



ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Weekend Mass times: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am and 11am and 5.30pm Syro Malabar Rite

Weekday Mass times: Tuesday to Friday 9.15am, Thursday Ave Maria Village 4.30pm

Reconciliation: Saturday mornings 9.30am to 10.30am

Parish Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 9am to 3pm Wednesday to Friday 9am to 4pm (Closed Public Holidays)



Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 October 2017



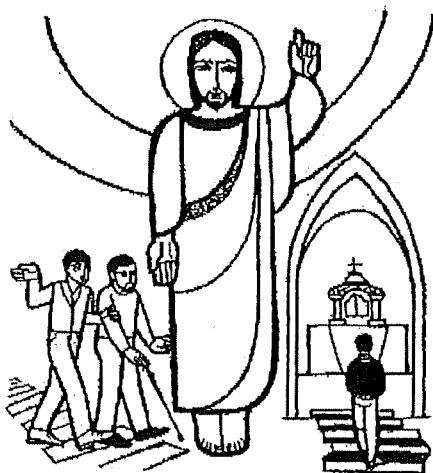
Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday:

Malachi 1:14-2;2, 8-10
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13
Matthew 23:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

November

November is a special time to pray for the dead. Solemnity of All Saints Day (1 November) acknowledges all those who have died and reached heaven but not officially canonised as saints. Closely connected to that day is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day (2 November). The liturgy affirms the reality, power and sadness of death but also the hope of sharing in the death and resurrection of Christ. The day is an opportunity to reflect on our own future and celebrate those who have preceded us in death. Churches, schools, parish groups and other Catholic organisations have special Masses to remember their deceased members during this month. Also rite of blessing of cemeteries and visits to them are popular at this time.

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Looking at the Readings

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.
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Quote of the Week

"Therefore 2017, the commemorative year of the Reformation, represents for Catholics and Lutherans a privileged occasion to live the faith more authentically, in order to rediscover the Gospel together, and to seek and witness to Christ with renewed vigour. We drew inspiration from our common witness to faith before the world, when we committed ourselves to jointly assisting those who suffer, who are in need, and who face persecution and violence. In doing so, as Christians we are no longer divided, but rather united on the journey towards full communion."
Pope Francis' address at the Ecumenical Delegation from Finland marking 500th anniversary of the Reformation when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses for debate on 30 October 1517.

On the Lighter Side

When Pope John XXIII went to visit a friend at the nearby Hospital of the Holy Spirit in the evening, the nun answering the door said: "Holy Father, I'm the mother superior of the Holy Spirit." He replied: "Lucky you! What a job! I'm just the 'servant of the servants of God.' "



Welcome to St Brendan's Parish

Anointing Mass Wednesday 1st November 11am

November is a significant month for remembering family and friends who are no longer with us. Our Memorial Book will be available at the sanctuary steps from this weekend for the month of November.

The **Men's Group** would like to thank everyone for their support of the very successful MenAlive weekend. Over 40 men participated in a dynamic program of prayer, reflection and discussion. Our thanks to all those who supplied cakes and slices for the weekend.

To our clergy and Barb C., Carmel N., Rosey K., Celie H., and Sara W. for their generous hands on support.

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.

Recently Deceased: Lorraine Riordan, Helen Syrett.

Anniversaries: Bruno Sagoleo (one month mind), Desma Bicknell, Rita Sexton, Ilma Jewell, Des Vallence, Timothy O'Keeffe.

Lectors 4th & 5th November

6pm	A Kilmartin	F Scheibel
8am	A Leahy	D Keenan
11am	S Pivac	M Frizzell

Sacraments

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 and bookings, contact the Parish office.

Holy Hour Thursdays 7pm to 8pm in the Church.

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays 3pm to 6pm in the Church
First Friday of the month 3pm to 7.25pm in the Church.

Holy Rosary Pray the Rosary after 8am Mass on Sundays and after 9.15am Mass weekdays.

Children's Liturgy of the Word 11am Mass

Altar Society Morning coffee 1st Friday monthly

Catholic Mothers of Young Children 1st & 3rd Thursday monthly 10am in the Parish Centre

Catholic Women's League (CWL) 2nd Thursday monthly 1pm in the Parish Centre

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays 7.30pm in Parish Centre

Christian Meditation Mondays 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Faith & Light Community 1st Sunday monthly

Friendship Group 3rd Sunday monthly for lunch at 12.30pm

Garabandal 3rd Monday monthly 1.30pm in the Parish Centre

Gospel Discussion Group Mondays during Lent and Advent

Men's Group Saturday fortnightly 7.30am in the Parish Centre

Playgroup Mondays 10am at Ave Maria Village

Serra Club 1st Friday monthly 7.30pm Church & Centre

St Vincent de Paul Society 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm

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

Melbourne Cup Sweep . . . this weekend and next

It's on again—the annual Melbourne Cup Sweep! Tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend and next weekend. \$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.

Serra Club . . . 3rd November

Shepparton Serra Club invite you to join us at St Brendan's this Friday November 3rd to pray for more vocations and for our priests. This month we especially pray for priests who have served the Sandhurst Diocese and are gone to their eternal reward. Adoration will continue to 7.25pm when we will have Benediction followed with mass then afterwards to the Mons Jeffery Centre for a cuppa. All welcome.

Men's Group . . . 4th November

7.30am for breakfast in the Mons Jeffery Centre. Men of the Parish welcome to come along for reflection & discussion.

Music Liturgy/Ministry Workshop . . . 8th November

8pm – 9.30pm in the Church Wednesday 8th 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.

Stronger Rally . . . 10th November

Join over 100 other young people for a night of praise and worship, games, dinner, Adoration and so much more!

Who: Year 7's - young adults. At St Joseph's School Hall, Dickson St, Echuca on Friday November 10th 6pm to 9pm.

For more information contact Danielle at

Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

St Anne's College, Kialla . . . 30th November

Opening January 2019 — Prep and Year 7

An information evening will be held on Thursday November 30 in St Mel's Parish Hall, Hamilton Street, Shepparton at 7:30pm.

For more information and enrolment inquiries visit our website at: www.sackialla.com

Altar Society Helpers

Please collect your envelope with news of the Christmas party from the Sacristy. ~ Andrea