



# Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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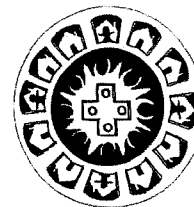
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Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 October 2017



Readings for  
this week:

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



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Isaiah 25:6-10  
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20  
Matthew 22:1-14



## Liturgical Jottings

### Silence

Sacred silence, as part of the Mass is observed at various times: (1) at the penitential rite to recollect one-self; (2) Between the invitation to pray and the opening prayer to focus one's intentions; (3) After the readings or homily to mediate on what has been heard; (4) after Communion to praise God in one's heart. Even before the celebration itself, it is good that silence is observed in the church, so that all may be properly disposed.

General Instruction to the Roman Missal no. 45 (GIRM)

## Quote of the Week

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do. Pope John XXIII

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## Looking at the Readings

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans. © Dianne Bergant CSS

## Feast of the Week St John XXIII, 11 October

He was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli at Sotto il Monte, Italy, on 25 November 1881. On 10 August 1904 he was ordained a priest in Rome and held several positions in seminaries and in the diplomatic corps. He was elected Pope on 28 October 1958 and summoned the Second Vatican Council. He visited many Roman parishes, especially those in the new suburbs. The faithful called him "the good Pope". He was sustained by a profound spirit of prayer. He launched an extensive renewal of the Church, while radiating the peace of one who always trusted in the Lord. He died on 3 June 1963 and canonised on alongside Pope Saint John Paul II on 27 April 2014..

## Month of Prayer and Fasting Week 2

Today and throughout this week we pray for all families in distress.

Heavenly Father, grant healing to all families in distress, especially those burdened with strained relationships. Draw close to all families who have experienced violence, upheaval, illness or division: May all who have been wounded find ready comfort and healing. Amen.

## On the Lighter Side

A reporter asked Pope John XXIII: "How many people work in the Vatican?" His quick reply was "About half of them!"



"Have confidence in your guardian Angel. Treat him or her as a lifelong friend — that is what he is — and he will render you a thousand services in the ordinary affairs of each day."

*The Way, 562 ~ Scepter Publishers*

**'The Journey' Catholic Radio Program**  
— **Airs 8th October**

This week on the Journey, we are blessed to have some fabulous and inspirational God spots from some truly talented supporters of our show. To enhance our program, we have carefully selected music to help us create a show for you that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Tune into or go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

— **Airs 15th October**

This week on the Journey, we have a powerful and moving interview with James Parker. James Parker's life story is one that has seen him move from adoption as an infant, through sexual abuse, embrace a homosexual lifestyle as a Gay activist and from there into an encounter with Christ that saw his life transformed. James has worked extensively in communications and evangelisation and now in the efforts of the marriage coalition to defend the traditional definition of marriage. James' amazing life story that places him in a unique position to speak with experience and love as Australians vote in the marriage plebiscite. Don't miss an amazing extended interview with James this week on the Journey. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**Recently Deceased:** Jennifer Morgan, William Long, Donald Cunningham, Francesco Zito, Anthony Tassone, Matthew Austin (nephew of Fr Peter Dell'Avo).

**Anniversaries:** Maria Iacono, Antonio Sfirro, Rodrigo Lee, Michele (Mick) Villani, Bill Crowe, Gregory Appleton.

**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

**Thank you**

I would like to thank everyone for their gifts and well wishes on my recent retirement. Philip and I have loved attending and being part of St Brendan's parish over the last 19 years.

We have made wonderful friends within the parish but have now moved to our new home.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone visiting Yarrowonga to please call in and say hello to us at 123 Robinson way.

God bless you all.

~ *Debbie and Philip Friedlieb.*

**Mackillop Faith and Light Community**

Our Faith and Light Community are heading to Beechworth for the retreat this weekend. Please keep us in your prayers.

We would like to thank the beautiful lady who donated the plants-in-shoes for us to use as a fundraiser. Thanks also to John Ranson for his ongoing support. We raised \$675.

This helps offset the retreat costs which is around \$3000.

~ *Thank you. Denise*

**Hospital Visits**

St Brendan's Parish volunteers visit our two local hospitals on a Friday afternoon. This Ministry is an amazing time for all, the visitor and the visited.

**"When I was sick you visited me" Matthew 25:36.**

This passage gives a clear example of the importance of caring for our sick. We would like to invite people who would like to join us. There will be some simple formation given so if you are interested or would like more information please contact Anthony at the parish office on 5821 2633.



**Lectors 14th & 15th October**

**6pm** D Sullivan, P Stein

**8am** C Naughton, P Naughton

**11am** MA Demase, M Harmer

**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

**Mass at Tarcoola Wednesday 11th October at 10.30am**

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**Catholic Women's League . . . 12th October**

The next meeting of the CWL will be at 12.30pm next Thursday 12th October in the Mons Jeffrey Centre.

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**Cuppa after Mass . . . 15th October**

The next 'Cuppa after Mass' will be after 11am Mass on Sunday 15th October outside in the sunshine!  
(in the Mons Jeffrey Centre if weather inclement)

Our hosts this month will be St Luke's and St Brendan's primary schools.

All welcome to stay for a cuppa and a chat.

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**Friendship Group . . . 15th October**

The Parish Friendship Group is for all parishioners to get together in a different forum and enjoy food & fellowship.

We will meet on Sunday 15th October at 12.30pm at the Goulburn Valley Hotel, 223 High Street, Shepparton.

For enquiries please call Pat on 5821 1269.

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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.

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**Garabandal . . . 22nd October**

The Garabandal Prayer Group will be having their meeting and Luncheon on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October in the Mons Jeffrey Centre after the 11am Mass. Francis and Trish Seymon will be here to visit us and are going to the 11:00 am Mass here on that Sunday. All welcome and bring a friend.

A plate of food to share would be appreciated.

Looking forward seeing you there.

Any queries please ring Ellie on 58216359. Thankyou.

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**St Mel's School 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](http://www.smshepparton.com) (60 Years of Learning)  
Contact St Mel's by email:  
[stmels60@smsshepparton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmels60@smsshepparton.catholic.edu.au)

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**"Renaissance of Marriage" National Catholic Leadership Conference 16 – 17 February 2018 Sydney**

University of Notre Dame, Broadway Campus.

'An opportunity to be part of the national dialogue on marriage and relationship education for the Catholic Church in Australia.

Join us and be inspired and informed by local and world renowned speakers.'

Visit: [www.marriageresourcecentre.org/national-conference/](http://www.marriageresourcecentre.org/national-conference/)

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## October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

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**Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families**

October is the Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families across the nation -(from the Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council).

For more information please go to:

[www.acmfc.org.au/month-of-prayer-and-fasting/](http://www.acmfc.org.au/month-of-prayer-and-fasting/)

Many useful resources can be found at this website.

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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.

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**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.

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Free copies of **CARITAS NEWS** are available today.

This Spring Edition focuses on gratitude – for the strength and resilience of poor communities, and for your generosity!

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**Pilgrimage—Sacred Destinations in Spain with Bishop Les Tomlinson 19<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

Visit sacred sites associated with Saints Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier and John of God – and much more. Optional extensions: to Fatima OR Santiago de Compostela. Estimated cost: for main pilgrimage in Spain: \$7190 (Single supplement \$995). Organisers: Adult Faith Education Sandhurst, the Sandhurst Catholic Education Office and Olive Tree Travel. Contact: Jake Warren CEO Sandhurst T: 03 5443 23 77 E:

[jwarren@ceosand.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jwarren@ceosand.catholic.edu.au) OR Olive Tree Travel T:03

8488 9696, 1300 550 830 E: [info@olivetretravel.com.au](mailto:info@olivetretravel.com.au)

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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend . . . November Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!**

Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

17th-19th November (Melbourne)

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.

Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: Marianne & Marcel 9733 0997

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

# 100 years of Fatima



14 October, 2017



**OUR LADY NEEDS YOU!**

Organise a public Rosary for Our Lady in your neighbourhood



For enquiries please call  
**02 9715 2324**  
or [info@fatima.org.au](mailto:info@fatima.org.au)

Reclaiming the public square for God Conversion Reparation  
**Join us for a Nation-Wide Rosary chain**

Where: **ST BRENDAN'S GARDEN** Time: **10.15**  
**SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER**

To help commemorate 100 years of Fatima

Pray the Rosary together in our beautiful garden on Saturday 14th October at 10.15 am.

All welcome.



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Please continue to pray for the defeat of the Euthanasia bill currently before the Victorian Parliament.  
**NOW is the time to act!**  
Contact your local politician as soon as possible (Suzanna Sheed for Shepparton)

## 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 Mooropna**, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 6pm, Friday 10am, Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10am Mass.  
*Reconciliation* Saturday mornings 10.30am to 11am (First check with St Mary's on Thursday beforehand).