

## What's happening around our Parishes

**This Holy Thursday, 29th March, only one mass will be celebrated for St. Brendan's & St Mel's parishes. It will be celebrated at St Mel's at 6.00 pm. It will be a momentous celebration for our two parishes. Maps available for St. Mel's if needed! ~ Fr Joe**

### Catholic Women's League

**Goulburn Valley Regional Conference >> 20th March.** Mass will be held in St. Brendan's Church at 9.15am followed by morning tea in the Mons Jeffrey Centre on Tuesday 20th March. The conference commences at 11am. All CWL members are encouraged to attend and we invite all ladies of the parishes to come along.

### Stronger Rally!!

The first Stronger Rally for 2018 is on March 23rd at Mons Bones Hall, next to St Brendan's Church, Shepparton. Stronger Rallies happen 4 times a year and are a wonderful opportunity for the young people of the Sandhurst Diocese to gather together to learn about, explore and celebrate their Catholic faith.

They are aimed at year 7's to young adults.

Starting at 6pm there will be Music with Fr Rob Galea and the band, games, a talk, dinner provided and the chance to meet over 130 other young Catholics from around the diocese.

These events really are a blessing in our diocese, and especially in this Year of Youth.

Please contact Danielle for more information at [Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

### Sandhurst Catholic Charismatic Renewal's first event for 2018 >> 24th March

Renewal Day "The Apple of the Father's Eye" with speaker Maree Sobolewski. 24th March in Mons Jeffrey Centre (behind St. Brendan's Church)

For more Information about Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst contact Brigita Hore 0412 042196.

### Shepparton Parishes AFL Tipping Competition

The footy season starts soon, and we invite all fans to join our tipping competition. Tipping can be done by anyone with an email address using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. To register, go to the official AFL tipping site: [tipping.afl.com.au](http://tipping.afl.com.au). Then join the comp using the code VXTF3PHZ. The joining fee of \$25 can then be handed in at either St Brendan's or St Mel's Parish office by 25 April.

Think you can beat Fr. Joe?!

Join by Round 1, 22 March.

We welcome all your friends and families.

All queries to Ashley 0412 475290.

### The Apple of the Father's Eye

The renewal day will be presented by Maree Sabolewski in Faith building, Fellowship & Prayer ministry in the Mons Jeffrey Centre on 24th March starting 9.30am to 4.30pm. Please bring a shared lunch & afternoon tea. Tea & coffee will be provided. Further information contact Brigata Hore 0412042196  
E:[brigitajh@bigpoond.com](mailto:brigitajh@bigpoond.com)

### Lenten Reflection Group >> this week

The group will gather at Ave Maria, Graham Street Shepparton at 1pm this Monday. The group is open to all and will finish with a cuppa, a great way to prepare our hearts for the feast of Easter.

Any queries call Anthony on 0408 269426

### Divine Mercy Sunday >> 8th April

Will be held at St. Brendan's Church at 1pm, DVD screening of "Time For Mercy" 2pm Expositon of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation (Several Priests) 3pm The Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.15pm Benediction 3.30pm Holy Mass, Blessing of the Image and Rays on Statue Celebrant: Fr Stephen Bolling

Enquiries: St Brendan's Parish office 5821 2633 or Tom Melis 0431 706296.

### Ice Breaker GV

Calls for expression of interest to perform or assist with MC, Stage, Lighting, Sound, Sets, Music, singing and worship dancing in the amazing concert 2, Easter Monday 2nd April.

"Jesus Power of the Resurrection"

RSVP Assunta 0428 745451 or [icebreakergv@gmail.com](mailto:icebreakergv@gmail.com)  
Follow on Facebook/Ice Breaker Advocate Facilitate Liaise

### Men's Group

Will gather on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of March at 7.30am for a cooked breakfast and a faith reflection given by one of our group. The men's group is very welcoming to new members so feel free to join us when you can, any questions

Ph Anthony 0408269426

### Youth Ministry Worker – Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

Applications are invited from people of varying ages and experience for this full time position with the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst – Bendigo.

A copy of the position description can be obtained from [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

Applications to [sally.holmes@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:sally.holmes@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)  
For any questions please contact Sally Holmes on 5445 3617.

Applications close Wednesday 28 March, 2018.

### Dying to Know Day >> 19th April

On Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>, Mercy Place, 351 Archer Street Shepparton are hosting a "Dying to Know Day."

We invite the community to drop in between 10am-12noon and over a cuppa have the opportunity to ask any questions around Death and Advance Care Planning. Death can be a subject hidden away until we are faced with dealing with our own death or that of a family member.

It's often then we wish we had had those courageous conversations and known exactly what our loved one would have wanted.

A wonderful Nurse with 30+ years' experience in Palliative care and Advance Care Planning will be present to answer any of your questions. Further information can be obtained from Anthony on 0408 269426.

WELCOME TO

## SHEPPARTON CATHOLIC PARISHES



Fr Joe Taylor, Parish Priest |

Fr Sebastian Mandapathil, Priest in Residence

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 18 March 2018



Readings for next week

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33



Readings for next week

Entrance: Mark 11:1-10

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11



### Easter Mass Times

#### St Mel's Church

Holy Thursday 29th March 6pm

Good Friday 30th March

Stations of the Cross 9am

Passion of the Christ 3pm

Holy Saturday 31st March

Morning Prayer 9am in the

Parish House

Vigil Mass 7pm

Easter Sunday 1st April

9.30am and 5.30pm.

#### St Brendan's Church

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Combined parishes

at St Mel's Church

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Stations of the Cross 8pm

Holy Saturday 31st March

Vigil Mass 7pm

Easter Sunday 1st April

8am and 11am

### Looking at the Readings

This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again – the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love.

This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking about his own life, but also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed! © Greg Sunter

### Reconciliation times for Holy Week

St Mel's Church, Tuesday 27th March 6pm to 7pm

St Brendan's Church, Wednesday 28th March

5pm to 6.30pm

### WELCOME FR JOHN PAUL

**Please offer a warm welcome to Fr John Paul Pasala who has arrived in our Parishes as the new Associate Priest. He has come from India. He has previously worked in Cebu in the Philippines. We are delighted he is with us.**

## ST MEL'S PARISH NEWS

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Office Hours:  
Tue to Fri, 9am - 3pm



*St Mel's Parish is a welcoming community that helps all people grow stronger in our Catholic Faith.*

### Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday 8am  
Saturday 9am.  
Fridays during Lent—6pm Way of the Cross & Scripture Reflection.

### Weekend Mass Times

Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm

### Lectors & Commentators Sunday 25th March 2018

	Comm	L1	L2
9.30am	J Cortese	S Cortese	D Poppa
5.30pm	P Bertoli	H May	LCassise

### Recently Deceased: Grace Jakob

Anniversaries: Michael Kelly, Pasquale Demase, Antonietta Cartiere, Efiplania Aguirre & Francesco Meolo 1 Months Mind.

Prayers for the Sick: Ben O'Donoghue, Sue McDonald

## St Anthony's Feast Day

There will be a meeting in the Parish House on **Thursday 5th April at 7pm** for the St Anthony's Feast Day. We are inviting people to attend to seek expression for the continuation of St Anthony's festival and how people will be involved. At this meeting it will be decided whether it will continue and how this will be organised. If the festivities go ahead how will it function and who will coordinate this? Please come along to this planning night if you can help in any way. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2018

The St Mel's Parish welcome the children who are preparing themselves for the Sacraments. Each week we see them at our weekend Masses and we continue to pray for them and encourage them and their families to participate in the Mass. This week we pray for - Coco Bradley, Charlie Campbell, Jonah Care, Nathan Cross, Tayla Cross

**PIETY STALL**— Thank you to Melinda Litchfield who has taken on the role of co-ordinating the running of St Mel's Piety Stall. Melinda has a variety of new books, statues, cards etc. For any purchases please place the money in the envelope and put it in the box provided. If you require any Devotional stock to be ordered, ie. Statues, Rosary Beads, Baptism or Sacramental gifts, Prayer Books etc, please see Melinda or contact the Parish Office.

**FR ROB'S BOOK** 'Breakthrough is available at the Parish Office at a cost of \$20.00. "Who could fail to be moved by this book? No matter what age you are, this book holds a promise....Fr Rob is truly a man of God".

**CHRISM MASS—BENDIGO— Tuesday 27th March.** All priests are asked to go to Bendigo for the Blessing of the Holy Oils at 11.00am. We require 2 volunteers to go to Bendigo on the day to represent St Mel's Parish. **Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending.** Thank you.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Chapel at St Mel's Parish House from 9.00am to 3.00pm on Tuesday to Friday.

**ALL WELCOME**

### ST MEL'S PARISH ACTIVITIES / SERVICES

**BAPTISMS:** Every FIRST Sunday of the Month at 9.30am Mass.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATIONS:** Last two Tuesdays of the month at 7.30pm

**WEDDINGS:** Couples must make yourselves known to the Parish Priest at least 6 months before booking the Church.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** Mondays 7.30pm in the Parish House

**BINGO:** Every Wednesday at 1.00pm in the Parish House

**ITALIAN ROSARY:** Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Parish House

**TRANSPORT TO CEMETERIES:** 3rd Saturday of the month. Contact Vilma on 5831 3607.

Visite ai cimiteri ogni terzo sabato del mese. Chi desidera trasporto ai cimiteri può rivolgersi a.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Liturgy Team, PPC Meeting, St Vincent de Paul, Majellan Club, Finance Council, Parish Education Board, Bereavement/Funeral Team.

**For more information in relation to any of the Monthly Meetings, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.**

## ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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*Christ in community...the heart of our faith*

### Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am,  
Thursday Ave Maria Village 4.30pm.  
**Reconciliation**— Saturday morning 9.30am to 10.30am

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm  
Sunday 8am & 11am, Syro Malabar Rite 5.30pm  
**Meditation** Thursdays 7.15am in Mons Jeffrey Centre

### Readers & Commentators 24th & 25th March, 2018

6pm	D Sullivan	P Stein
8am	L Boschetti	P Guthrie
11am	M Harmer	M-A DeMase

### Recently Deceased: Josephine Martin( Nagambie)

Ona Bratiska, Sante Tricarico, Betty Taylor  
Anniversaries: Edward Phelan, Catherine Stein, Peter Murray, Michael Mammone, Naomi De Silva

**This Sunday Bernie & Karen Dwyer are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Fr. Joe was the Celebrant on their special day!!**

**Garabandal Meeting** will be held 1.30pm Monday 18th March in the Parish centre.

**Ave Maria Communion Service has been changed from 10.30am to 3pm for this Sunday**

**Piety Stall**  
Easter Cards are now available

**PARKING IN FRONT OF KNIGHT ST. SHOP**  
Could Parishioners please take note of the parking time which is **only 15 minutes**.

**THEFT**  
We ask that parishioners keep eyes and ears open when in and around the church grounds. Unfortunately, Fr Sebastian's bike was stolen last week.

**Harmony Day celebrations in partnership with Voices for Harmony, Notre Dame College and the Interfaith Network.**

There will be a Unity in Diversity student film presentation at the 11am Mass THIS WEEKEND followed by further celebrations in the Mons Jeffery Centre. Please join us to listen to keynote speakers (including students in the film) and enjoy some light refreshments and finger food as we celebrate Harmony Week.

Please RSVP or direct any further queries to Gillian McLeod on 0499 299111.

**St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program 2018**  
This Tuesday 20th March at 7pm in the Monsignor Jeffrey Centre we will be having our first gathering - **Information and Welcome Evening.**

At least one parent of children enrolled in the program or planning on enrolling their child are asked to attend.

Enrolments can be lodged at the end of the evening. Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office. For further information please call Laura on 58212633 Monday.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
Palm Sunday (25th March) will be our last Children's Liturgy of the Word for this term.

During the season of Lent the children have been learning about and praying the Stations of the Cross, a beautiful prayer and meditation on Christ's sacrifice for us. This devotion has been long encouraged by the church.

Children's Liturgy will recommence on Sunday 22nd April.

### Foreign Coins

**When placing money into Planned Giving Envelopes or Piety Stall envelopes please do not use foreign coins.**

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
FOR A JUST FUTURE

**Caritas donations as at 11th March has totalled \$1033.10**

If you would like information about groups in St Brendan's Parish refer to the website or collect a Parish Directory