



# Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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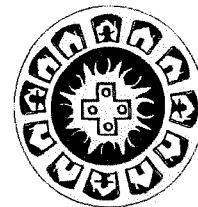
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Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 October 2017



Readings for  
this week:

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



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Isaiah 45:1,4-6  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
Matthew 22:15-21



## Liturgical Jottings

### World Mission Day

World Mission Day (15 October) is celebrated every year in every country wherever Catholics are committed to build a better world for all God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times. "Readings and Texts from the Mass of the Spread of the Gospel or the Evangelisation of Peoples may be used for a special Mass for this Sunday." (ORDO p 112).

## Quote of the Week

The Church's mission is enlivened by a spirituality of constant exodus. We are challenged to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel. The Church's mission impels us to undertake a constant pilgrimage across the various deserts of life,

## Looking at the Readings

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme connects all of the readings, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer. © Dianne Bergant CSS

## Feast of the Week St Luke, Wednesday 18 October

St Luke the Evangelist is briefly mentioned a few times in the New Testament. Paul's epistle to the Colossians refers to him as a doctor, a physician and a disciple of Paul. He is a martyr, believed to have been hanged from an olive tree. St Luke is attributed to be the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. He is the patron saint of artists, physicians, bachelors, and surgeons.

## Month of Prayer and Fasting Week 3

Today and throughout this week we pray for all persons who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty and their families.

Heavenly Father, grant true peace and joy to our family members and friends who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and supportive especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection.

## On the Lighter Side

When a cardinal complained that a rise in the Vatican salaries meant a particular usher earned as much as the cardinal, Pope John XXIII remarked: "That usher has ten



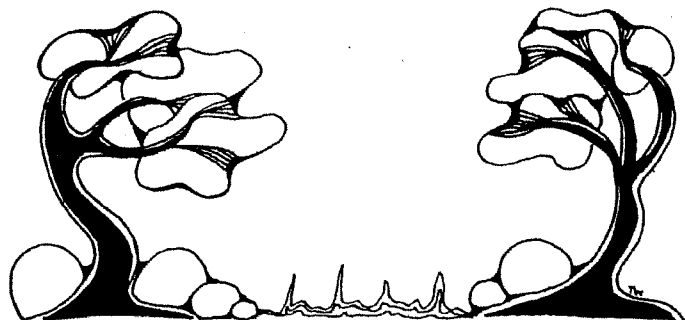
**Recently Deceased:** William Long, Allan Bemrose, Eriminia sofra, John Howlett

**Anniversaries:** Alison Marita Hicks, Leonard O'Sullivan, William & Cecilia Manning, Vincenzo Romeo, Kevin Keenan, Jackie Manning, Matteo Sfirro, Patrick Dale, John O'Keeffe, Giuseppe Petito, Carmela Petito

#### THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM –

**AIRS 22nd October 2017**

This week on the Journey, our very own Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of Matthew. Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with 'The Cry Of The World', Trish McCarthy reminds us 'Jesus, The Way To The Father', and Sam Clear evokes Forgiveness in his Walking the Walk segment. The music this week is very powerful and fitting to our inspirational God spots. Tune into LIFE 105.1 FM Saturday 4 pm 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.



**Fresh and green are the pastures.**

Ps 23:2

#### **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

#### **All Saints Day and All Souls Day Masses**



##### **Wednesday 1st November—All Saints Day**

8.00am—St. Mel's

9.15am - St. Brendan's

11.00am—Anointing Mass St. Brendan's

##### **Thursday 2nd November—All Souls Day**

9.00am—Shepparton Cemetery

9.15am—St Brendan's

4.30pm—Ave Maria Village

5.00pm—Syro Malabar Rite, St. Brendan's

7.00pm—St. Mel's



#### **STRONGER YOUTH BONFIRE NIGHT and MASS**

Youth who would like to attend the Stronger Youth Bonfire Night and Mass on **Saturday October 21** should contact Judi Robinson on 0419 575 585 for further details.

#### **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 21st & 22nd October**

**6pm** D Tarquini, Sr F Kennedy

**8am** L Boschetti, P Guthrie

**11am** P Crane, P Chalkley

#### **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

**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

**Children's Liturgy of the Word— will recommence today and is suitable for primary aged children.**

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

'Cuppa after Mass' this weekend after 11am Mass outside in the sunshine! (Mons Jeffrey Centre if weather is 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 meet this Sunday at 12.30pm at the Goulburn Valley Hotel, 223 High Street, Shepparton. Enquiries call Pat on 5821 1269.

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**Donations of cakes, slices, and other delights are needed for morning and afternoon tea at the MenAlive Weekend** which is on next Saturday and Sunday. Donations can be left at the Parish office on Friday 20th. Thank you for your prayers and support for the success of the weekend.

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

Registrations are still welcome and available in the Narthex.

Contact Anthony for more information on 0408 269 426.

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## **Morning Mass on Tuesday 24th October**

On Tuesday 24th October at the 9.15am Mass Notre Dame College will be saying farewell to its Year 12 students. Seating will be limited at this mass. While parishioners are welcomed to attend you may prefer to attend St. Mel's Liturgy of the Word with Communion in the Parish House at 9am.

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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@smshepparton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmels60@smshepparton.catholic.edu.au)

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## **MUSIC LITURGY/MINISTRY WORKSHOP**

8pm – 9.30pm at St Brendan's Church

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Dale Wright will be giving an insight on the Australian Pastoral Musicians Conference which he recently attended in Perth. All interested Musicians and Singers from neighbouring parishes are invited to come along. Please phone St Brendan's Parish Office on 5821 2633 to indicate your attendance. Thank you.

*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 as soon as possible as the rosters need to be prepared.

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## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - PRIMARY**

is a program run by the parish for primary school children in Year 3 or higher who would like to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist and become fully initiated into the Catholic Church. **In order for your child to participate in this program they need to be Baptised.**

If your child is not baptised, please contact the parish house as soon as possible.

or email Laura at [sacramental.coord@bigpond.com](mailto:sacramental.coord@bigpond.com)

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS – SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

St Brendan's Parish would like to provide secondary students with the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of **Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist** in 2018.

If you would like to be involved in the program, could you please contact Miss Jessica Alampi via email [jessica.alampi@notredame.vic.edu.au](mailto:jessica.alampi@notredame.vic.edu.au) or phone St Brendan's Parish

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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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## **Catholic Theological College Open Day**

interested in theology, spirituality or pastoral studies at CTC in 2018.

Located in: University of Divinity, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

When – Wednesday 8 November

For more information – phone: (03) 9412 3333

Please see flyer in Narthex.

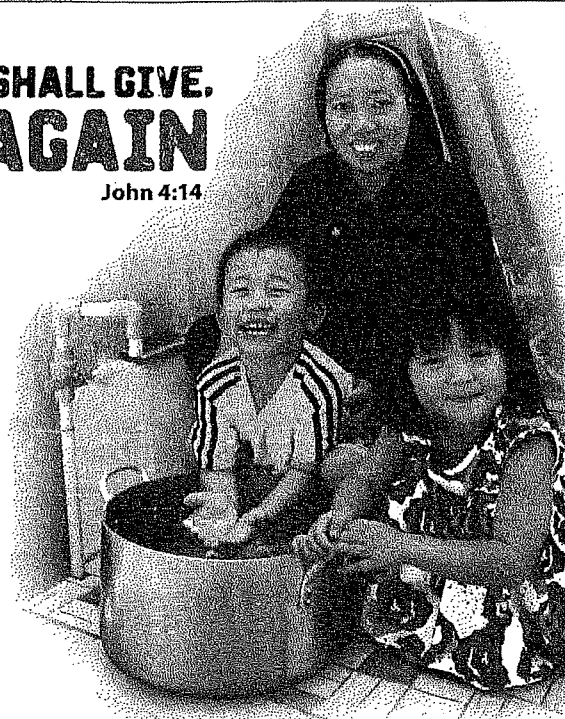
# WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE, WILL NEVER THIRST AGAIN

John 4:14

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to share our support for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Nha Trang, Vietnam as they work tirelessly to provide critical community resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to the country's 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the coastal mountain regions. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam](http://catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam)



## Don't Miss the Invite

I remember how much it hurt. I was in high school and a friend told me that I was not invited to hang out at his place because another person, who didn't like me, didn't want me there.

Rejection. We've all faced it. We've been the last person chosen for a team. We've been ignored at a party. We've sat alone at lunch. A friend has turned on us.

That's why this week's Gospel is such good news. God invites all people to a life full of friendship. Jesus told this parable to criticise religious leaders of his time who rejected his message. Sadly for them, they missed the feast.

Jesus' parable has two more important points. Nothing stops God's party, and God tries to get everyone there.

That's important to remember if life isn't much of a party for you at times, because you're lonely or sad. During those times keep an eye out for God's invitation. It might come through a parent who wants to listen and help. It might come through a young person who invites you to hang out with a different group of people. It might come during prayer, when warmth, peace, and hope soothe the pain that troubles your heart. It might come during that time you spend reading God's word.

But the party is going on. Millions of people worldwide have lives filled with friendship. Millions celebrate daily as they make a difference in the world. Though I struggled with loneliness as a young guy, I've found the party now. During those lonely times, don't miss God's invitation.

*How has God invited you to happiness during times you've felt hurt or lonely?*

## 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 10am Mass.

*Reconciliation* Saturday mornings 10.30am to 11am (First check with St Mary's on Thursday beforehand).