

Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish



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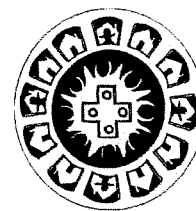
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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

26 November 2017



*Readings for
this week:*

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37



Liturgical Jottings

True Worship IV

The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5) is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.

Constitution on the Liturgy art.14

Prayer for the Week

Lord, you give us Christ, the King of all creation, as food for everlasting life. Help us to live by his gospel and bring us to the joy of his kingdom, where he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

(Prayer after Communion 1969 Missal)

Looking at the Readings

Since the revision of the liturgy, the church offers us three sets of readings for this Feast, each with a different focus on the mystery of Christ the King: Shepherd-King (year A); a King of a different kind to this world in his dialogue with the governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate (Year B), and the Lord crucified on the cross who said to the good thief "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Year C). Today we focus on the Shepherd-King-Judge.

The Prophet Ezekiel introduces the parable of the Good Shepherd-Judge, an image Jesus elaborates and changes in his final parable in Matthew's Gospel. But the passage at the beginning of his ministry, to announce the coming of God's Kingdom (Matt 4:17) and the proclamation of the Good News to poor is now expanded and nuanced at the end of his ministry.

Christ first came to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of Heaven to the poor, captives, blind, the oppressed (Luke 4:18) and now in the last days the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick and in prison are named to be in need. The ministry of Jesus now becomes the ministry of his disciples.

Ministry to the poor, the little ones, does not speak of glory, honour, power, position or wealth associated with earthly kings and rulers. The Feast today celebrates Christ's leadership of all and our connectedness to all peoples and our responsibility for all creation.

Quote of the Week

If we are worth anything, it is not because we have more money or more talent, or better qualities. Insofar as we are worth anything, it is because we are grafted on to Christ's life, his cross and resurrection. That is a person's measure. *Oscar Romero 4/3/1979*

Pope Francis on the Feast of Christ the King

The starting point of salvation is not the confession of the sovereignty of Christ, but rather the imitation of Jesus' works of mercy through which he brought about his kingdom. The one who accomplishes these works shows that he has welcomed Christ's sovereignty, because he has opened his heart to God's charity.

Homily 23 November 2014

On the Lighter Side

To prepare for his talk about world missions, the guest speaker had brought an inflatable globe the size of a beach ball. Misfortune struck when minutes before the talk his globe sprang a leak and deflated. Nonplussed, he used the limp prop to make a point: "Funny how, when you get rid of a lot of the hot air, the world



Seniors Christmas Lunch

this Wednesday 29th November

The last anointing Mass for the year will be held this Wednesday 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.



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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 Masses this weekend.

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 this weekend and 2nd/3rd December there will be people to speak with and discuss planned giving options.

Please refer to the insert in this bulletin.

Parish Pastoral Council

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to the parishioners who attended our recent Annual General Meeting. At our meeting we farewelled two members, Paula Scanlon and Jean-Marie Vianney Mupenda and welcomed Christopher Wijesingha. Paula and Jean-Marie have made many valuable contributions to our meetings and our parish and we thank them for this. Christopher will be commissioned in the new year. The reports tabled at the meeting are available for you to pick up, if you are interested, from the Narthex, side porch and parish office. I would like to thank the many different parish groups who wrote reports for us. It is great to get an overview of the many gifts and talents being shared in our parish. If you would like one and can't find one, please let the office know and we can email or print one for you.

~ Kathy Hunt, PPC Chairperson

Australian Bishops conference have released a letter in regard to the recent Marriage survey.

The letter and a Summary of explanatory memorandum are available at the office if any one would like a copy of these. Please phone, email or call into the Parish Office if you would like a copy.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Irene (Rene) Looby, Luigi Scarpari, Vincenzo Scarpari, Eileen Tyndall, Maria Nappa, Winifred Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Doreen Townsend, Tess Love.

Lectors 2nd December and 3rd December

6pm	Sr F Kennedy,	J Boccabella
8am	L Boschetti,	D Teitzel
11am	S Quilty,	M Sarkady

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
***not in December and January.

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

Spirituality in the Pub . . . 27th November

At the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton , 7.30 pm—9pm.
Topic will be Pope Francis's recently delivered TED talk
"Why the only future worth building includes everyone"
Information fliers are at the back of the Church.

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

Serra Club . . . 1st December

Next Friday is 1st Friday. For our final gathering for the year
we will be having a home mass at the home of one of our
members. All parishioners are welcome to join in.

If you are interested in coming please give
Bernie Macgill a call on 5829 9660.

Nativity Display . . . 5th December

Making a Scene at Christmas!



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 5th December
3.30pm to 7.30pm.

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.
This is a private collection of over 400 nativity cribs and
other items celebrating the birth of Christ.

Some exhibits are centuries old.

Gold coin donation will be appreciated.

Fr. Berny's Farewell . . . 15th December

On Friday December 15 at 6pm we will gather as a parish
community to farewell our much loved Fr. Berny Agustines.
In his time with us Fr. Berny has strengthened our faith and
our community in many ways, he has shared our sorrows
and our joys. Fr. Berny has reminded us to greet each other
with smiles and joy - and to do our homework! We invite
all parishioners to bring a plate of food to share a meal
with him before he heads back to the Phillipines. If you
would like to contribute to a gift for Fr. Berny, please put
your contribution in an envelope with 'gift for Fr. Berny' on
it and drop it in to the parish office.

DJ's Farewell . . . 17th December

Over the last six months we have been blessed to have DJ
join us as part of his formation as a priest. DJ has immersed
himself in every aspect of our parish and become a part of
our community. While DJ will not be leaving us until after
Christmas we will be saying farewell to him with a Cuppa
after Mass on Sunday December 17. Please feel free to
bring a small plate of food to share. If you would like to
contribute to a gift for DJ, put your contribution in an
envelope marked 'Gift for DJ' & drop it in to the office.

Looking for Gifts for Christmas?

Why not purchase:

- One or two of Fr Rob Galea's CD's
- 'The Journey' double music CD's
- St Brendan's Stations of The Cross DVD

These can be purchased at the Parish Office.

Farewell Sr Shirley Kimball fe!

Sr Shirley is leaving St Brendan's and
moving to St Catherine's in Melbourne.
We sincerely thank her for all her good
work within the Parish and her beautiful
witness to the Gospels.
We would like to wish her all the best in
her new home.

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 enve-
lope 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.

Carols By Candlelight . . . 8th December

Special Event organised by Le Belle Arti Inc.

to be held on Friday 8th December at the Tatura Italian
Social Club, 45 Martin Street. Bookings essential by Wednes-
day 6th December. Phone Andrea 821 5347, Vince/Rosa
5821 7599 . Cost \$25

The Piety Stall

has a great range of gifts that are perfect for Christmas!
Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Columban Calendars and
books for children and much more. Take a look!

Men's Group . . . 2nd December

7.30am for breakfast and a reflection offered by one of the
men from the group. These short faith reflections give men a
chance to share thoughts and experiences of God working
through their life, not through someone's else's life but that
God is very much interested in them. He wants happiness for
us all and he wants to teach us what it is that will bring about
this happiness in the here and now.

This is our second last meeting for the year so why not come
along and join us. Any questions phone Anthony 5821 2633.

VCC Emergencies Ministry—Volunteers

I have been made Director of Emergency Ministries
within our District by other leaders in the Australian
Council of Churches.

Some Introductory pamphlets are available in the
Church if you are interested in being a volunteer. No
qualifications are necessary just a caring heart.
Training is available. After the training you have no
obligation to continue.

~ Iris Barnard, phone 0409 003245

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5.30PM - 9.30PM

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 4 JANUARY 2018

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VENUE: PRIVATE VENUE - LIMITED SEATS - ALL WELCOME
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TICKETS: PH: 0408 149 962 - 2 COURSE DINNER & DRINKS - \$75
 LAWN TICKETS (7PM ENTRY) - BYO PICNIC & A CHAIR, RUG OR
 CUSHION (INCLUDES DESSERT & TEA/COFFEE) \$50

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

FRG
 MINISTRY

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Christmas Mass & Lunch

The final Sandhurst Catholic Charismatic Renewal Day for
 the year is being held on

Saturday the 2nd of December with Fr Joe Taylor speaking
 on "The Gift of Jesus".

In Mons Jeffrey Centre

With Mass, Prayer Ministry, and Christmas Lunch!

Starting at 10am and finishing at 4pm please bring a
 shared plate for lunch.

There will be a Diocesan group photo, so please wear your
 50 years Jubilee shirt if you have one. If not, we will still
 have some available there on the day if you would like one
 or they would make great Christmas presents.

For information: phone 0412 042196 or 03 5722 2821.

ALL WELCOME

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

Jesus Makes Surprising Connections

Many years ago I gave Communion to a guy at Mass I recently had served at a homeless shelter. And this hit me: he and I not only share the body of Christ, we also were part of the Body of Christ.

A homeless man and I, part of the same body. It really made me think – just like this week's Gospel.

Christ our king says we serve him when we serve the people considered least in our world. God's Spirit lives in them. God's Spirit also lives in us. Thus, the connection: we are all part of the same body, the Body of Christ

The child starving in Africa. The kid without friends. The man begging on the street corner. The old woman alone. The prisoner serving a sentence. And you and I. All part of the same body.

That means we have to change our thinking at times. When our stomachs hurt, we ask why. We might spend time and money for treatment. We rarely judge or ignore it.

But we sometimes treat parts of our spiritual body – the Body of Christ – differently when they suffer. "I'm too busy to visit," some might say as they pass a nursing home where so many suffer loneliness. "They shouldn't have broken the law," some might say about people in prison.

Our spiritual body stretches around the world. When parts of it suffer, let's take the time to understand why and relieve the pain. The Body of Christ **SERVES** the Body of Christ to **BECOME** the Body of Christ.

What connections or similarities have you seen between yourself and people you've met who are hurting or in need?

... *On the Way to Mass*

How do you reflect God in every day situations?

On the Way Home from Mass ...

In what way does God's love rule in your heart?

GPBS eNews

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 BRENDAN'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP MID-TERM RENEWAL 2017

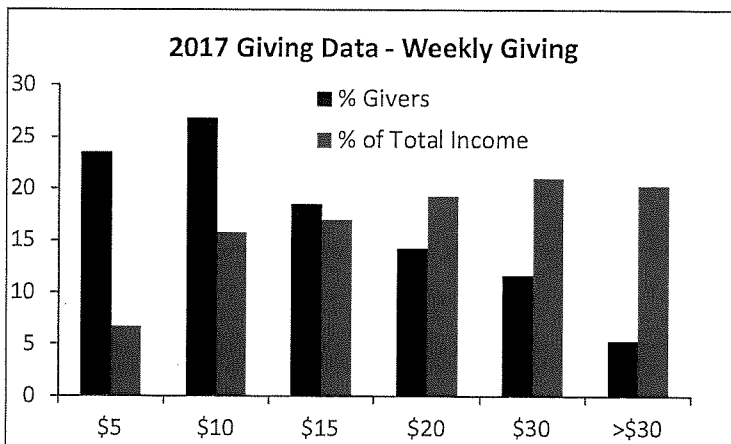
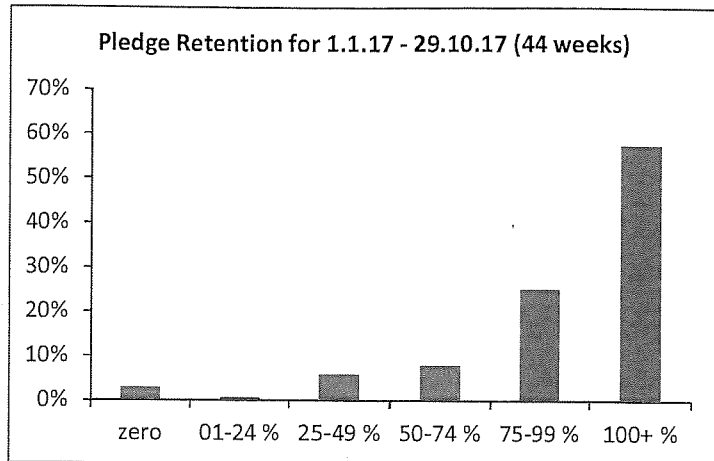
Why the stewardship is so important to St Brendan's:

- It provides for the vast range of ministries and pastoral groups that support our parishioners, our schools and our community
- It ensures we can plan and budget for the year
- It provides for the necessary upkeep of our beautiful facilities and surrounds

THANK YOU

The commitment and generosity of our parishioners means that:

- ❖ 83% of our givers have maintained a minimum of 75% of their original pledge amount
- ❖ 60% have maintained fully their original pledge amount
- ❖ Our stewardship retention is generally higher than average
- ❖ This year's average weekly stewardship income is 88% of the original pledge amount



CAN YOU HELP SHARE THE LOAD?

Presently a few give a lot, and for this we are truly grateful. We encourage you to help everyone share this load:

- ❖ 5% of our parishioner givers provide 20% of the stewardship income
- ❖ Just over 20% of our parishioner givers provide a generous 61% of our stewardship income

Your stewardship to God and the Parish presents in many ways. This may be through a commitment to any of the various pastoral ministries within the parish, a financial commitment of support or even an in kind commitment of time if you are blessed with a certain skillset, qualification or trade expertise.

We welcome your mid-term stewardship commitment review and hope that you have something further you can share with the parish.