

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.

The Most Holy Trinity, Year B

26 May 2024

First Reading Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below; there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation See Rv 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

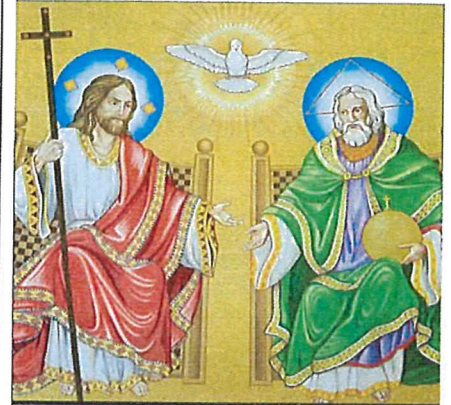
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up to and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The Easter season celebrates some of the most important events and beliefs in Christian tradition. In the last seven weeks, we have remembered Jesus' Last Supper with his friends (regarded as the institution or establishment of the Eucharist); Jesus' death on the cross; the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday; the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples; the Ascension into heaven; and finally, the Holy Spirit filling the disciples at Pentecost. They are events that have shaped Christian belief for nearly 2,000 years. They provide the basis of beliefs and teachings such as: Christ present in the Eucharist; the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of resurrection for all people; the divinity of Jesus; and the ongoing action of the Holy Spirit in the world. The period of Easter-Pentecost celebrates these truly momentous events, beliefs and teachings.

Almost to round off this extraordinary focus on Christian beliefs and teachings, the Church this week celebrates the central doctrine of Christian faith: the Trinity. The belief in the Trinity is the belief that there are three 'persons' in the one Godhead: Father; Son; and Holy Spirit. The understanding and articulation of this doctrine occurred over time and was not until well after the writing of the gospels and other New Testament letters. Consequently, there are no specific scriptural passages that identify explicitly the doctrine of the Trinity. This week's gospel passage, the commissioning of the disciples from the Gospel of Matthew is perhaps the closest any New Testament writer comes to an expression of the Trinity when Jesus instructs the disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am



Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm,

Saturday 8.30am, Sunday 5.30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

Rosary— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Thursdays 7pm to 8pm and

Fridays 5pm to 6pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.

Recently Deceased: Denise Lenon

Anniversaries: Catherine Mary Naughton, Ida Landini, Angela Maria Sfirro, Giuseppina Loverso, Kathleen Keyte, Rosa Scarcella.

Readers & Commentators June 1 & 2, 2024

6pm	D. Tarquini	M. Keyte
8am	G. Adams	P. Guthrie
11am	M. Fontana	TBC



PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM ENVELOPES AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who is on our Planned Giving Program. NEW envelope packs are now ready for collection in the Narthex.

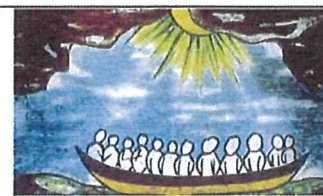
These envelopes all commence on June 2, 2024.

We ask that you collect your packs as soon as possible as this will assist us greatly in cutting down our postage costs. If you have *any questions or concerns* please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633.

We encourage anyone who would like to come on to our Program to give the office a call.

Thank you to everyone who contributes financially to St Brendan's. Your generosity not only assists us with current costs but also helps us to plan for our future.

The St Brendan's Faith and Light community will meet again Sunday, June 2 in the MPJC after the 11am Mass.



St Brendan's Church
Anointing Mass, 11am,
Wednesday June 5.

Something to think and pray about each day this week:

We only start to pray when we start to love, because love is the litmus test of all prayer. Have I loved? If so, then I have also prayed. Do I love? If so, then I am really praying. Am I growing in love? If so, my prayer is deepening as well.

Jesus taught us that prayer is love by teaching us the Our Father, because every line of this prayer has something to teach us about love. The first loving aspect to this prayer is that we begin by loving God enough to place ourselves before him as 'Our Father'. We begin by contemplating his tenderness and greatness. We ask that he may be loved and that his eternal plan may be realised. In other words, we start this prayer by focusing on God and not on our selves. As a rule, when we pray, we instinctively give first priority to our own needs: we tell God what we want. We don't pause long enough to consider his desires. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to put God and his plans in first place.

Thomas G. Casey SJ, *The Mindful Our Father*

Sacramental Program 2024

Sacramental Children have celebrated their first Reconciliation over the past 2 weekends, we congratulate them as they discover the wonder of God's forgiveness.



Presentation Mass

This weekend at all our Masses Sacramental Candidates will receive their Confirmation workbook. Candidates will begin preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.



Adult Faith Gathering & Information Evening.

Parents and Carers are reminded that THIS Tuesday May 28 at 7pm we will have our next Adult Faith Gathering & Information evening for Confirmation. We will be meeting in the Mons Jeffrey Centre (behind the church).

At least one parent is expected to attend. Children do not need to attend.

Parishioners are asked to please keep our Sacramental candidates in their prayers.



On behalf of the 50th Wedding Anniversary married couples at St Brendan's, we'd like to sincerely thank Fr Joe, Fr Jackson and the amazing team who helped organise the brilliant day of celebration. It was an absolute honour to join Fr Joe on his special day and our thanks go out to the entire Parish for making it such a memorable day. With thanks, David and Kerry Gawne

Fr Varghese and Fr Sebastian will visit St Brendan's to celebrate Fr Joe's 50th anniversary of priestly ordination. They will also join us on **Tuesday, May 28**, at the 9.15am Mass. Please join us afterwards for a cuppa in the Parish Centre, and say hello to Fr Varghese and



Fr Sebastian, who have both been faithful priests for the Syro-Malabar community and part of St Brendan's Parish in previous years.

Our next **Men's Group** meeting will be held on Saturday June 1, in the MPJC 7.30am. We will welcome Fr Simon Robinson from the Anglican Church in Mooroopna.

Fr Simon will share a little of his story with us, and also some of the key projects he is passionate about at the moment. Fr Simon is seen from the outside as a non traditional priest, riding his motor bike and wearing leathers. God works through the ordinary life experiences of each of us, it is always great to hear how God works in the lives of all people.

Join us for breakfast and what should be a great morning. Any questions please call Anthony 5821 2633.



NEW ROSTERS

If you would like to be added to or removed from a roster, please contact the Parish Office as the new rosters will be sent out late June.



OUTDOOR AND INDOOR FURNITURE

There is still indoor and outdoor furniture needing to find a new home in the carport close to the tennis courts at the Presbytery.

These items include desks, tables, television cabinets, chairs and more. Please help us find a new home for these items, if you can.

They can be collected at any time free of charge.

Many thanks. God bless, Fr Jackson.

We give thanks to Sr Rosemary for her presence in our Parish, her volunteer work in the Parish office for 11+ years and we wish her well in new home at St Catherines aged care, North Balwyn.





Sunday, May 26, we celebrate NATIONAL SORRY DAY when we commemorate the Stolen Generations. This event marks the beginning of National Reconciliation Week with the theme **NOW MORE THAN EVER** – a time for all Australians to learn about our shared

histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Learn more at <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/> The Australian Bishops' Office have prepared a Resource for Sorry Day which continues the theme of their current Social Justice Statement, *Live, Love Learn: A New Engagement with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples*.

You'll find both at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/> and for their Laudato Si Resource from the Indigenous perspective go to <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/04/30/laudato-si-week-2/>

19-26 May



All creation reflects the beauty and blessing of God's image: in our climate, the weather that shapes our planet, the seasons that give a rhythm to our life, and our own internal fluctuations.

The Parish office will be closed Monday, May 27 and will reopen at 9am, Tuesday, May 28.



Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Day – 31 May, 2024 Every May, the CF community comes together to help others learn about the disease and share stories about the difficult moments in their day-to-day lives which show their resilience and determination. Another invisible condition, this is a life-shortening and, currently, incurable disease. People with CF face daily challenges and push through against enormous odds.

CF primarily affects the lungs, airways and the digestive system, evident in saliva, sweat, tears and mucus. Sticky mucus causes the pancreas to malfunction, trapping bacteria in the lungs and causing recurrent infections. Constant medical treatment and physiotherapy are necessary.



Donate your used postage Stamps to a good cause and Thank you!

For many years, people in the Diocese of Sandhurst have been saving their used postage stamps and sending them to Sr Ursula, a Mercy sister.

The Mercy Sisters then sell the donated stamps and use the proceeds to fund their Mercy Works projects. For example, buying basic toiletries for women in prison in Papua New Guinea or school supplies for children in Timor.

We recently sent 5 parcels of stamps to Sr Ursula's group and so far over \$5,000 has been raised from this and sent to a very vulnerable group of people who live unsupported in West Papua.

Sr Ursula wants parishioners to know how much good has come from donating their used stamps and asked that we keep on saving our old stamps, they can be given to your local parish, who will pass them on to the Mercy Sisters, via the Chancery.



MASS ATTENDANCE COUNTS

The annual count held each at each Mass during May will conclude this weekend.

National Volunteer Week 20-26 MAY 2024
Something for Everyone

Thank you to all who volunteer in our Parish. "Volunteering is a grace from God, please accept it with strength. Volunteers are the strength of the Church". Pope Francis.



For all your eye care needs, you can contact Ashley and Vanessa Madeira at The Eye Shop. P: 5821 0311 enquiries@eyeshopshppardon.com.au Locally owned business servicing Shepparton for 35 years.

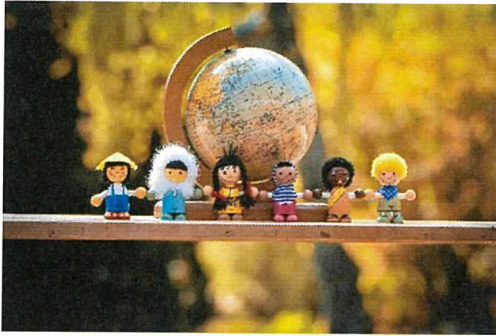


The month of May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary



PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



Trinity Sunday

26 May 2024 - Year B

“Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Something to Think About

Who is God? What is God like? How would you describe God to someone?

The Story

We believe that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When you make the Sign of the Cross, what words do you say? You will hear these words in the gospel reading today. Jesus told his disciples to baptise people in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These are still the words used to baptise people today.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet him. They saw him and worshiped him, but some of them doubted.

Jesus came to them and said:
"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth!
Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples.
Baptise them in the name of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
and teach them to do everything I have told you.

"I will be with you always,
even until the end of the world."

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

Video

Click to watch the video: [Let's pray the Glory Be!](#)

Group Discussion

God is Mystery and cannot be fully explained with language or symbol. Invite children to share their thoughts about what God is like? They may have some favourite images that help describe some quality or characteristic of God eg God is like a friend who listens to me; God is like a mother who cares for me; God is like a father who fixes things for me; God is like the ocean which is powerful.

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 1: We pray that we will spend time with God each day. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for peace in the world. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for people who are sick or sad. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for our families and friends. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that people will work to protect God's creation. 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 our prayers in the name of the risen Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end.

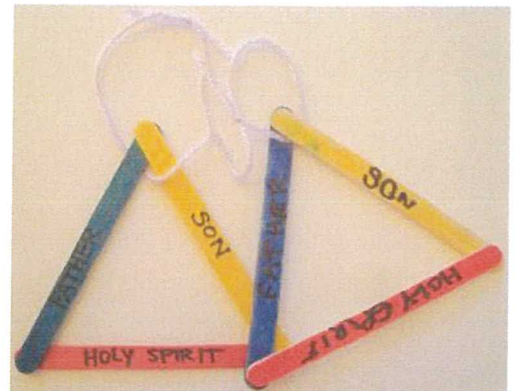
Amen.

Group Activity

Trinity Triangle

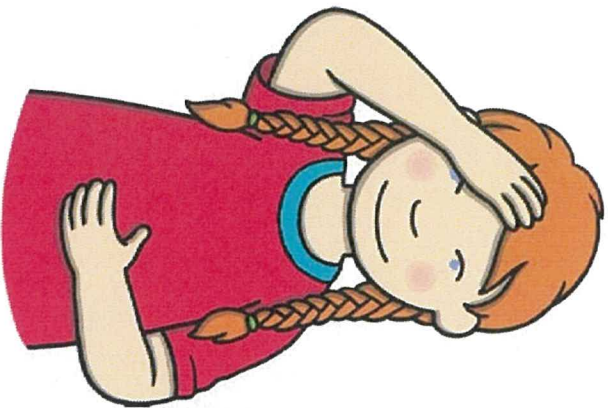
You will need: paddle-pop sticks, coloured markers, craft glue, wool or string

1. Give 3 paddle-pop sticks to each child.
The children colour each stick in a different colour. Colour both sides of the stick.
2. Children can copy the word 'Father' onto one stick, 'Son' onto another, and 'Holy Spirit' onto another.
3. Children place the sticks in a triangle shape in front of them on the desk, and then glue them together. They may require adult assistance.
4. Tie a piece of wool or string around the top so that it can hang up.



MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IS A PRAYER ASKING GOD TO BLESS US

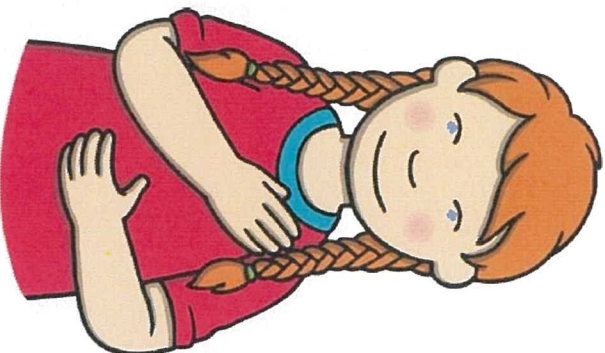
PRACTISE USING YOUR RIGHT HAND TO MAKE A BIG CROSS ON YOURSELF
THEN WRITE THE MISSING WORDS UNDERNEATH



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