 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.

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

This Sunday is our last gathering before the September school holidays. Children's Liturgy of the Word will recommence on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

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## **MAKE YOUR OWN ROSARY BEADS**

### **October is the month of the Holy Rosary.**

*Workshops to make your own rosary beads will be held over two evenings in Mons Jeffery Centre*

*on Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.00 pm*

*All necessary materials will be supplied. Tools provided.*

*No experience necessary.*

*Come along, enjoy the challenge and spend some friendly time with your fellow parishioners with the same interest. This would make a wonderful present for a special occasion e.g. Christmas, birthday.*

*Anyone interested in joining this group, contact Bozena on 0426 867 647.*

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## **March for the Babies . . . 7th October**

1pm at Treasury Gardens, Melbourne

*(meet at the corner of Spring Street & Wellington Parade).*

*Show your support: Wear Pink or Blue.*

*Babies are precious, Protect them all.*

*[marchforthebabies.org.au](http://marchforthebabies.org.au)*

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## **Assumption College Kilmore . . . 2018**

Are you a former student of Assumption College Kilmore? If so, Alumni Development Officer,

Maria Cleve would love to hear from you.

ACK will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2018 and there are many events planned for former students. Please phone

Maria Cleve in our Alumni office on

03 5783 5343 or email her at:

[maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au](mailto:maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au)

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## **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)

## Prayer for Australia

Lord, You place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Guard this land of the Southern Cross from threats to undermine the dignity of marriage.

O God, powerful and gentle. You love this southern land and all its peoples, old and new. As the Cross shines in our heavens so may Christ bring light to our nation. As the waves circle our shores so may your mercy enfold us all.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2017-2018**  
**Would you like helping children with their work in the classroom or homework?**  
We are looking for volunteers who are interested in education (any level) to mentor children of all ages.  
If you can give three hours a week regularly during the day or after school hours then  
**BE A VOLUNTEER. YOU ARE NEEDED!**  
You can assist a child in the classroom or at Gowola Homework Club at Rumbalara Football Netball Club.  
On receiving your Expression of Interest an application form will be forwarded together with other necessary information. Training days will be offered. You will be asked to commit for three hours on one day per week.  
Forms are available in the narthex.  
Please phone Sr Agnes 0428 996975 or email: [ma@mercy.org.au](mailto:ma@mercy.org.au)



### **The Season of Creation has begun!**

**It runs from September 1 to October 4.**

Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew issued a joint statement concluding with the words

“We urgently appeal to those in positions of social and economic, as well as political and cultural, responsibility to hear the cry of the earth and to attend to the needs of the marginalized, but above all to respond to the plea of millions and support the consensus of the world for the healing of our wounded creation. We are convinced that there can be no sincere and enduring resolution to the challenge of the ecological crisis and climate change unless the response is concerted and collective, unless the responsibility is shared and accountable, unless we give priority to solidarity and service.”

*Pope Francis & Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, 1 September 2017*

## 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