



# Welcome to St. Brendan's Parish

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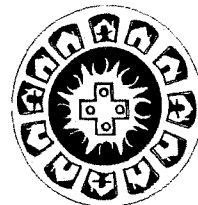
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Parish Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9am to 3pm,  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 4pm (Closed Public holidays)



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heart of our faith

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 November 2017



Readings for  
this week:

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



Readings for  
next Sunday:

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



## Liturgical Jottings

### True Worship III

In order that the liturgy may be able to produce its full effects, it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions, that their minds should be attuned to their voices, and that they should cooperate with divine grace lest they receive it in vain. ... Pastors' duty is to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects. Constitution on the Liturgy art.11

### Pope Francis on Talents

This parable tells us that the expectation of the Lord's return is the time of action — we are in the time of action. The time to seek to increase goodness in the world. It is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, but to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others.

## Looking at the Readings

The eulogy given in the first reading from the book of Proverbs is in praise of a woman who does things to perfection and with love. Let us not interpret it otherwise. And in juxtaposition with today's Gospel, this passage speaks of wisdom and giftedness.

What eulogy will be preached of the servant who simply buried his one talent in the ground? For that matter what eulogy would be given about the harsh master who demanded more than he gave.

The Parable of the Talents has several layers of meaning: making good use of the resources and graces God gives to us; the unexpectedness of the master's return; and the use of time between the two Christ events (Ascension and Second coming). We cannot be idle because the Lord entrusts us with the Kingdom of Heaven.

The parable is not to be taken in human terms of contracts, profit margins, rewards and punishments but in God's terms of relationships with people, justice and mercy and be active in life through prayer, good works and charity. The Gospel today is an invitation to share in the Lord's joy and peace.

## Feast of the Week St Cecilia –22 November

Very little is known about Cecilia, patron saint of music. Her name is not mentioned in many early historical lists, except in the Roman Canon (First Eucharistic Prayer). She is recognised as a virgin martyr and her feast day is celebrated as a memorial, attesting to her universal popularity in the Church and with musicians in general.

## Quote of the Week

The great cannot exist without the small, nor the small without the great; there is a certain mixture among all, and herein lies the advantage. *Letter of St Pope Clement I to the Corinthians, 37:4.*

## On the Lighter Side

For those who tire of excuses why people don't go to church, these are the reasons why I never wash. 1. I was forced to wash as a child. 2. People who wash are hypocrites - they think they're cleaner than others. 3. There are so many kinds of soap I could never decide which was right. 4. I used to wash, but it got boring. 5. I only wash on Christmas and Easter. 6. None of my friends wash. 7. I'll start washing when I'm older. 8. I really don't have the time. 9. The bathroom isn't warm enough. 10. People who make soap are only after your money.



# First World Day of the Poor

## Sunday, 19 November

### **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.



### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Mrs Yoga Ravindran, Pat Hickey, John & Rachel Demase, John Langley, Paddy Hicks, Mons. Gerald Moylan, Giuseppe & Annunziata Corso, Antonio & Maria DePasquale, Olivia Rosaria.

### **Lectors 25th and 26th November**

<b>6pm</b>	D Tarquini,	M Keyte
<b>8am</b>	P Guthrie,	L Boschetti
<b>11am</b>	JPilkington,	Maureen Collins

### **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

## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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 its 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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **St Luke's Catholic Primary School Community Group Fete.**

Our inaugural school fete is being held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

November from 4pm to 8pm at our school, 629 GV Highway, North Shepparton. Come along and enjoy a family friendly atmosphere and fun afternoon. Major raffle with amazing prizes, silent auctions and spinning wheel with thousands \$\$\$ of remarkable prizes and vouchers. We will be having a BBQ and many food stalls.

**We will be selling raffle tickets and wrist bands for the carnival rides after masses this weekend and would love your support.**

## **Looking for Gifts for Christmas?**



- Why not purchase one or two of Fr Rob's CD's
  - The Journey—double music CD
  - Stations of The Cross—St Brendan's
- These can be purchased at the Parish Office.

## **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](mailto:sacramental.coord@bigpond.com)

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## **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](mailto:jessica.alampi@notredame.vic.edu.au) or phone the parish office on 5821 2633.

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## **Child Safe training module . . . 22nd November**

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.*

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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Your talent is Gods  
gift to you  
What you do with it is  
your gift back to God



## Message from His Holiness Pope Francis (an excerpt)

### First World Day of The Poor

Let us love, not with words but with deeds

1. "Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth" (1 Jn 3:18). These words of the Apostle John voice an imperative that no Christian may disregard. The seriousness with which the "beloved disciple" hands down Jesus' command to our own day is made even clearer by the contrast between the empty words so frequently on our lips and the concrete deeds against which we are called to measure ourselves. Love has no alibi. Whenever we set out to love as Jesus loved, we have to take the Lord as our example; especially when it comes to loving the poor. The Son of God's way of loving is well-known, and John spells it out clearly. It stands on two pillars: God loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:10-19), and he loved us by giving completely of himself, even to laying down his life (cf. 1 Jn 3:16).

Such love cannot go unanswered. Even though offered unconditionally, asking nothing in return, it so sets hearts on fire that all who experience it are led to love back, despite their limitations and sins. Yet this can only happen if we welcome God's grace, his merciful charity, as fully as possible into our hearts, so that our will and even our emotions are drawn to love both God and neighbour. In this way, the mercy that wells up – as it were – from the heart of the Trinity can shape our lives and bring forth compassion and works of mercy for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in need.

2. "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him" (Ps 34:6). The Church has always understood the importance of this cry. We possess an outstanding testimony to this in the very first pages of the Acts of the Apostles, where Peter asks that seven men, "full of the Spirit and of wisdom" (6:3), be chosen for the ministry of caring for the poor. This is certainly one of the first signs of the entrance of the Christian community upon the world's stage: the service of the poor. The earliest community realized that being a disciple of Jesus meant demonstrating fraternity and solidarity, in obedience to the Master's proclamation that the poor are blessed and heirs to the Kingdom of heaven (cf. Mt 5:3).

"They sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need" (Acts 2:45). In these words, we see clearly expressed the lively concern of the first Christians. The evangelist Luke, who more than any other speaks of mercy, does not exaggerate when he describes the practice of sharing in the early community. On the contrary, his words are addressed to believers in every generation, and thus also to us, in order to sustain our own witness and to encourage our care for those most in need. The same message is conveyed with similar conviction by the Apostle James. In his Letter, he spares no words: "Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you, and drag you into court? ... What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled', without giving them the things needed for the body; what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has not works, is dead' (2:5-6.14-17).

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## 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).