

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.

## First Sunday of Advent, Year C

28 November 2021

### First Reading Jer 33:14-16

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow  
for David,  
who shall practise honesty and  
integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be  
called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1**

*(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and  
teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who  
stray,  
he guides the humble in the right  
path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*
3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant  
and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those  
who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. *(R.)*

### Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12-4:2

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'



### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

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# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

**Recently Deceased:** Marie Treacy, Michael Kerlin

**Anniversaries:** Tess Love, Doreen Townsend

**Readers & Commentators** - 4th & 5th Dec 2021

6pm	C. Dainton	M. Keyte
8am	P. Guthrie	L. Boschetti
11am	P. White	S. White

**URGENT URGENT URGENT**  
**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CALLED FOR**  
**MORE HELP IN THE SACRISTY**  
**(We need at least 8 more people)**

**Weekends and/or Weekdays**  
**You will NOT BE EXPECTED to**  
**work alone but in TEAMS**  
**EVERYONE PLACED ON ROTATING ROSTER**  
**Enquiries to Andrea Hayes (0407 096 440)**

## **Advent leaflets for 2021**

After we have coped with challenging COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, 'The Journey Onwards' is the theme of the Sandhurst Diocese Advent leaflets for 2021.

The direct link is the news item

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2049-advent-leaflets-2021-news>

These simple resources for individual or small group reflection and prayer, draw upon Scripture readings for Advent, the insights of 'Fellow Travellers' from our faith tradition, and reflections on 'The Way', a movie about a famous pilgrimage - the Camino de Santiago.

## **Pray25 Advent Prayer Challenge with Hallow**

Prepare for Christmas this year with the Pray25 Advent Challenge with Hallow!

Use this code to download the Hallow app and get started!

<https://hallow.com/share/2RB6TA>

## **COVID UPDATES** **FOR MASSES**

### **8AM SUNDAY MASSES**

(Maximum 50 people)  
UNVACCINATED, SINGLE VACCINATED or those  
NOT WISHING TO DISCLOSE  
THEIR STATUS  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL—Max 50 people  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BRXTH>

### **6PM SAT and 11AM SUN**

**UNLIMITED NUMBERS**  
**FULLY VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19**  
**(includes all those aged over 12 years)**  
**PROOF OF VACCINATION**  
**MUST BE SHOWN**

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

9.15am Tuesday to Friday  
NO BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED  
(Maximum 50 people)  
**NO PROOF OF VACCINATION**  
**STATUS IS NECESSARY**



### 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 9.45am to 10.30am



## SACRAMENTAL MASSES

These children will be Confirmed and celebrate First Holy Communion at the 6pm and 11am Masses this weekend



Mapenzi Berte

Jemma Daunt

Zoe Demase

Chinemerem Eziokwu

Edward Freeman

Harman Kellett

Jude Magill

Brody Mason

Cobey Mason

Paige Meddings

Olivia Moore

Noah Napier

Liam Napier

Sophie Pritchard

Jorja Rachele

Nathaniel Roe

Nadia Rullo

Catherine Tierney-O'Hara

Margrethe Calinao

Priscilla Care

Tobias Cheng

Archer Gemmill

Elizabeth Hazelman

Jacob Hunter

Scarlett Kelly

Angela Kitungano

Isaac Lacey

Kiesha Lacey

Julian Moroney

Damon Moroney

Annabelle Ralston

Georgia Ralston

Kaila Rosato

Lachlan Schroeders

Louise Schroeders

Siraya Sciuto

Francisca Tunumafono

Francesca Tunumafono

Setive Irabaheta

Jodella Iradukunda

Nadia Niyubushobozi

*We ask parishioners to please continue to pray for our Sacramental Candidates and their families.*

### DAILY MASS BOOKS for 2022

For sale in the Piety Store for \$25 each.

Limited copies are available.

**SERRA CLUB MASS—3rd DEC 2021 @ 7.15pm**

Cuppa after Mass in the MPJ Centre

### YOUNG ADULTS REFLECTION GROUP

The Young Adults Group of St Brendan's Parish invites young men and women aged between 18 to 40 to join their weekly gathering. We meet every Friday at 6.00pm at the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre (behind the church building) as we reflect on the Sunday Gospel. Come as you are! All Welcome.....Don Pena

## Men's Group

The men's group has been gathering during the last year, depending on restrictions. Our next gathering is Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of Dec at St Mel's Parish. We are a group made up of men from many different Parishes in this region. There is great diversity and good discussions. The meetings offer a unique space to share our lives and our experiences of faith.

Our meetings start at 7.30am and normally are finished within an hour, so people can attend and then continue their daily activities.

Enquiries: Anthony Tues or Thurs on 5821 2633.



### **ST BRENDAN'S DEB BALL: 2022**

The St Brendan's Deb Ball for 2022 will be held on  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

If required we will also hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> Deb on and  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Anyone interested who would like to  
participate in this wonderful night please email the  
Deb Co-Ordinator (Mary-Ann) on  
[mbarton@vefinance.com.au](mailto:mbarton@vefinance.com.au) and a  
Registration Form will be forwarded.

### **VOICE FOR SILENT PEOPLE**

**FUNDRAISER for ORPHANED CHILDREN**

**IN THE D.R. CONGO**

**Saturday 4th December at 6pm Mass**

**Sunday 5th December at 11am Mass**

**WHAT'S FOR SALE?**

**WALNUTS and HANDMADE SOAP**

### **Save the Date**

**Altar Society Christmas Luncheon**

**Thursday 16th December @ 12.30pm**

**All past and present members welcome.**

**More info to come soon.**

**Andrea 0407 096 440**

"Care for Creation", we are on a Care Trip, caring  
for the Earth as Pope Francis writes in "Let Us  
Dream"; "it is A Time to See, A Time to Choose,  
A Time to Act".

**Everybody is welcome to join us on  
Wednesday, December 1st at 3pm-4.15pm at  
St Brendan's Parish Office.**

If interested, phone 58213300 or email

[selinaquilty@bigpond.com](mailto:selinaquilty@bigpond.com)

### **St Brendan's Friendship Group**

**INVITES YOU to join with us for a celebration of  
Christmas joy with a lunch on SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER  
at the Sherbourne Hotel. Bookings are essential.**

**NO BOOKING, NO ENTRY.**

**Contact Graham on 0439 401 357 or**

**Marg on 0427 267 263.**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE 30th November.**

**Must be fully vaxed and all requirements  
will be adhered to.**

**Limited to 30 persons.**

### **NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE PACKS**

#### **NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION**

The next lot of planned giving CASH envelopes can  
now be collected at the back (Narthex) of the church.

**NEW ENVELOPES COMMENCE AS OF**

**SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER.**

### **REPORT FROM CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL HELD IN TALLYGAROPNA (Hunt Residence) ON 13/11/21**

**\$1,000 was raised to support the L'Arche Home.**

**Thank you to everyone who contributed  
to this success.**

### **Pope Francis on Advent**

Advent is the time to welcome Jesus' coming, as He comes as a  
messenger of peace to show us the ways of God." , Jesus urges us  
to "stay awake" for His coming. The image of staying awake does  
not mean keeping one's eyes literally open at all times, but means  
having one's heart "free and oriented in the right direction" by  
offering ourselves for the benefit of others in service.

*Angelus Message 1 December 2019*



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