



Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

Thursday 15th August

St Brendan's 9.15am, 11am (Mercy Stadium), 12 noon.

St Mel's 9.15am, 10.30am (Italian), 12 noon & 6pm.

Thursday 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

Historical Background

Although some scholars insist there is no historical data to prove the historical fact of the Assumption, apart from faith there is also strong and reasoned data to support the event.

Firstly at no time in history has Christendom venerated a grave or tomb of the Blessed Virgin.

Until the 5th century of Christianity there was not even a legend concerning her place of burial.

There is absolutely no relic of Our Lady's body in existence; nor has any person or city ever claimed possession of such a relic. From the earliest times of the Church, the faithful venerated the remains of the Saints. Relics of the Apostles and of thousands of martyrs are preserved in shrines and caskets. The sacred remains of Mary could not have been lost or neglected.

In the first sixteen centuries of Christianity no reputable theologian or school of theology ever questioned the dogma of the Assumption.

In addition there was also the solid and deep-rooted conviction among the first Christians that something extraordinary happened to Our Lady at the moment of her departure from this life. This found expression in writings, sermons, devotional practices, and prayers to Mary "assumed into heaven", and was followed by churches, religious orders, cities and nations across the world dedicating or consecrating to her under the title of Assumption.

~ Excerpt from www.catholicweekly.com.au

Men's Group

Men's Group will meet next Saturday 17th August.

We gather for a meal, and a faith reflection. The men's group shares with each other all that we are, our questions, our faith stories and we seek to support one another through the ups and downs of life. Any questions to Anthony on 5821 2633.

Voice for Silent People

The next meeting is on Sunday 18th August at 7pm in the Cooper room in the Mons Jeffrey Centre. All welcome.

Coming Events . . .

(All welcome to these events — details in later bulletins)

7th & 8th September 24 hours of Prayer & Fasting for Unity & Revival, 9 Pine Road, Shepparton.

12th October Public Square Rosary, St Brendan's garden

13th October Annual Marian Festival, Cathedral Bendigo

13th October World Wide Global Rosary

16th October Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay, Cathedral Bendigo

Youth & Young Adults News

St Brendan's Stronger Group – Movie Night

Saturday 17th of August - 7 pm till 9.30pm

The Movie is "Breakthrough"
Soup and Popcorn provided.

Contact St Brendan's via email for information.

Stronger Retreat 2019

August 23rd-25th, This year's Stronger Retreat is shaping up to be an unforgettable weekend.

Please pray for the success of the retreat.

SYM Stronger Rally

Friday September 13th, Marian Centre Mooroopna

The next Stronger Rally returns to Mooroopna this September! Genevieve Bryant, an incredibly gifted musician from Melbourne, will be leading everyone in Praise and Worship. The evening will begin with dinner followed by games, music and talks before ending with Eucharistic Adoration.

SYM How to Pray Workshop Day

Saturday, September 21st, St Joseph's Church, Axe Creek (Bendigo)

All young people aged 15-35 are invited to a day devoted to prayer. Sandhurst Youth Ministry will be hosting this free event for young people to hear about and experience different styles of prayer. The day starts at 10am with lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided. Evening Mass will conclude the day, beginning at 6pm.

ACYF '19 Perth December 8th-10th

The *Australian Catholic Youth Festival* is coming up at the end of this year from December 8th-10th in Perth. In 2017 ACYF Sydney saw around 20,000 young people come together to celebrate their Catholic faith. ACYF is open to those aged 15-30. If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with the Sandhurst Youth Ministry Team before August 19th.

Cost is \$1,690 pp, which covers flights, accommodation, registration, as well as most meals.

Weekday Mass times this week at Mooroopna

Tuesday and Wednesday Communion Service at 6pm,
Thursday 10am, Friday 10am.

WELCOME TO SHEPPARTON CATHOLIC PARISHES



Shepparton Parishes are Child Safe communities. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 11 August 2019



Readings for this week:

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48



Readings for next Sunday

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53



Liturgical Jottings

The Second Reading

There is a semicontinuous reading of the Letters of Paul and James (the Letters of Peter and John being read during the Easter and Christmas seasons). Because it is quite long and deals with such diverse issues, First Corinthians has been spread over the three years. Also the Letter to the Hebrews is divided into two parts over Year B and Year C. Only readings that are short and readily grasped by the people have been chosen.

A pastoral criterion must also guide the choice between the longer and shorter forms of the same text. The main consideration must be the capacity of the hearers to listen profitably either to the longer or to the shorter reading; or to listen to a more complete text that will be explained through the homily.

General Introduction to the Lectionary (2nd Ed) 1981 nn 107,80.

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Looking at the Readings

This Sunday, the second reading comes from the Letter to the Hebrews. We start semicontinuous readings of the final chapters over four weeks. (see Liturgical Jottings). Unlike other Sundays in the Ordinary Season where the first reading relates to the Gospel and the second reading is largely independent of the other two, this Sunday the first and second readings relate to each other.

The passage from the Book of Wisdom is a summary and a spiritual interpretation of the original Passover meal and the exodus from Egypt to the promised land. The experiences recalled in this reading are continued in the second reading. Both passages (Wisdom and Hebrews) are centuries after the events they recall. Both express the covenant God made to his people, the faith communities that are formed and the anticipation of the promises made to Moses and to Abraham. Three activities are celebrated: past events of the history of our salvation, the present gifts of God to his people, and the celebration of these that point to the glorification still to come.

Regarding the Gospel of the Day Greg Sunter (liturgyhelp.com) reflects: This week's gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late first century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ. The communities were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. By the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 50+ years after the resurrection, the language has taken on an uncertainty about the timing: it could be sooner or later ('It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third...')

Prayer for the Week

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people. Prayer of St Teresa of Avila d 1582

On the Lighter Side

The examples of Jesus' humour and wit are plentiful. Naming Peter, this impetuous, overly eager apostle, "the rock" is amusing. Again what fool would place a lamp "under a bushel basket or under a bed and not on the lampstand?" (Mk 4:21) Or what trusted master would beat his servants (Luke 12:45)? These examples encourage us to hear Jesus' message with fresh ears, to discover a new aspect of his divine brilliance and to meet him with renewed joy and laughter in our hearts.



ST MEL'S PARISH NEWS

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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

Tuesday, Wednesday,
 Thursday & Friday 9.15am Mass
 Saturday 9am followed by Reconciliation.

Weekend Mass Times

Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm

Lectors & Commentators Sunday 11th August 2019

	Commentator	L1	L2
9.30am	Sev Cortese	Chris Summers	Camille Kelly
5.30pm	Tim Kelly	Therese Holland	Luisa Cassise

Recently Deceased: Eileen Barlow, Ruth Fewings, Giuseppina Varapodio.
Anniversaries: Giuseppe Primerano, Fay & Rupert Whetton, Dino Mariani, Emilio Andreola, Maria Cortese, Christine Fenn.
Prayers for the Sick: Emidio Restall, Rosemary Walker, Vic Apostol, Angela Wilkinson, Mick Hanlon, Graeme & Andrew.

REFLECTION FROM FR. PETER

We are hearing and reading a great deal of environmental issues facing the planet and importantly the relationship the environment holds within our life and our share in this. A synod will be happening soon on the state of the Amazon. In October this year Church leaders across the world will gather with Pope Francis to have a conversation under the title: "The Amazon: New paths for the Church and for an integral ecology". The Amazon might in many thoughts be a world away from our Goulburn Valley it is a region of our global community seen as very poor. Indigenous peoples face discrimination while deforestation threatens livelihoods. Priests face challenges ministering across terrains in areas we find hard to imagine.

I read a great deal about this recently through Fr Paddy Sykes, who is the chair of the National Council of Priests of Australia. Fr Paddy, a contemporary of mine offers a thought whereby here in our country we are discerning possibilities through the Plenary Council 2020 of people and their heritage and culture of discerning ways where we can be more authentic in living with diversity and interest. Issues relating to our environment are there for a strong consideration and action.

While the gospel setting is for the night time of living like having one's lamp alight, where the night awakens different reactions where for some it is time to quieten down, to make sure the locks are secured. It's still a time to bring reflection upon the household of faith and where our environmental openness to the spirit enables thinking to parts of our world like the Amazon and the acute changes happening.

It's easy to live in the Church knowing our personal points of view do matter, it's still more important we let issues of a different kind impact our faith and spirituality and where as a Church we live broadly in hope and where renewed confidence for our natural environments give awareness of who we become together.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The Gospel relates about selling of possessions and making sure our purses don't wear out! a little thought offering invitation to all we hold to and give value.

We keep in mind our families whose children are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Gatherings are happening presently in the cluster groups as they deepen their formation. We keep them in our thoughts.

SANDHURST PRIESTS IN-SERVICE DAYS. -

This year we gather at Moama. The dates set down are Monday evening 19th August to Thursday 22nd. Fr Peter



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Sacramental Profiles

You are invited to read the candidates Sacramental Profiles arranged around the Church. Their research gives 'Joy to the Heart'. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers.

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- This Thursday August 15th. There will be a number of Masses offered on this day. 9.15am, 10.30am {Italian} 12pm {both Schools} and 6pm. All Masses will be celebrated in the Church. Fr Peter

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST

This day locally and nationally is one of importance to us all. It would be great to have representatives bring their flags of nationality into our Church gatherings on this Sunday. More to come. Fr Peter

Guess who reaches the ripe old age of 60?

Congratulations Debbie Elliott who celebrates this milestone on Wednesday THIS WEEK! Debbie as you know works with Ainsley on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. And for Ainsley who celebrates her birthday on the 10th, Ainsley would prefer we don't know her age just yet!!!! Fr Peter

ST MEL'S PARISH DEBUTANTE 2020 -

Expressions of interest are now being taken. Please see the flyer in the front of the church.

HAPPY HOUR - There will be no Happy Hour during August as time does not permit. The next Happy Hour will be on Thursday 12th September. More information about the theme for this date will follow.

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. **In recess until 19th August**

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

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

Office Hours: Mon & Tue 9am - 3pm | Wed - Fri, 9am - 4pm

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am, Thursday 29th August 9.30am, Thursday Ave Maria Village 4.30pm

Reconciliation - Saturday mornings 9.30am to 10.30am

Holy Hour - Thursdays 7pm to 8pm,

Readers & Commentators 17th & 18th August 2019

6pm	P Stein	D Sullivan
8am	G Jelliff	P Guthrie
11am	J Pilkington	S Quilty

We warmly welcome Fr Varghese Vithayathil to St Brendan's Parish who arrives here this week. We wish him well in his new role.

Cup of Tea - after 11am Mass in Mons Jeffrey Centre

Our next cuppa will be this Sunday 11th of August after 11am Mass. Notre Dame Collage Parents and Friends Association are our hosts. It is a great way to meet others so please stay around to have a cuppa and a chat together. *Thank you to all the organisers.*

St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group

The group will meet for lunch next Sunday 18th August at 12.30pm at the Peppermill Bistro, 7900 GV Highway. Come along and meet some friendly people in your parish. Any enquiries please call Pat Simpson on 5821 1269.

2019 Stronger Retreat Sponsorships

The Sandhurst Youth Ministry Team would like to ask those who may feel called to sponsor a young person to attend the Stronger Retreat to please contact us. Cost is \$175. Contact Sandhurst Youth Ministry at youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or call 5441 2544.

Piety Store

Our Piety Store has been recently restocked and includes beautiful Confirmation & Communion Cards, Rosary beads and statues

ROSTERS—Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Offertory and Greeters.

The new roster period commences on 24th/25th August and rosters have now been emailed or posted to everyone on the rosters. If you haven't yet received your roster please contact the office.

Thank you for your dedication to these Ministries. Your commitment is truly valued.

Footy Tipping

With three rounds left, we have three equal leaders in the parish tipping competition. Lindon McKenzie, Jacob Preston and Michael Frizzell are all tied on 114. Fr. Joe is in 15th position on 106.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm,

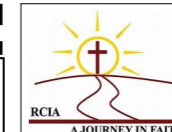
Sunday 8am & 11am,

Sunday 5.30pm Syro Malabar Rite

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays 3pm to 6pm

Recently Deceased: Betty Mangles, Eileen Barlow (Mother of Sr Pam Barlow), Ruth Fewings (Mother of Fr Andrew Fewings).

Anniversaries: Bonnie Kilmartin, Anna Maria Martino, Maria Cortese, Geoff Taverner, Des Parker, Lyndon Bicknell, Maria Victoria Fava.



Would you like to become a Catholic?

Do you know anyone who would like to become a Catholic?

We're having an enquiry evening soon

Our Parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process begins soon. This process is one of the many opportunities we have to share the beauty of our faith with others. It is what sustains the growth of our Parish Community.

I would ask that you have the ears to listen to the voice of others who might like to join our faith community and bring them along to our enquiry evening.

Thursday 5th September, 7.30pm

Monsignor Jeffrey Centre.

if you have any questions please call Anthony 58212633.

Mass at Maculata Place Wednesday 14th August 10.30

Parish Sacramental Program

Bishop Les Tomlinson will be here to celebrate **Confirmation and First Eucharist** for our candidates on Friday 23rd August 6.30pm, Saturday 24th August 6pm and Sunday 25th August 11am.

On Thursday 29th August our candidates will attend the morning mass for their **Celebration Mass followed by a Party on the Lawns.**

Please note mass will be at 9.30am on this day.

At the masses on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September our candidates will be presented with their **Certificates.**

Parishioners are asked to please continue to pray for our candidates and their families as they continue this journey of faith.



Confirmation