

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.

Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

7 April 2024

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

or

(R.) Alleluia.

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

*Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Sunday April 7, 2024
Daylight Savings ends at 3am.
Don't forget to turn your clocks back by 1 hour.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am



Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6pm, Saturday 8.30am, Sunday 5.30pm

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-8pm and Fridays 5pm-6pm

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Recently Deceased: Bernard Broadhead, Armando Pesavento, Maria Fiore, Sr Catherine Flynn fcJ,

Anniversary: Teresa Borzillo,

Readers & Commentators April 13 & 14, 2024

6pm	M. Keyte	D. Tarquini
8am	D. Teitzel	L. Billings
11am	I. Garla	TBC

WHITE SMOKE

It is with great pleasure that we announce the employment of a Parish Youth Worker: Emma Christy. She will work for St Brendan's Parish for 10 hours a week and will start around the beginning of next month.

RECOILIATION ON SATURDAY

There will *not be* Reconciliation offered on SATURDAY April 13.

ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Jackson is currently on Annual Leave in America.
 He is due home on 26th April.

Defibrillator Review will be conducted *AFTER* Masses on the weekend of 13/14 April for those that are interested. It will only take 15 mins.



LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

During April the parishioners of St Brendan's are encouraged to donate new toiletries for the St Vincent de Paul Society to distribute to people in need in our community.



The following are items they prefer. Razors (packs of 3, roll-on deodorant, soap (scented or not), smaller size combs, 350ml size shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes (packs of 4), small hand packs of tissues.

Baskets will be placed under the offertory table for donations to be placed. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



St. Brendan's Church, 121 Knight St, Shepparton
 2pm Exposition and Confessions (several priests),
 3pm The Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song & Benediction.
 3:30pm Holy Mass, followed by veneration of the Divine Mercy Image.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday 10th April at 1.30pm in the MacKillop Room.
 All welcome. Enquiries to Lorelei Goodall 5798 5331.

Thank you to all who contributed to our collection through Tap-n-Go during March 2024.
 We received \$1,464.



ST BRENDANS' FEAST DAY VOLUNTEERS

WANTED: A Parish Expo and the launch of our new vision statement and logo will be held **Sunday, May 5**, after the 11am Mass.

We are looking for a committee of volunteers to help plan and run the events on the day. The intention is to have stalls of all of our parish groups and food available for lunch. This will provide an opportunity for us to get to know each other and build community. Please contact the Parish Office with your interest by Friday, March 1

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

(TO SUPPORT CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND)

Thank you for your generosity with the Good Friday Holy Land Collections. We received a total of \$1,530.50.