

## 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. ~ Fr Joe**

The official unveiling of William Cooper's Memorial Statue will be conducted by The City of Greater Shepparton and The William Cooper Memorial on Tuesday 27th March at 10am in the Queens Gardens, 187 Wyndham Street. Paul Desmond, the Director of the CEO, has been a key person in raising the substantial funds to make this tribute to a significant indigenous leader a reality. All Welcome

### Shepparton Parishes AFL 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. We welcome all your friends and families. All queries to Ashley 0412 475290.

### First Spiritual Exercises Retreat 22nd April-19 May 2018

This retreat is for: Men & Women, Young & Old, Married or Single.

It is designed for people just like you. The retreat allows you to continue your ordinary daily life with its usual round of going to work caring for the family or whatever is the shape of your busy life. The retreat will guide your prayer and reflection on life within your daily routine.

Find the brochure at the back of the church or the Parish office.

For more details contact Paul White 0437 290950.

### Afternoon of information on the life of St Ignatius

Presented by Isaac Demase SJ, former parishioner of Shepparton & Paul White member of the Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality.

**15th April in the Mons Jeffrey Centre behind St Brendan's Church from 2.00pm—4.00 pm.**

All welcome.

### Volunteer with Palms Australia— Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty"

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family!

Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/volunteer/](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/)



### Youth Ministry Worker – Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

Emily Crossland has been appointed to the Youth Ministry Team to work in the Diocese in various events and gatherings in this Year of Youth.

### Palm Sunday Ecumenical Service >> this Sunday 25th

At Mt Major near Dookie at 6pm. Gates open at 4pm. BYO everything—chair, rug, food thermos, water, torch, insect repellent. Have a picnic and stay to see the stars. All welcome.

Follow Midland Highway to Dookie College turnoff and follow the signs to Mt Major. (Wet weather—meet at the Uniting church Hall, Curtain Street, Dookie).

### Divine Mercy Sunday >> 8th April

Will be held at St. Brendan's Church at 1pm, DVD screening of "Time For Mercy" 2pm Exposition 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.

### Annual Retreat for Catholic Women >> 16th to 18th April

"The Annual Retreat for Catholic Women"

will take place at Camp Curumbene, 138 Darrigan Road, Corop beginning with Mass at 5pm on Monday 16th and finishes with lunch on Wednesday 18th April. The Retreat is organized by the Catholic Womens' League (CWL) whose objective is to promote the Spiritual, Cultural, and Social development of Women, promoting their Role in the Mission of the Church, promoting Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, and the Vocations of Marriage and the Single Life.

The CWL also promotes the Teachings of Christ, the Sacred Dignity of each human person, and fosters inter-faith dialogue. Cost is \$220. Please bring own bed linen, blankets, pillow, towel, toiletries. All Women are welcome whether or not you belong to the CWL.

There will be no bus this year. For further information please contact Margaret Lucas on 5862 1080 or email: [margaretal@dodo.com.au](mailto:margaretal@dodo.com.au).

### Ice Breaker GV Invites you to

The free Christian Concert. Easter Monday 2nd April.

"Jesus Power of the Resurrection"

At Mons Bones Hall 3pm to 6pm

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

### Part-time Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

A part-time Unit of CPE will be conducted in Wangaratta in second semester 2018, from 3 July to 21 November. The course will be conducted by the North-east Victoria CPE Centre. CPE is one of the most highly recognised programs of supervised education for provision of spiritual and pastoral care, and is rarely available outside the metropolitan area. It carries extensive credit in tertiary religious and theological study programs. It is highly recommended for anyone contemplating working in pastoral or spiritual care especially in a professional role, or in a volunteer capacity, and also for those working in other helping professions. Flyers are available in the Parish office or we can email one to you.

# WELCOME TO SHEPPARTON CATHOLIC PARISHES



Fr Joe Taylor, Parish Priest

Fr Sebastian Mandapathil, Priest in Residence Fr John Paul Pasala, Associate Priest

Passion (Palm) Sunday 25th March, 2018 Year B

Readings for this week:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Passion of Mark 14:1-5:47



Readings for next week:

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Colossian 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

### Looking at the Readings

By the time the gospel accounts came to be written, it was more than 35 years after the death of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark is now very widely held to have been the first of the four gospels, written in about the year 70 CE. One of the reasons for the writing of the gospels was the fact that those who had walked and talked with Jesus were becoming old and dying. There was a sense of capturing the story before the last eye witnesses were gone. This is very evident in the Passion narrative from the gospel of Mark. One can almost hear an elderly voice dictating the events: 'then this happened ...; then he said ...; then we all thought ...' Like so much of this particular gospel, there is very little embellishment. It's like an old time detective show, 'Just give us the facts!' The gospel of Mark presents the story of the Passion as a sequence of events with little commentary or theological reflection. (That is partly why it lends itself so well to being read by several voices.) One of the best examples that the gospel is a straightforward recollection of events is the inclusion of the scene in Gethsemane when the young man ran away naked. No storyteller would create such a bizarre, unexplained event.

### Blessing of the Holy Oils

#### The Chrism Mass for 2018

will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, at 11.00am.

Parking around the Cathedral can be limited so please allow time to find a suitable park in the nearby streets.

If you have a disabled person or one of limited mobility, you are welcome to drive in the cathedral driveway on the McKenzie Street side to leave your passenger near the North Transept door where there is a wheelchair-friendly entrance (no steps). You will then need to find a suitable car park outside the cathedral grounds.

All parishioners of the diocese are warmly invited to this very significant Mass.

### Reconciliation times for Holy Week

St Mel's Church, Tuesday 27th March 6pm to 7.30pm  
including First Reconciliation for the children.

St Brendan's Church, Wednesday 28th March  
5pm to 6.30pm



### 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 Church

Vigil Mass 7pm

Easter Sunday 1st April

9.30am and 5.30pm.

#### St Brendan's Church

Holy Thursday 29th March

Combined parishes

at St Mel's Church

Good Friday 30th March

Passion of the Christ 3pm

Stations of the Cross 8pm

Holy Saturday 31st March

Vigil Mass 7pm

Easter Sunday 1st April

8am and 11am

#### St Mary's, Mooroopna

Holy Thursday 7.30pm

Good Friday 3pm

Holy Saturday 7.30pm

Easter Sunday 10am.

#### St Mary's, Dookie

Easter Sunday 9.30am.

# ST MEL'S PARISH NEWS

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Office Hours:  
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*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.

### Weekend Mass Times

Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm

### Lectors & Commentators Sunday 1st April, 2018

	Comm	L1	L2
9.30am	D Poppa	E Westblade	J Avard
5.30pm	T Kelly	I Valoia	R Legalo

**HOLY WEEK** is the highpoint of the Lenten season. It opens with the procession with blessed palms and the gospel reading of the passion and death of our Saviour. The triumphal entry into Jerusalem ended on Calvary but we know that Good Friday led to Easter Sunday. The biblical readings and prefaces extol the virtue of conversion of life, the need to fulfil our baptismal promises, joyful acceptance of daily trials for the love of God and unselfish service to all who need our assistance.

### Recently Deceased: Grace Jakob

**Anniversaries:** Vincenzo Campi, Antonio Parlapiano, Vittorio Ciampone, Nicolina Ciampone, John Hewitt, Claudio Aloï, Cosimo Aloï, Giuseppina Cavallaro, Jarrod Reinking, Nunziata Sibilìa, Rocco Nicolaci, Maria Nicolaci, Lenny Calandro, Don Chilcott, Giuseppina (Giulia) Calandro, Michael Francavilla, Antonetta Rostana (Rosati), Giuseppina Longo, Nazzarena Tassone, Teresa Conte, Rocky Iaria, Scarcella Roco, Antonino Iaria, Cicilia Iaria, Vincenzo Martino & Annuziata Cardillo, Sam Gardani

**Prayers for the Sick:** Ben O'Donoghue, Teresa Devot

### 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 **Maddison Curtis, Stella D'Elia, Lochlan Flynn, Maya Irvine, Eliza Kealey and Ebony Kealey.**

**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".

**MUSIC FOR EASTER:** Music practice for the celebrations of Holy Thursday at 6.00pm and Easter Saturday at 7.00pm will be on Monday 26th April at 7.00pm in the Church. All interested singers and musicians are welcome. Thank you, Maureen Munro.

### ST ANNE'S ENROLMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

**Thursday 19th April 2018, 7.30pm** at the St Mel's Parish School Hall. Enrolment application packs will be available on the evening with enrolments open as of 19th April. Thank you, Dom Poppa, Principal - St Anne's College, 72 Wendouree Drive, Kialla 3631. Phone: 0408 596354 www.sackialla.com.



### 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, NO MASS HOLY THURSDAY  
Thursday Ave Maria Village 4.30pm.

**Reconciliation**—Saturday morning 9.30am to 10.30am

### Readers & Commentators 31st March & 1st April, 2018

6pm	M Keyte	D Tarquini
8am	D Teitzel	J Zampaglione
11am	M Sarkady	S Pivac

Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates and their Sponsors who have been preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday night:

*Deng Mading Deng, Sev Cortese*

*Elsie Dunning, Barbara Mangles*

*Robyn Daunt, Jane Sullivan*

*Alyssa Ridd, Hayden Frizzell*

*Nicole Collie, Rebecca Tyack. Nicole will be joined by her son, Sam, who will also be baptised.*

All parishioners are welcome to celebrate this special occasion after Mass. (A plate of supper would be greatly appreciated).

The **new rosters** for Lectors, Ministers & offertory will commence on 8th April. If you **don't** want your phone number circulated please contact the Parish Office. Rosters will be emailed next week.

**Mackillop Faith Light** will gather on 15th April for Mass. We are having a garage sale to fund our annual retreat and we are looking for goods to sell. Contact Denise on 0432 054003

### Sacramental Program.

All enrolments in the 2018 parish Sacramental Program need to be lodged at the Parish office no later than Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. For more information please contact Laura on 5821 2633 Monday or Wednesday.

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 8am & 11am, Syro Malabar Rite 5.30pm

**Meditation** Thursdays 7.15am in Mons Jeffrey Centre

### Recently Deceased: Betty Taylor

**Anniversaries:** Stan Bicknell, Elena Zito, Beverley Warburton, Angela Nicolaci.

**\*\* There is NO MORNING MASS on Holy Thursday \*\***

**BIG NEWS** . . . Our long serving housekeeper, **Celie Hicks**, is to retire soon. As of Holy Thursday she will start her accumulated annual leave and will retire after that. We will have a farewell for her before she finishes.

### ST. BRENDAN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2018

This year St. Brendan's Feast Day will be celebrated on the 20th May after the 11am Mass.

The Theme this year will be "Families of the Parish" This will include our school children, Stronger Group, Faith and Light Community, Mums and Dads, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, all our Parish family.

The Committee has met just recently and plans are on the way. **HELPERS are needed** on the day to help with the craft activities and the BBQ.

If you can help please contact Irene Garla on 5823 1311 or email garla.irene@gmail.com I would really love to hear from you.

### Altar Society Volunteers

*Additional helpers are needed for:  
Holy Thursday 29th March 2.30pm  
Easter Saturday 31st March 1.30pm*

*Please see notice board in sacristy for further details or phone on the number below. Thank you to all for all you do!  
Andrea 0407 096440 Thanks ladies! See you Friday!*

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word during the school holidays. We will resume on Sunday 22nd April.

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. She is now a young social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.**

**A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

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

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