



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 October 2017



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Sequence

The Gospels of this Sunday and the next two form a sequence of harsh confrontations with the Scribes and Pharisees. They pose real questions but with ill intent to either catch Jesus out or provide an out for themselves. Should we pay taxes? What is the greatest commandment? Jesus gives strong rebuke to them in the gospel of 31st Sunday.

Did You Know?

This week until the end of ordinary time we read from St Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians who comprised mainly of gentile Christians. The city of Thessalonica was the capital of the Roman Province of Macedonia. The letter is the first of Paul's written about 50 AD and so the oldest of all the New Testament books. Paul repeatedly thanks them and reassures them about the resurrection of the dead.

Looking at the Readings

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Feast of the Week Sts Simon and Jude 28 October

Little is known of these two Apostles. Simon the Zealot is listed 11th in the names of the Apostles and Jude or Thaddeus, tenth. (Matt 10:3). St Jude asked Jesus a question (John 15:22). Jude and Simon were martyred together in Persia and so share the same feast day. St Jude is the patron saint of desperate or hopeless causes.

Month of Prayer and Fasting Week 4

Today and throughout this week we pray for the national discussion on marriage. Heavenly Father, grant that all Australia's leaders develop a true understanding of the meaning and importance of marriage in our society. we pray that they work cooperatively to ensure our nation upholds your plan for marriage and families.

On the Lighter Side

Not long after he was elected pope, John XXIII was walking in the streets of Rome. A woman passed him and said to her friend, "Oh My God, he's so fat!" Overhearing what she said, he turned around and replied, "Madame, I trust you understand that the papal election is not a beauty contest."



Recently Deceased: Sr Anne Crowe R.G.S.,
Leo Ansell.

Anniversaries: Joan Kelly, Mary Kinna, Alf Townsend,
Attila Sarkady, Elvira Szakall,

World Mission Sunday
Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal
this Sunday

*Envelopes are on the seats for you to use for
donations to this important organisation who do so
much good work around the world.*

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 or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can
listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

"To say the Holy Rosary, considering the mysteries,
repeating the Our Father and Hail Mary
with the praises to the Blessed Trinity,
and the constant invocation of the Mother of God,
is a continuous act of faith, hope, and love,
of adoration and reparation."
~ *St. Josemaria Escriva, Scepter Publishers*

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

9.15am—St Brendan's

10.15am—Rosary at Shepparton Cemetery
followed by Mass

4.30pm—Ave Maria Village

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

7.30pm—St. Mel's

We would like to wish
Rose Arthur
a very Happy
100th Birthday.
Congratulations Rose.



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 28th and 29th October

6pm Sr. M Sexton J Boccabella

8am J Zampaglione D Teitzel

11am B Carey J M Mupenda

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 7.30pm Mons Jeffrey Centre

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

Next weekend's bulletin will be a smaller one page A4 version.

Garabandal . . . 22nd October

The Garabandal Prayer Group meeting and luncheon this Sunday 22nd October in the Mons Jeffrey Centre after the 11am Mass. Francis and Trish Seymon will join us.

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. Parishioners are welcomed to attend. Please note: there will be **no** Liturgy of the Word at St Mel's.

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 (60 Years of Learning)
Contact St Mel's by email:

stmels60@smshepparton.catholic.edu.au

Garage Sale . . . 28th October

Our Faith and Light Community is holding a garage sale on Saturday 28th October at 15 Granthorn Street. If you have any items you would like to donate, please ring Denise on 0432 054003.

Melbourne Cup Sweep

It's on again—the annual Melbourne Cup Sweep! Tickets will be sold after Masses over the next two weekends. \$2 each. 1st prize \$500, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100, 4th \$50, ticket seller \$20. Drawn Monday 6th November. This is a great fundraiser for the Parish.

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 are invited to come along. Please phone the Parish Office on 5821 2633 to indicate your attendance. Thank you.

Advent Small Groups

Our parish will have some Advent discussions groups meeting this coming Advent. If you would like to be part of a group the times are flexible. The groups begin the last week in November running for four weeks through until Christmas. Call the Parish office to add your name to the list

Daily Mass Books

For the forthcoming Liturgical Year, commencing on Sunday 3rd December, are now available in the Piety stall (west side entrance) at a cost of \$25.

Please place money in the envelope supplied and post in the mail slot at the Parish office. 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/

Many useful resources can be found at this website.

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 office as soon as possible.

or email Laura at sacramental.coord@bigpond.com

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM — SECONDARY

St Brendan's Parish would like to provide secondary school 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 or phone the parish office on 5821 2633.

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 25th 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.

Marist Brothers' College Class of 1977 40-Year Reunion . . . 28th October

The St Mary's College/Marist Brothers' College Class of 1977 40-Year Reunion will be held on Saturday 28 October 2017 from 7pm in the St Therese's School Hall, Kennington. BYO drinks and nibbles. Please RSVP to Barbara Lomas (Alumni Office at Catholic College Bendigo) at alumni@ccb.vic.edu.au or call 5445 9100.

Our Parish secretaries will be away next Wednesday and Thursday at the annual Diocesan Parish Secretaries Conference.

The office will be open as normal.

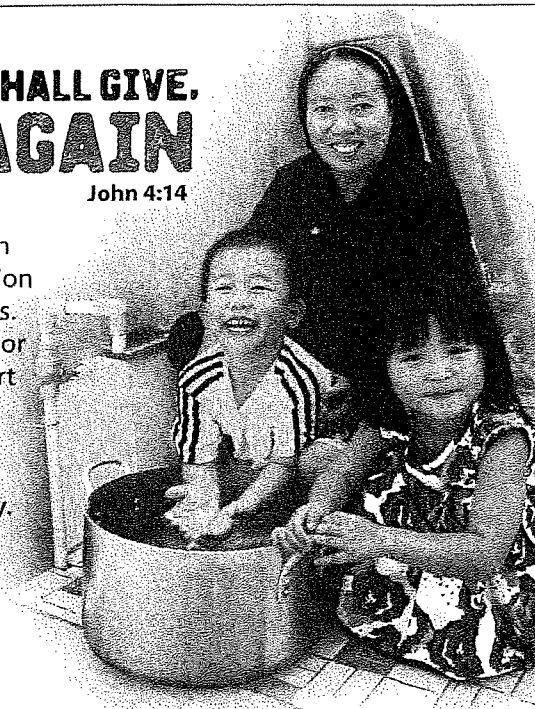
WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE, WILL NEVER THIRST AGAIN

John 4:14

Catholic Mission supports missionaries like Sister Mary Hoaian in Nha Trang, Vietnam 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. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you can support isolated families in coastal Vietnam, and all around the world, to receive the vital resources they require such as clean drinking water and medical care. Please give generously to support impoverished families in Vietnam, and around the world today.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam



"God is my Father!
If you meditate on it,
you will never let go of this
consoling consideration.
Jesus is my intimate friend
(another re-discovery)
who loves me with all the
divine madness of his heart.
The Holy Spirit is my
Consoler, who guides
my every step along the
road.
Consider this often: you are
God's...
and God is yours."
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~ Scepter Publishers

Cemetery Ritual remembering Sisters of Mercy buried in Tatura and Shepparton (1914-2014)

This year marks the 160th anniversary of the arrival of the three founding Sisters of Mercy in Melbourne. Throughout November, in this special anniversary year, there will be remembrance rituals in the cemeteries in Victoria where sisters are buried. In this way, we will name and remember, in a simple yet significant way, these women, known or unknown to us personally, strangers, relatives, friends, companions, Sisters, who gave their lives to Mercy.

Tatura and Shepparton Cemeteries — Wednesday 8th November, 2017

Suggested arrival times:

- 10.45 Tatura Cemetery
- 12.30 Light lunch Tatura
- 13.45 Shepparton Cemetery

Sisters of Mercy and parishioners from Tatura, Shepparton and surrounding Parishes are invited to join us.

Enq: maureen.sexton@mercy.org.au or agnes.murphy@mercy.org.au

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,

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).

St Joseph's Undera, No Mass until further notice.