



Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 November 2017



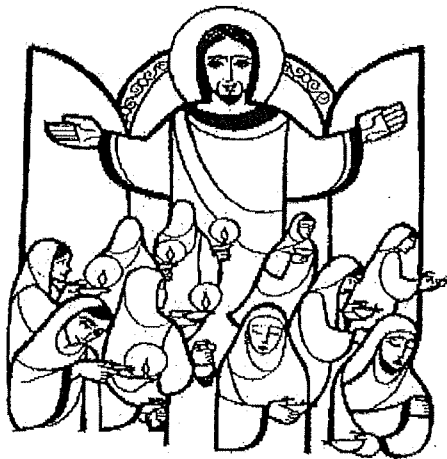
Readings for
this week:

Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13



Readings for
next Sunday:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30



Liturgical Jottings

True Worship II

From the liturgy, therefore, and especially from the Eucharist, as from a font, grace is poured forth upon us; and the sanctification of men and women in Christ and the glorification of God, to which all other activities of the Church are directed as toward their end, is achieved in the most efficacious possible way.

Constitution on the Liturgy art.10

Pope Francis

The "immediate time" between the first and final coming of Christ, is the time we are living now. The parable of the ten maidens speaks to us now: He gives to us time for mercy and patience, a time of watchfulness; a time in which we must keep alight the lamps of faith, hope and charity, a time in which to keep our heart open to goodness, beauty and truth.
Pope Francis, in General Audience Wednesday. 24 April 2013

Looking at the Readings

There are so many improbable features in the parable of today's gospel we must assume they are intentional by the storyteller, Christ, and to the listeners, we, ourselves should not be fooled by them. The improbables are: the lateness of the bridegroom; coming in the middle of the night; the lack of generosity the sensible ones; the futile attempt to find a shop open to buy oil; the locking of the door; the bridegrooms response to the five girls left out in the cold; Things don't happen like this. Yet we are asked to see beyond these improbables to reflect on its real message.

The last three Sundays of the liturgical year present us with three parables on the coming of Christ at the end of time. Today the Lord, like the bridegroom, will come suddenly and at an unexpected time; next week the parable of the talents with the final reckoning, again at a time unexpected, on the master's return and finally on the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday, the parable of the sheep and goats - the Last Judgment when our actions or inactions are judged.

"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God' " but the wise, who do not know the day or hour of the Lord's coming are faithful, watchful and ready for the joyful coming of Christ.

Saint of the Week: St Albert the Great November 15

He was born in Lauingen on the Danube, studied at the University of Padua and taught first at the University of Paris, where he gathered around him a small band of budding theologians, including fellow Dominican Thomas Aquinas. In 1260, he was appointed bishop of Regensburg and he excelled as pastor, theologian scientist and writer. He was friend and adviser to popes, bishops, kings, and statesmen. He died 15 November 1280, He a doctor of the Church and patron saint of scientists.

Quote of the Week

Natural science does not consist in ratifying what others have said, but in seeking the causes of phenomena. *St Albert the Great*

On the Lighter Side

In a moment of creative inspiration, an entrepreneur who opened a Laundromat beside a church in a new outer suburban area commissioned this sign for his window: "Where cleanliness really is next to Godliness!"



Forget EPA estimates! Per kilometre, the most expensive vehicle to operate is the shopping cart!

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New Carpet in the Church this week

12th to 18th November

Commencing this Sunday 12th November new carpet will be laid in the church. The work is expected to be completed by Saturday 18th November.

We would appreciate some able bodied people to stay after the 11am Mass to assist with the removal of the pews. Thank you

Weekday Masses 14th to 17th November will be held in the Mons Jeffrey Centre (Parish Centre) for that week only at the usual time of 9.15am.

Holy Hour Thursday 16th November

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 17 November
There will be no Holy Hour this Thursday or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday afternoon.

**Mini Renewal of
Planned Giving Program**

We are a little over the half-way mark through our current Planned Giving Program and so it's timely that a progress report now be presented.

Peter Chalkley will be presenting this report during the Masses over the weekend of 25/26th November. This is an opportunity for current planned givers to review their pledges and also for new givers to enter the Planned Giving Program.

After Masses on the 25th/26th November and 2nd/3rd December there will be people to speak with and discuss planned giving options.

Seniors Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 29th November

The last anointing Mass for the year will be held on this day in the church at 11am.



After Mass all senior parishioners are invited to lunch in the Mons. Jeffrey Centre to enjoy some Christmas cheer together.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Rite of Welcome**

Our Parish Welcomes, Elsie Dunning, Alyssa Ridd, Deng Mading, and Robyn Daunt.

These four people have been preparing through the enquiry process, and weekly formation meetings to enter fully into the Catholic faith at Easter, please make yourself known to them and keep them in your prayers.

Recently Deceased: Maurice Lesire, Anthony McKenzie McHarg (brother of Rosemary O'Shea).

Anniversaries: Erminia Sofra (1 month mind), Mary O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Ethel Partridge, John McManus, Guiseppe & Maria Antonia Monarco, Gerry Shannon, Allan Townsend.

Lectors 18th and 19th November

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| 6pm | P Stein | D Sullivan |
| 8am | G Jelliff | Sr R Crowe |
| 11am | I Garla, | A Ferguson |

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

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 St Mel's Parish house

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.

Serra Club - 1st Friday monthly 7.30pm Church & Parish Centre

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm

Notices

Parish Pastoral Council

Annual General Meeting . . . 15th November

The AGM of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held in the Mons Jeffrey Centre at 7pm on Wednesday 15th November.

This is open to all parishioners and new members are encouraged to come along. Nomination forms are in the narthex. These can be dropped into the Parish office.

For information phone Kathy on 0416 058431.

Men's Group . . . 18th November

Our Parish Men's Group will meet next Saturday morning the 18th of November at 7.30am. Feel free to drop by and see what goes on at the men's brekkie. We begin with feeding the body and then move to the hunger of our souls, with a faith reflection and discussion. DJ will be the speaker.

All questions call Anthony 58212633

Friendship Group . . . 19th November

St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group will be holding their Christmas Lunch on Sunday 19th November at 12.30pm at

The Last Straw café in Keppel Street.

Come along and enjoy the festive season and meet some of your fellow parishioners! If you would like to join in please ring Pat on 58211269 or leave a message—numbers need to be confirmed by 15th November.

All parishioners are welcome to attend and enjoy some fun and fellowship together.

Annual Memorial Mass . . . 22nd November

The Parish Bereavement Team invites all parishioners, families and friends to attend the annual Memorial Mass to be held in St Brendan's Church on

Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm. Supper will be served in the Mons Jeffrey Centre after the Mass.

Feast of Christ the King . . . 25th/26th November

Flag Carriers needed

We are looking for flag carriers for each of our 3 Masses on the weekend of November 25 and 26. If you would like to carry a particular flag, please put your name and phone number on the roster in the Narthex. For more information please ring

Kathy Hunt 0416058431.

Nativity Display . . . 5th December

The Diocese of Ballarat will be sharing some of their incredible 400+ nativity cribs with us in a display in Mons Jeffrey Centre on Tuesday evening 5th December.

The entire collection is on it's way to Canberra for Christmas and we are fortunate to be offered the opportunity to view a significant number of the cribs from all over the world.

More information when we have it.

Farewell Fr Berny . . . 15th December

We will gather together at 6pm with Fr. Berny to celebrate his years of service with St. Brendan's and farewell him as he returns to the Philippines.

We would like parishioners to bring a plate to share please.

Farewell DJ . . . 17th December

We will have a cuppa after 11am Mass together to farewell DJ and thank him for helping out in our Parish.

St Brendan's Parish Melbourne Cup Sweep 2017 Winners



1st Prize: R. Partridge \$500

2nd Prize: Loretta Price \$200

3rd Prize: Peter Wright \$100

4th Prize: Mary Pelly \$50

Winning Ticket Seller: T Aylett \$20

Many thanks to all parishioners who supported this fundraiser. The amount raised was \$1,546.20.

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 this **Wednesday 22nd November** 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.

New Rosters

Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Offertory

New rosters commencing on 2nd/3rd December have been emailed to all these who have advised email addresses.

If you do not have an email, your roster will be in an envelope in the Narthex.

Little Blue Books

are now available in the narthex and west side entrance. These little books have 6 minute reflections.

Take a short Scripture passage and simply let God speak to us through the words, guiding us to reflections that sometimes seem to come from nowhere.

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.

Spirituality in the Pub . . . 27th November Details next week

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CUSHION (INCLUDES DESSERT & TEA/COFFEE) \$50

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENING WILL GO
TOWARD **FRG** OUTREACH PROGRAMS.

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FROM DIAGNOSIS TO OAM, A PERSONAL AUTISM JOURNEY

Autism Special Event at St Kilian's Hall on the
15th November 2017 at 7pm doors open at 6:30pm.
Daryl and Daniel Giles OAM, father and son, will be
speaking about their journey from diagnosis of Daniel's
Autism Spectrum, until now.

This will be of special interest to people on the
spectrum, family members, carers and professionals.

Details of the event and cost can also be found at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/324047>.

Enquiries: speakinginsightscontact@gmail.com

Use Your Mistakes as Light for Others

Where would I be today, if Father David has not been prepared?

When I was much younger, I had a lot of habits that took me too far away from Jesus. I partied late on Saturdays and slept late on Sundays. I did a lot that I now regret. I missed a lot of Masses that could have steered me in the right direction.

One day I decided to change these habits but didn't really know where to start. That's when God put Father David into my life. As we talked I discovered that he had made a lot of mistakes like mine when he was young. His efforts to change his life left him with wisdom that helped me. In a way his mistakes lit my path.

He was prepared to help when he was needed. Are you? This week Jesus advises his followers to prepare themselves. The early Christians thought the world might end at any time. This Gospel challenged them to take an honest, prayerful look at how they were living.

When have you used your mistakes to teach others better ways to live?

On the Way to Mass

Why is it good to be prepared?

On the Way Home from Mass ...

What are some things that need more of your attention?

~ Excerpt from GPBS

Catholic Women's League

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16th November

at 1pm

In the Mons Jeffrey Centre

All welcome.

Guest speaker: Paul White

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).