



# ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH

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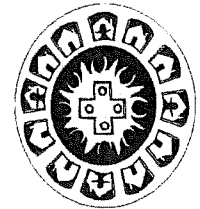
Associate Priest: Fr Sebastian Mandapathil

**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

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Sunday 28 January 2018



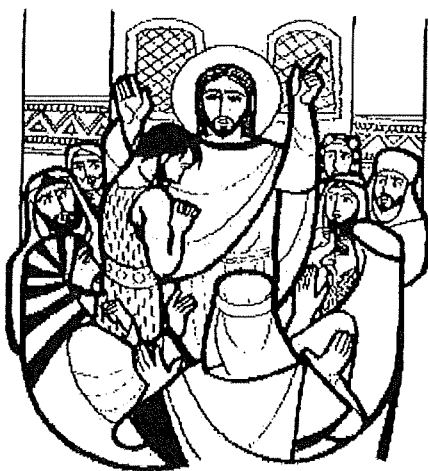
Readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28



Readings for next Sunday:

Job 7:1-4,6-7  
1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23  
Mark 1:29-39



### Liturgical Jottings

#### Gospel Sequence

The Gospels from today to the end of this season before Lent, namely Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time form a 24 hour sequence in the life of Christ and his disciples at Capernaum (Mark 1:21-45). The day includes going to the synagogue, teaching, healing, visiting Peter's mother-in-law at home and dining with them, sleeping and praying the next morning.

#### Candles

Candles do not appear in the bible. True wax candles were invented in the middle ages and then quickly came in use at Mass. At least two or four or six candles (depending on the occasion) are placed on or near the altar. Candles may also be carried in the Entrance, Gospel and Recessional processions. On the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2 February) candles are blessed for use in churches and homes.

### Looking at the Readings

The Gospel of Mark, more than the other three Gospels invites the reader or listener into the very action scenes, which he describes both simply and promptly. We seem to be invited into the synagogue to witness his teaching and his healing of the possessed man. Then we are invited to believe in him and follow him.

Unlike the unclean spirit that called: "I know who you are, the Holy One of God!" we want to recognise Jesus in faith. This declaration of the spirit was not an act of faith. Faith involves recognition of God and oneself, prayer and worship, praise and thanksgiving, love and commitment and a participation in the cross and resurrection of Christ.

We discover from the first chapter of Mark's gospel that we, the readers, are on the journey with Christ, gradually learning who he is. From the first call we are slowly progressing towards the truth of faith. Jesus does not want our faith to stop at his miracles of healing. He asked the healed persons, their families and the observers to be quiet about the healings at least six times in the gospel. After the resurrection he wants us to say: "You are the saviour, the Son of God, truly I believe!"

### Fifty ways to live the Joy of the Gospel (1-5)

*These 50 ways will be serialised over the next several weeks*

1. Hold or touch a cross, take a deep breath, and say 'yes' to living this day with hope.
2. Start and end each day with a prayer of praise.
3. Be grateful for a difficult challenge. How is the Lord teaching you?
4. During the Easter season, throw a resurrection party.
5. Extend a hand in friendship to a little-known neighbour.

### Prayer for the Week

Word of a self-revealing God, Surprising Word, Decisive Word, Jesus, fear seizes all who meet you: Who are you, Lord, that we may believe in you? I am the prophet, God's voice among you. I am the truth, God's strength that frees you. I am love beyond all fear, God's gift that transfigures. *Tropaires for Sundays 56*

### On the Lighter Side

Candlemas Day is 2 February. In France, known as La Chandeleur, crêpes are served at supper, also the Mexicans enjoy a local delicacy Tamales. Celts in general and the Irish in particular call Candlemas: "Imbolc". In America it is also Groundhog Day based on an old German saying: 'If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year.'



# Welcome to St Brendan's Parish

**Mackillop Faith and Light Community will not gather in February as many of us are unavailable.**

**For information call Denise on 0432 054003.**

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## **Catholic Mothers of Young Children**

We have been blessed with the opportunity to move to St Mel's Kindergarten for 2018. CMYC will be meeting weekly in Studio One of St Mel's Kindergarten, Archer Street, from 10am until 11.30am starting Thursday 8th February.

Come and share in children's catechesis and Mothers prayers.

Gold coin donation. Tea and coffee provided.

More information contact Katie Mills on 0417 504635.

Connect. Celebrate. Flourish.

### **Volunteers needed**

We are seeking an expression of interest for volunteers for Catholic Mothers of Young Children. If you are available Thursday mornings and would like to assist with hospitality or supporting with children's activities, please contact Katie Mills 0417 504635. Roster to share tasks available. Following Child Safe Policy an informal interview process will take place.

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### **Save the Dates:**

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

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

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**Found . . .** A 'St Paul's Daily Missal' was found in the Church before Christmas. If this is yours, contact the Parish office.

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**Call For Volunteers . . .** Mercy Access, part of Mercy Works and under the auspices of the Sisters of Mercy, provides assistance to Aboriginal children in schools within the Sandhurst Diocese. We invite volunteers to assist in this *In-School Programme* or/and *Gowola Homework Club Programme*. Starting in Term 1. Hopefully volunteers would have had previous experience or interest in the field of education. Adherence to Child Safety Standard Protocols required. Indications of interest would be welcome now. For more information Contact the Mercy Access Coordinator

Mobile: 0428 996 975

Email: ma@mercy.org.au (Subject: volunteering)

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Demaria

**Anniversaries:** Paul M Grace, Francesco Scarcella, Peter O'Connor, John O'Connor, Gregory Partridge.

**Lectors** 6pm: Sr F Kennedy, J Boccabella

**3rd/4th February** 8am: A Leahy, L Boschetti

**2018:** 11am: C Naughton, P Naughton

### **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.

### **Catholic Women's League . . . 8th March (not February)**

There will not be a CWL meeting in February.

The next CWL meeting will be held on Thursday 8th March at 1pm in the Mons Jeffrey Centre..

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### **Little Black Books**

The Little Black Books are now available in the narthex and west side entrance. These are six-minute reflections on the Passion according to Mark. A great resource to prepare for the coming Lent and Easter season and only \$5 each.

(Please place money in the envelope provided and drop into or 'post' in the mail slot at the parish office).

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**Counters Roster . . .** Thank you to our counters for your invaluable and ongoing contribution to our parish.

The new roster commences this Sunday 28th January and has been emailed or mailed to everyone on the roster. If you haven't received the roster please contact the office.

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### **Celebration of the Feast of the Presentation . . . 2nd Feb**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at Seiter's Grotto, 11 Kaarimba Road, Wunghnu, 200 meters from the highway.

Beginning with Angelus at 6pm, then Rosaries and Hymns until Mass at 7.30pm, beginning with the blessing of Candles.

Bring your own candle. Cuppa afterwards. All most welcome.

Enquiries to Alf Seiter on 5862 1740.

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### **Serra Club . . . 2nd February**

This month we will combine our regular First Friday Mass with the Celebration of the Feast of the Presentation at Seiter's Grotto, 11 Kaarimba Rd, Wunghnu. (See above notice). This is usually a very pleasant evening enjoyed by all, so come and join with us. All are welcome.

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**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.

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

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**Altar Society** Morning coffee 1st Friday monthly

**Catholic Mothers of Young Children** 1st & 3rd Thursday monthly 10am in St Mel's Kindergarten **\*\*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 **\*\*re-commences Tuesday 30th 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