

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.

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 November 2020



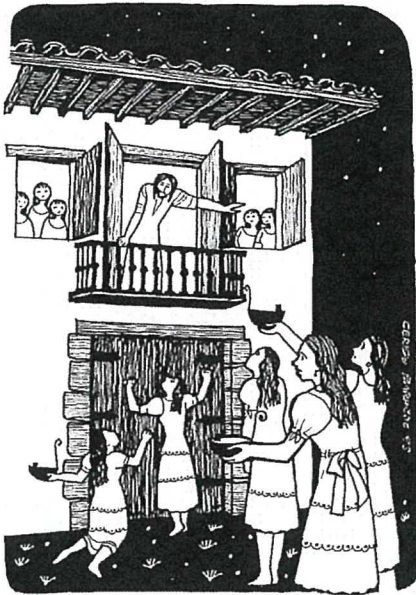
Readings for  
this week:

Wisdom 6:12-16  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30



## Liturgical Jottings

### Communion Antiphon

"The purpose of the Communion Chant or Antiphon is to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist. The singing is prolonged for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful. However, if there is to be a hymn after Communion, the Communion Chant should be ended in a timely manner.

Communion Antiphon or some other suitable liturgical chant approved by the Conference of Bishops. This is sung either by the choir alone or by the choir or a cantor with the people."

*General Instruction to the Roman Missal 2010, no.86-87*

## Looking at the Readings

The parable of the ten bridesmaids is among the most of his humorous ones. Jesus' listeners, who were hearing it for the first time, must have been wondering where this most improbable story is leading. At each turn, the parable was getting funnier. The twist is in the tail. Five maids are inside and five are left out in the cold and dark. For the first few decades after Christ's Ascension, his followers believed he would return soon, at least in their lifetime. The Good News was spreading, Gentiles were becoming believers, there were times of persecution and peace, and new generations of Christians were replacing the first generation. Perhaps he is not coming soon. This parable and a few others about the Master leaving and returning give similar messages: We do not know the time; be ready always.

With the context of the first reading, we find that we are not only invited to the wedding feast: eternal life, but also invited to be sharers of wisdom: to be the sensible ones. God's wisdom is actively searching for us, and we are searching for it: "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God, ... for you have been my help and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy" Ps 63:1,7 (Responsorial Psalm)

## Prayer for the Week

Brighten your Church, O God, with the promise of your kingdom and waken our hearts to its light. Bid us hasten with faith undimmed to greet the bridegroom's return and to enter the wedding feast. (from 1998 ICEL Missal)

## Pope Francis' Encyclical on Fraternity and Social Friendship

"Fratelli Tutti" (Brothers and Sisters All) With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. Of the counsels Francis offered, I would like to select the one in which he calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother "as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him". In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives. (Introduction)

## On the Lighter Side

"Light thinks it travels faster than anything but it is wrong. No matter how fast light travels, it finds darkness has always got there first, and is waiting for it." Terry Pratchett





### **Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 8am & 11am  
Saturday 8.30am Syro Malabar Rite  
Sunday 4.30pm and 6pm Syro Malabar Rite

### **Weekday Mass Times**

Tuesday to Friday 8am and 9.15am,  
Friday 5.30pm Syro Malabar Rite

## **Mass in the Church 'TRYBOOKING' for MASS TIMES**

***Following Government Guidelines allowing 20 people plus one (1) faith leader.***

***Enter via the west side of the church.***

Bookings for Masses are **OPEN**. You can click on this NEW LINK on the TryBooking Site to make your booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMKWT>

Follow the **YELLOW** boxes when booking. When you get to "Transaction Successful" you're finished. No need to print a ticket.

**WEEKDAY Mass Times** for now are 8am AND 9.15am.

*For all these Masses you must make your booking prior to 2pm the previous day.*

If you are unable to utilize the TryBooking site please contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633 to record your attendance.

### **Catholic Women's League 2020**

On behalf of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) of Victoria and Wagga Wagga, we would like to share our strength and beliefs as Catholic Women.

Our objectives are to promote the spiritual, cultural, intellectual and social development of women.

Our headquarters are in Melbourne at Mary Glowrey House, a spacious Victorian home located at 132 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy. Named in honour of Mary Glowrey, an Australian born medical doctor and religious sister. Mary was elected as first president of the League in 1916. Mary gave up her career as a doctor to dedicate 37 years of medical and spiritual service to the people of India. She became known as Sister Mary of the Sacred Heart. Mary Glowrey House also provides short term, low cost accommodation for people from regional areas undergoing medical treatment or visiting relatives in city hospitals.

CWL members receive a discounted rate.

We work in conjunction with the Sandhurst Diocese and our Spiritual Director, Father Ferwerda and also Father Joe Taylor, our parish priest at St Brendan's..

Our meetings enable us to say the rosary and pray for the unwell. Also to address social and moral issues. We have a scripture reading each month followed by a discussion.

We present submissions to local and federal government on many issues including euthanasia, abortion, pornography and other issues that violate our beliefs.

During the recent coronavirus pandemic we have kept in touch with members by telephone and delivering our monthly magazine 'The Horizon.' This helped to address the social isolation of our members. It is wonderful to see how many friendships have developed from our meetings. The easing of restrictions has enabled us to recommence Mothers' Prayers undertaken in a private residence.

We welcome new members to join us at our monthly meetings to share Christian beliefs and friendships with a cuppa in a relaxed environment.

~ Hazel, CWL President, Shepparton ~ Judith, CWL Secretary, Shepparton

***The Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter is looking for a Project Coordinator for 2021. This person will need to oversee the smooth running of a program that provides mobile crisis accommodation involving a number of church venues across the months of June, July and August. If you are interested in this role and would like more information then please visit our website for more details at <https://gswnshester.wixsite.com/mysite>***



# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

## Mass Intentions for November

*These intentions will be prayed for at masses during the month of November. There are yellow envelopes on the table inside the side entrance for you to use for this purpose if you need it.*

## 2020 Melbourne Cup Sweep Results

**Congratulations** to 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner

Margaret Farrell (receiving \$300) with her horse Twilight Payment; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner Celie Hicks (receiving \$150) with her horse Tiger Moth and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner of \$50 goes to Peter Naughton with his horse Prince of Arran. Prize monies were less this year as we were unable to sell tickets via our usual method and we didn't really know how well this Fundraiser would be supported. However we are pleased to report that a profit of \$814 was made.

THANK YOU to all our punters out there who supported the Parish. A bigger THANK YOU goes to our Melbourne Cup Sweep Team and their efforts. Hopefully our 2021 Sweep will be bigger and better next year.

Congratulations to all winners.

Many thanks to Mary Pelly and her team for all their hard work with this fundraiser.



*Welcome Back!*

## St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group

will be having their monthly lunch (finally!) at the Goulburn Valley Hotel, on the 1st floor balcony, on **Sunday 22nd November at 12.30pm.**

Due to current restrictions the booking is strictly limited to 30 people.

This means only the first 30 to book will be accepted. Bookings to Pat Simpson on 58211269 by 18th November.

Love to see you there!

## Remembrance Day

**11am Wednesday 11th November**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

~ In Flanders Fields by John McCrae



## Your 'Tap' helps our Parish 'Go' on

Over the past 8 months (March – October) our loose collection has dropped considerably to an average of \$206/week. During the same period last year our average loose collection per week was \$1,450. Our latest 'electronic' additions to our Parish is our TAP N GO devices.

Each of our machines are set to \$8 per tap.

**One tap = \$8; Two taps = \$16 etc**

Either Credit Cards or Debit Cards can be used. **No receipt** can be issued from these devices. We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to St Brendan's Catholic Parish. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**



## Remembrance Book



For the month of November the Remembrance Book will be on the table inside the west side entrance of the church. You are invited to enter the names of your loved ones at any time throughout the month. Our special Remembrance Book for Babies is also located in this side entrance near the beautiful enclosed Remembrance Garden.



## ***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)***

We would like to welcome the following people to St Brendan's Parish  
as they are fully initiated into the Catholic Church this weekend:

*Arina Silum—whose sponsor is Maree Geisler*

*Michelle Christy—whose sponsor is Gillian McLeod*

*Michelle's son Sean.*



Last week we welcomed:

*Colin Kalms and children Charlie, Mia and Evie.*

*Melissa Wells and children Evie & Noah.*

*Kelly Fasano and children Nathan, Ryan & Angela.*

*Please keep them all in your prayers.*

### **Pathways for Families 2021**

is now available online.

The Sandhurst Diocese  
'Pathways for Families 2021'  
online resource contains a  
wide variety of live links to in-  
formation, networks and re-  
sources to enrich, interest and  
support families in their con-  
tinuing journeys in Faith, Prayer,  
Spirituality, connections to  
the wider community, and  
much more. We hope you may  
enjoy exploring — via comput-  
er, smartphone or tablet.

Go to: [https://  
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.a  
u/item/1747-pathways-for-  
families-2021](https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1747-pathways-for-families-2021)



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### ***The Pastoral View***

What a wonderful celebration we enjoyed last weekend in our Parish. We have nine new members to St Brendan's Parish, checkout our Parish face book page for pictures. The challenge now is for us as Parish to make these new parishioners feel welcomed, and included. I find it helpful when thinking of how we can do this? I put myself in their shoes. They are very new to this thing we call Church. Attending Mass is something we are familiar with, we know the routine, the response, when to sit, what to do so as not to stand out or even not to offend. Our new Catholics are unaware of many of the things we take for granted. We can keep an eye out for them at Mass, introduce ourselves, sit with them and ask them how they are finding things, do they have any questions. We as Parish now step into their world and do the work, such as make sure we know who these people are and get to know them. This is the ongoing work of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. When we return to Masses their pictures are displayed at the rear of the Church.

This weekend we welcome Arina Silum, Michelle Christy and her son Sean. Arina and Michelle started on this journey, to become a Catholic by acts like I have explained above. A friend Mona Meidie invited them to join her at St Brendan's for mass, Mona being a woman of great faith from Malaysia. As they stood around after Mass one of our Parish friendship group introduced herself and in the course of the conversation invited them to join the group for lunch. They accepted and the next week visited our Parish office to inquire about baptism and joining our Parish. Arina and Michelle have experienced hospitality from St Brendan's Parish and have said we want to be part of this community. Please continue to make them feel welcome.

~ By Anthony Kilmartin, Pastoral Associate

### ***Warm Hearts Project***

We would like to thank Notre Dame College VCAL students for putting together bags for us to give to people who are homeless and/or doing it tough in our community. These bags include a blanket, a hand made hat and scarf, a hair brush and socks. "Heavenly Father—My neighbour has nowhere to call home: help me be aware.

My neighbour needs love and community: help me be active.

My neighbour is crying out for Justice: help me be adamant ... to see an end to homelessness."

NDC Year 12 VCAL 2020 Work Related Skills.