



ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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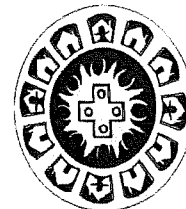
Associate Priest: Fr Sebastian Mandapathil

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

Weekday Mass times: Tuesday to Friday 9.15am also New Year's Day, 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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Sunday 14 January 2018



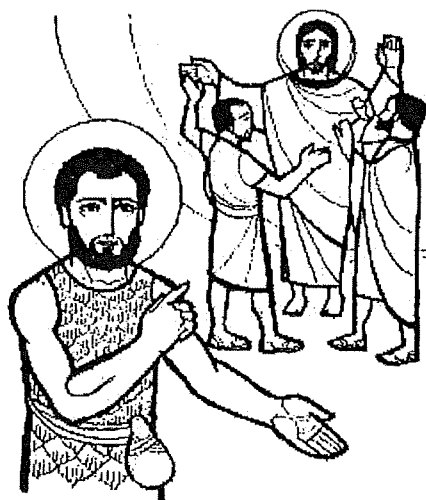
Readings for this week:

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
John 1:35-42



Readings for next Sunday:

Jonah 3:1-5,10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20



Liturgical Jottings Ordinary Season

Last week we completed the Christmas season and so begin the Sundays in Ordinary Time. It is best to think of it as one of the liturgical seasons. It is the longest season of the church year. Its liturgical colour, green, points to the hope which participation in the paschal mystery brings to all Christians. As Christians, Sunday is our original feast day – the day to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Ordinary time enables us to devote ourselves to exploring the mystery of Christ in all its aspects and to celebrate the presence of God in the ordinary patterns of human life.

Vatican II on Liturgy

Zeal for the promotion and restoration of the liturgy is rightly held to be a sign of the providential dispositions of God in our time, a movement of the Holy Spirit in his Church. n. 43

Looking at the Readings

One of the dramatic turning points in the Film "The Sixth Sense" is when the child psychologist asks his boy patient who is constantly frightened by seeing ghosts: "Ask them: 'What do you want of me?'" We discover the ghosts wanted help to resolve their mysterious deaths! We have a similar situation in the simple but moving story in the first reading between Eli, Samuel and God. Eli, like the psychologist tries to allay Samuel's anxiety and after several times realises that it must be more than dreams and so instructs Samuel to answer the voice: "Here I am Lord, You called me." The simple story transforms into a wonderful example of vocation. God calls in most unexpected ways that need wise persons or a faith-filled community to guide and interpret the meaning for the subject who is called.

The Gospel today gives another example of the prophet directing and interpreting the call of Jesus to his first followers. The story continues as the first disciples speak to others about Christ. It became a name changing and life changing experience.

Samuel's vocation, the apostles' call can be likened to any vocations. But discerning vocations takes time. The details get lost, who initiates the call can be confusing - yet all this eventually becomes clear when there is a listening attitude and a faithful heart.

Pope Francis on the Apostles

"Jesus opened the doors of his Church to everyone without distinction, irrespective of their sins, and built the Church on the foundation of the Apostles, all of them sinners." 29 October 2014

Quotable Quote

How poor and anaemic our relationship often is with Scripture in general and with the gospels in particular! How often we resort to them just to prop up doctrine, or establish ethical principles, or to seek practical guidance. This is legitimate of course – but it is not enough. Scripture gives us access to God's truth only insofar as we welcome God's tenderness, forgiveness and love.
Luigi Gioia 9/12/17 The Tablet

On the Lighter Side

Jesus and the 12 apostles walk into a restaurant. Peter asks the waiter: "Please we need a table for 26", "But there's only 13 of you?" queried the waiter. Peter replied "Yes, but we all need to sit on one side for the photos"



Welcome to St Brendan's Parish

Friendship Group . . . 21st January, 2018

This month the Friendship Group will meet for lunch at 12.30pm at The Shepparton Club, 455 Wyndham Street, Shepparton. This group is for all parishioners to join in and share some great food, fun and fellowship.
For information, contact Pat on 5821 1269.

Working with Children Check

If you are a volunteer within the parish and have not yet completed a Working with Children Check, please do so as soon as possible as we need to be compliant with the various government regulations. This would help us enormously!
Thank you.

Save the Dates:

****Reader/Commentator Formation Monday 12th February at 7pm in the church.**

****First Spiritual Exercises Retreat 23rd April—19th May 2018.**

'Divine Will' Conference . . . 26th & 27th January

9.00 – 3.30 pm & 7.00 – 9.00 pm (Mass 9.00 am) on Friday 26th January, and
9.00 – 3.30 pm (Mass 9.00 am) and Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm on Saturday 27th January

Holy Rosary Church, 550 Napier St, White Hills. Bendigo.
Tony Hickey, Professor in Sacred Scripture and Theology, will speak on Luisa Piccarreta, the Doctrine of Divine Will and the Lord's Prayer. BYO lunch. Tea & Coffee provided. Contact: Alison Buman 0400 543776 alisonbuman@yahoo.com.au.

Copies of the Summer edition of *Caritas News* are now available.



Recently Deceased: Vincent Calleja.

Anniversaries: Aldo Landini, Bill Quilty, Barry Deane, Jean Clare Deane.

Lectors	6pm: D Sullivan, P Stein
20th/21st January	8am: G Jelliff, D Keenan
2018:	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

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays 3pm to 6pm in the Church
First Friday of the month ****not on Fridays in January.**

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



Thank you!

Thanks to all who worked tirelessly for our liturgies over Christmas and New year.

This year I am looking at an earlier "Midnight" Christmas Mass – probably 10pm.

~ Fr Joe

Projectionist Needed Urgently . . . Saturday evening Masses

We need a projectionist or a team of projectionists for the 6pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass.

PLEASE HELP!

This can be on a roster basis if necessary and training is provided but this is not a hard job.

Please talk to Fr Joe.

St Mel's . . . There will be NO Wednesday morning Mass at St Mel's for all January.

Mass will be on Saturday mornings at 9am at St Mel's.

Fr Rob's Book 'Breakthrough' is available at the Parish office at a cost of \$20.

'Pathways for Families' booklet is available for all families so take a copy home with you.

Estela Hutchings, Psychologist

is available for private and confidential consultation on a wide variety of issues. Estela is normally available for consultations on Fridays in the Parish but will also consult out of hours.

There is a small charge for a 60 minute consultation.

For information and bookings contact the Parish office on 5821 2633 during office hours.

For the month of January, the weekend *bulletin* will be produced in this smaller, one page, A4 version.

Altar Society Morning coffee 1st Friday monthly

Catholic Mothers of Young Children 1st & 3rd Thursday monthly 10am in the Parish Centre ****not school holidays.**

Catholic Women's League (CWL) 2nd Thursday monthly 1pm in the Parish Centre (*not in January*)

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays 7.30pm in Parish Centre (*not in January*)

Christian Meditation Mondays 7.30pm St Mel's Parish House (*not in January*)

Faith & Light Community 1st Sunday monthly (*not in January*)

Friendship Group 3rd Sunday monthly

Garabandal 3rd Monday monthly 1.30pm (*not in January*)

Gospel Discussion Group Mondays during Lent and Advent

Men's Group Saturday fortnightly 7.30am (*not in January*)

Serra Club 1st Friday monthly 7.30pm (*not in January*)

St Vincent de Paul Society 2nd Thursday monthly 7pm