



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish



Christ in community...the heart of our faith

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 October 2017



*Readings for
this week:*

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43



Liturgical Jottings Prayer and Fasting

Scripture and Church history give us many examples of the miraculous impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting. Many Christian churches, parishes, schools and homes across the nation are joining in prayer and fasting during the month of October 2017 because all families need our prayers and need God's Grace. We pray for our nation's understanding of the importance of marriage and family life. Promoted by the Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council A Council of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference visit: www.acmfc.org.au

Feast of the Week

Tuesday 4 Oct St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) patron saint of animals and ecology, a poet, reformer, promoter of peace and joy and devoted to the poor and the cross of Christ, founder of the Franciscan Orders and started the practice of the Christmas crib in churches.

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Looking at the Readings

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Season of Creation Prayer 4

O Lord, as Christians we affirm that Your creation is a sacred gift. You have called us to safeguard life. We pray Christians come together to respect, care and protect all God's people and creatures.

Month of Prayer and Fasting Week 1

Today and this week we pray for all marriages and families in Australia. Heavenly Father, grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Make us ever more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God's plan.

On the Lighter Side

Father: Would you like a pocket calculator for your birthday
Son: No thanks, Dad. I know how many pockets I've got.
Teacher: You say Michael has a cold and can't come to school today? To whom am I speaking? Voice: This is my father.
Father: Let me see your report card. Son: I don't have it.
Father: Why not? Son: My friend borrowed it. He wants to scare his parents.

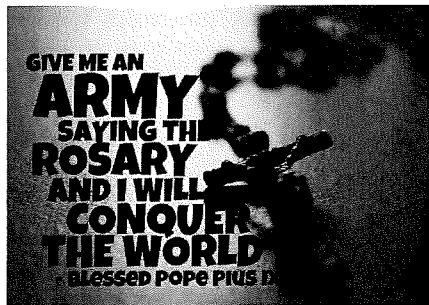


This weekend we farewell
Fr Joe for 4 weeks holiday.
Fr Paul Sireh will be here to
help out at weekends during this time.



"Do you want to be daring in a holy way,
so that God may act through you?
Have recourse to Mary, and she will
accompany you along the path of
humility,
so that, when faced by what to the
human mind
is impossible, you may be able to answer
with a fiat!— be it done!, which unites
the earth to Heaven."

Forge, 124
~ Scepter Publishers



Recently Deceased: Monica Hickey,
Jock Spall (Derrinallum—father of Jan James).

Anniversaries: Lily Tricarico, Lina Villani, Grazia Zappia

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, First Friday of the month 3pm to 7.25pm

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.

**There are still a limited number of seats available on the bus.
It leaves at 8am sharp from the church car park and will pick
up in Mooroopna and Tatura.**

**Please call into the parish office with \$20 and leave your
name and contact details to secure your seat.**

Lectors 7th & 8th October

6pm	M Keyte,	F Scheibel
8am	S Hicks,	M Hicks
11am	L Ferguson,	W Hunt

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

Priests In-Service

From Monday night until Thursday the priests of our Diocese will gather at Carlton Seminary for an in-service: "Christology" to be lead by Fr Phil Gleeson.

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.

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.

Make Your Own Rosary Beads . . . 2nd & 9th October

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

on Mondays 2nd and 9th 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.

For more details, please contact Bozena on 0426 867 647.

Anointing Mass this Wednesday 4th October at 11am.

Serra Club . . . 6th October

This coming Friday October 6th is 1st Friday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 7.25pm (from 3pm) when we will have benediction followed by mass for vocations and our priests. We will then go to the Mons Jeffrey Centre for a cuppa and a chat with our celebrant and guest Fr Sebastian. All welcome.

March for the Babies . . . 7th October

1pm at Treasury Gardens, Melbourne

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

marchforthebabies.org.au

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.

Estela Hutchings, Psychologist

who consults in the Parish, is available for private and confidential consultation on a wide variety of issues.

Estela is normally available for consultations on Fridays.

There is a small charge for a 60 minute consultation.

For information and bookings contact the Parish office on 5821 2633 during office hours.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.



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Rosters . . . Ministers, Lectors, Offertory

The current rosters finish on 26th November.

The next period will be 3rd December 2017 to 1st April 2018.

If you know you will be unavailable during the period

3rd December to 1st April please advise the parish office by 13th October as the rosters will need to be prepared by then.

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

Child Safe Update

If you haven't yet completed the training module relevant to the new child Safe regulations there will be an opportunity on Wednesday 11th October at 1pm to complete it at the Parish office. Also you have the opportunity to complete this on your own computer if you haven't already.

Please call the parish office to rsvp either way.

Thank you to all volunteers who have already completed this training as it helps the parish fulfil the new obligations.

The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Aired 1 October

This week on the Journey, the Gospel of Matthew is reflected on by our very own Fr Stephen Varney of Shellharbour City Parish. Wisdom from the Abbey with Sr Hilda encourages 'To believe the Good News, Trish McCarthy asks us in her Milk & Honey segment, 'Are we doing too much?' and Fr Dave Callaghan talks to us about 'Dealing with the enemy'. We are truly blessed to have such amazing Christian music artists helping us to create a show for you that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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

For details: www.smshepparton.com
(60 Years of Learning)

Contact St Mel's by email:
stmels60@smshepparton.catholic.edu.au

Parish Finance Committee Update:

We are pleased to provide a brief update on some items discussed and approved at our recent finance meeting as follows:

Church carpet replacement

The replacement of the church carpet has been ordered and installation pencilled to commence the week of 12 November, meaning that we have to close the Church for the week during that time. As you can appreciate it is a large task to complete and we'll also take the opportunity of tidying up cables and any floor repairs at the same time. The colour will be a similar blue, but the pile will be slightly different due to it being a higher traffic commercial style. Approx cost to the parish is \$45,000.

Altar stain glass window lighting

We are working through the replacement of the old, expensive and unreliable halogen lights which illuminate the altar stain glass windows of a night. We are sourcing a suitable LED replacement which is bright and warm enough that will decrease the operating cost as well as being reliable for years to come. Approx cost to the parish is \$2,000 (but future savings)

Energy efficiency upgrade

We are undertaking some energy efficiency work around the parish buildings which will eventually convert as much of our lighting to LED in the Church, Presbytery and Parish Centre. Approx cost to the parish is around \$10,000 but the payback in electricity savings should recover this in less than 3 years, and then savings ongoing.

Church rising damp

We have a report back indicating further work needs to be undertaken now that the drying out of the building has commenced. An important task we need to attend to which became evident during our roof restoration works is that the gutters and downpipes are leaking water down the side of the building and contributing to the rising damp cycle. We are obtaining quotes to have these installations fixed or replaced so that we stop this issue occurring.

~ David Villani on behalf of Parish Finance Committee

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



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



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



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 Mooropna, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 6pm, Friday 10am, Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am Mass.

Reconciliation Saturday mornings 10.30am to 11am