

WELCOME TO

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH



St Brendan's Parish is a Child Safe community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

22 August 2021

First Reading Jos 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from
the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and

sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

For the last few weeks we have heard a number of readings from chapter 6 of the Gospel of John focusing on the teaching of Jesus that he is the Bread of Life, come down from heaven. This reading is the last in the sequence and shows the reaction to Jesus' teaching. What Jesus has been saying in this discourse is incredibly confronting to his Jewish audience. Jesus asserts that he has come down from heaven – from the Father – and that through knowing him one can know the Father. Jews were the first people to have a concept of one God. This belief did not allow for any spouse or child of God, nor any personal manifestation. They struggled with what Jesus was saying because his claim to have come down from heaven could be seen as blasphemous. No wonder many of them walked away from Jesus and wanted nothing more to do with him!

Jesus gives an interesting response to them. He tells them that it is the spirit that is important, not his human flesh, and that the spirit is what he has been sharing with them through his words and actions. He is trying to say to these faithful Jews, don't be hung up about the fact that I'm here in person, listen to my message as you've never heard it before. It is an interesting thought for our modern audience as well. How often do we fail to hear the message of Jesus because we are dismissive of the way in which it comes to us; the messenger; or the circumstances in which we hear it? The message is all the more confronting when it comes from an unlikely (or even unlikable) source. The message of Jesus is to be found in our everyday encounters with everyday people.

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am

Saturday 8.30am *Syro Malabar Rite*, Sunday 5.30pm *Syro Malabar Rite*

Rosary— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday mass.

Holy Hour— Thursdays 7pm to 8pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament— Fridays 5pm to 6pm

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation Saturday 10am to 10.30am (in the Church)

St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program 2021

The Children will be Confirmed by Fr. Joe and celebrate their First Eucharist at the following masses:



Saturday 21st August 6pm,
Sunday 22nd August 11am,
Saturday 28th August 6pm and
Sunday 29th August 11am.

Margrethe Calinao

Priscilla Care

Koby Charles

Rhiannon Charles

Tobias Cheng

Edward Freeman

Archer Gemmill

Setive Irabaheta

Jodella Iradukunda

Isabelle Kenny

William Kenny

Nyota Mtambala

Nadia Niyubushobozi

Chloe Raleigh

Annabelle Ralston

Georgia Ralston

Kaila Rosato

Emily Rowe

Lachlan Schroeders

Louise Schroeders

Siraya Sciuto



Logan

Chinemerem Joel Eziokwu

Harman Kellett

Scarlett Kelly

Isaac Lacey

Kiesha Lacey

Jude Magill

Isabella McCormack

Paige Meddings

Olivia Moore

Sophie Pritchard

Jorja Rachele

Nathaniel Roe

Baxter Simpson

Catherine Tierney-O'Hara

Alexander Watkins

Heath Watkins



These beautiful children will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church this weekend.

Please remember them & their families in your prayers.

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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Deacon: Rev Francois Baguma
Office Manager: Diane Teitzel
Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9am - 2pm
Child Safety Officer: Paul White, phone 0437 290950



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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Christine Fenn, Rose Clurey,
Eliza Dunne.

Readers & Commentators

6pm, 8am, 11am Sacramental Masses

Due to the **current government restrictions** there are no spaces available for parishioners at these sacramental masses:

**6pm Saturday 21st August;
11am Sunday 22nd August;
6pm Saturday 28th August
and 11am Sunday 29th August.**

There will be an extra mass on Sunday at 9.30am for parishioners.

We encourage parishioners to book in for 9.30am mass with the link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BRXTH>
(Other mass times not available)

Bookings close at 2pm Fridays. If you have any difficulties or cannot book yourself, please contact the parish office, we're happy to help.
It's not necessary to book weekday masses.

Women's Group

Women's Group gathering will be held next **Friday 20th of August at 7.00PM** at the Mons Jeffrey Centre. Come and spend time in the friendly atmosphere. Reflection : Marie Madeleine d'Houet - A Women For Our Time, Presentation - St Maximilian Kolbe. Following meeting will be on the 17th of September 2021. Please mark the dates in your calendar. Anyone new to the parishes is very welcome. For more detail email bozena59@yahoo.com

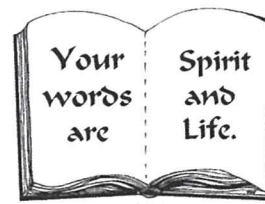


Copies of **CARITAS NEWS** are available. This Winter Edition focusses on EMERGENCIES and how communities, with your support, are surviving and thriving beyond the crisis.

ST BRENDAN'S DEB BALL 2022

The St Brendan's Deb Ball for 2022 will be held on Friday 27th May. If required we will also hold a second Deb Ball on Saturday 28th May.

Anyone interested who would like to participate in this wonderful night please email the Deb Ball co-ordinator (Mary-Ann) at mbarton@vefinance.com.au and a Registration Form will be forwarded to you.



There are a limited number of printed copies of the latest **Sandpiper eNews** in the church for those who don't have access to the internet.

Child Safe Update

Team: Fr. Joe, Sr. Agnes, Kathy Hunt, Di Teitzel and Paul White.

Does St. Brendan's Parish take Child Safety seriously?

Are our staff/volunteers screened, background checked & child safe trained?

Do we have a child safe policy & code of conduct?

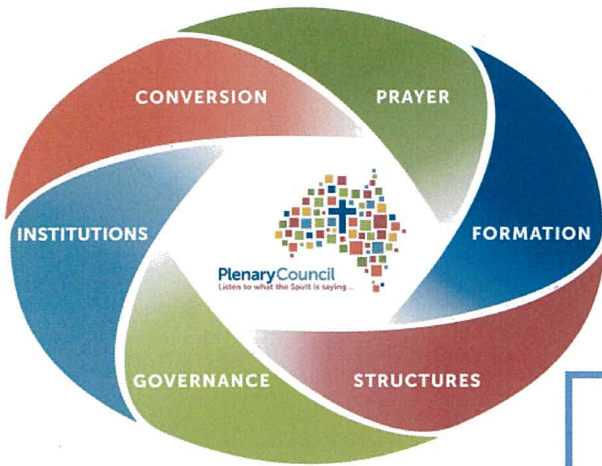
Do we try to involve children in our decision making processes?

Do you store my data securely and maintain privacy principles?

Do you have procedures for handling complaints of abuse?



FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA AGENDA



Governance

- How might the People of God, lay and ordained, women and men, approach governance in the spirit of synodality and co-responsibility for more effective proclamation of the Gospel?
- How might we recast governance at every level of the Church in Australia in a more missionary key?

Legion Of Mary Centenary Celebration

Legion of Mary Centenary Celebration at Mary Help of Christians in Heathcote on Saturday 4th September.

Program - Mass at 10am, 11am Holy Hour and Benediction, 12noon Talk, 1pm Lunch, 2pm Talk, 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

Enquiries - Fr. Peter - 5433 2030 or 0430 964224.

Frank Duff founded the Legion of Mary in Dublin, Ireland, in 1921, and it is now a world-wide Lay Apostolic Organization at the service of the Church, and under Her guidance. It has the two-fold purpose of the spiritual development of its members, and of advancing the reign of Christ in our world through the Blessed Virgin Mary. Legionaries attend a weekly Meeting of Prayer, Spiritual Readings, and instruction, and they perform two hours of Apostolic work each week for the Church.



Spirituality in the Pub

at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on

MONDAY 30th August

7.30 – 9pm

(meals from 6pm optional). The Plenary Council's First Assembly is in October. The Agenda has been announced and the delegates (members) are in the final stages of preparation. What are the priorities for the Plenary from your perspective? Sandhurst delegates, Ruth Lawlor & Cathy Jenkins, are coming to listen. Come & join this opportunity to reflect together in the lead-up to the Plenary Council. See flyers in the church. (Venue capacity during COVID is 60 so plenty of room!)

Enquiries to: Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 0407 587527 or Fran 0409 012228.

Social Justice Sunday Next Sunday 29th August

Catholic Women's League Retreat

Wednesday 29th September 10am
and Tuesday 19th October 10am

Enquiries to Margaret Lucas 5862 1080
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A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia
Emergency Aid for Haiti. *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN International)* has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and immediately approved an emergency aid package of half a million Euros (\$800,000 AUD) for the Haitian people. In response to this, ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to provide help for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are going through a very hard time. To donate visit www.aidtochurch.org/haiti

Especially in remote and non-Christian areas, the faith is often nurtured via faith-based TV and radio programs. For over thirty years ACN has supported the *Catholic Radio and Television Network* which provides programming to networks in developing countries which do not have the means to buy or produce Catholic content. These programs are seen and heard by about 36 million people worldwide every day. Can you help ensure that the faith is available in every corner of the world? Visit

www.aidtochurch.org/media

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Teresa Hodal, Communications Coordinator

A Zoom for everyone.....



'Ephphatha? Be Thou Open?',

Saturday 28 August 2021, 10am-4pm (AEST) via ZOOM.

This reflection event using a journal / creative materials offers you time and sacred space to be set apart and companioned to explore new ways of attuning and responding to your experiences. You are invited to participate in a self-paced personal journey of sensitively and privately opening your heart to your inner feelings. You will be supported in using various forms of expression to unfold layers of meaning. As a means of valuing and holding your insights, you will be encouraged to capture experiences and reflections in a creative journal of your making. Participants will use their own simple art or creative materials and journal. A suggestion list will be provided to help you choose a few play elements. Led by Margaret Trainor, qualified in spiritual direction and art therapy, for Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

'Pondering Grief' (Reflection event via ZOOM),

Saturday 4 September 2021, 10am-3.30pm (AEST). *Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator Linda Espie, this event provides the opportunity to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Limited to 10 participants. Cost \$60. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BTQNX>. For more information, contact Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.*

Alive in the Spirit

Being The Community Christ Calls Us To Be

There are some great online workshops at 'Alive in the Spirit' that may be of interest.

For information go to: <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au>

Some examples are below:

- **Kindred Spirit – Grief Care & heartfelt** Paige Bullen and Bridget Sakr
- **Leadership for Ministry in a Synodal Church** Honorary Professors Charles Burford and Anne Benjamin
- **Listening Circles** Liz O'Callaghan & Vic O'Callaghan
- **Ministering to a Church in Trauma** Patricia Thomas & Jane N Dowling
- **More Than Just a Hunch: Utilising Evidenced-based Resources for Pastoral Planning in your Parish and Diocese** Dr Trudy Dantis & Mr Stephen Reid
- **Pastoral Ministry – Our Baptismal Calling** Sophy Morley
- **Practical Guide to running RCIA in a parish** Max Norden
- **Releasing the Joy of the Gospel in the Parish, One Person at a Time** Pina Bernard
- **Resources for RCIA** Sharon Brewer
- **Setting Hearts on Fire: Using Music as a Tool for Evangelisation** Michael Mangan
- **Seven Qualities of Effective Parish Pastoral Councils** Richard McMahan
- **Spirituality of ageing – but it is not for me, is it?** Sr Grace Roclawska CSFN
- **Sport and Spirituality aka Faith and Fitness** Helene O'Neill
- **The Gift of Difference** Paul Harris and Rev Peter Maher
- **The Gift of Pope Francis: A Story of Shadows and Grace** Brother Mark O'Connor FMS
- **The Good News: Evangelising through Social Media** Franchesca Arroyo
- **Youth Ministry: A Salesian Perspective** James McMahan

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 August 2021 - Year B

"To whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life."

Something to Think About

Think about the kinds of decisions you make each day.

Perhaps you have to think about what to wear, and what you would like for breakfast. What other choices do you make?

The Story

Many people were finding it too hard to follow Jesus, and so they were turning away from him. In the gospel story we hear today, the disciples too were faced with the important choice of whether or not they were going to follow Jesus. Simon Peter declares that there is no one else that they can go to. He tells Jesus that the disciples have faith in him, because the words of Jesus give eternal life.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

6:65-69

Jesus said,
"You cannot come to me,
unless the Father makes you want to come.
That is why I have told these things to all of you."

Because of what Jesus said,
many of his disciples turned their backs on him
and stopped following him.

Jesus then asked his twelve disciples if they were going to leave him.
Simon Peter answered,
"Lord, there is no one else that we can go to!
Your words give eternal life.
We have faith in you,
and we are sure that you are God's Holy One."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video and sing: [I have decided to follow Jesus](#)



Group Discussion

Will we follow Jesus, or will we choose to follow someone or something else?

Who else or what else might people choose to follow?

It may not always be easy to follow Jesus, but to whom can we go? Who else offers eternal life?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader: We pray that we will choose to follow Jesus in our lives. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who do not know Jesus. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray that we will listen carefully to God's word. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for generous and forgiving hearts. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear God,
We thank you for Jesus, the only
one to whom we can go for the gift
of eternal life.
Teach us to listen to Jesus' words.
Amen.

Group Activity

FOLLOW IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS

You will need: a worksheet for each child, coloured pencils or coloured markers. You may like to provide glitter glue for children to add to their creations.

Invite children to add colour to the footprint as they think about following Jesus in their lives.



Follow Jesus



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