

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

29 October 2023

First Reading Ex 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. *(R.)*
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and

Achala since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achala, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Recently Deceased: William George O'Keeffe

Anniversary: Mary Coburn, Marj Breen, Glenda Hueston, Emma Hueston, Maria Antonia, Giuseppe Monaco, Pasquale DeMaria and Frank Demaria, Martin Leo Murphy, Lou Stein, Carmella Scarcella, Fr Chris Reay.

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.

Readers & Commentators November 4 & 5, 2023

6pm	D Tarquini	M Keyte
8am	F Smullen	V Rando
11am	P Crane	P Chalkley

Thank you to all who contributed to the Tap N Go collection of \$1,120 during September.



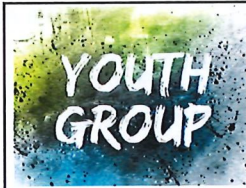
Melbourne Cup Sweep 2023

THANK YOU to everyone who has registered to go in the DRAW for our 2023 Melbourne Cup Sweep.

The draw for the horses will be made on Monday November 6 and those whose names draw a horse will be notified that day. Winners will be notified Tuesday November 7.



If you would like tickets please contact the Parish Office 5821 2633 by November 1. Thank you and may the best horse win!



There is interest in establishing a parish youth group. This is likely to be for those in years 9-12 at secondary school. If this is of interest to your teenage children, please contact Fr Jackson on 5821 2633 or email jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Upcoming Calendar of Events



Wednesday, November 1: All Saints Day Mass, 7am and 9.15am

Wednesday, November 8: Bereavement Mass, 7.30pm

Saturday, November 11: Youth Mass, 6pm

MUSIC Ministry

Expressions of interest are invited for people to assist with music at our parish Masses. We are looking for organists, drummers, guitarists, pianists and singers.

If you feel you would be able to assist us with music ministry, please contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633 or speak with Fr Joe or Fr Jackson after Mass.

Parish Morning Tea



Notre Dame College students are hosting a morning tea for all parishioners each Thursday after the 9.15am Mass.

All are invited. Please support this initiative.

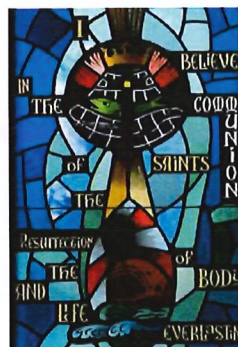


Year 12 Exams

Please pray for our year 12s at Notre Dame College, as they are currently completing their VCE exams. God bless, Fr Jackson (College Chaplain).

Billabong Nursery Cafe Cuppa

All Sacristans and ladies who help around the Church are invited to join us for a cuppa on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10.00am. Including Saturday, November 4. All enquiries to: Kath Smyth 0409 003 420.



**ALL SAINTS DAY
 November 1**

**ALL SOULS DAY
 November 2**

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am **PRAYING WITH CHILDREN**
SUNDAY LITURGY

Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm, 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 to 8pm and Fridays 5pm to 6pm

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

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

The Parish Bereavement Team invite all parishioners to our annual **Remembrance Mass** to be held at **7.30pm on Wednesday November 8.**

This is an opportunity to remember all our loved ones who have passed away during the last 12 months in particular, or at any time in the past.

A light supper will be served in the MPJC after the Mass.



This coming Friday, November 3, the **Serra Club** invite you to join us as we pray for more vocations and for our priests. This month of November we will especially remember those priests from the Diocese, who have gone to their eternal reward in the past 12 months.

Mass will be at 7.00pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue up to the beginning of Mass.

All are welcome. Please join us for a cuppa after Mass in the MPJC afterwards.



Altar servers Another altar server training session will be held on Saturday, November 4, from 4pm until 5pm. This will be held in St Brendan's Church.

Pizzas will be served from 5pm and the gathering will conclude at 5.30pm. This is open to all school-aged children, who have received their Sacraments.

Those who attended the recent altar server training session are welcome to attend again to gain confidence, if they wish.

Please RSVP to Fr Jackson on 5821 2633 or email

jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Sacred Space is an online resource for prayer and reflection which is made available to us by the Jesuits. Each day there is a short guided reflection on the Gospel, which goes for a few minutes.

This resource is available in 18 different languages. Visit the website via www.sacredspace.com

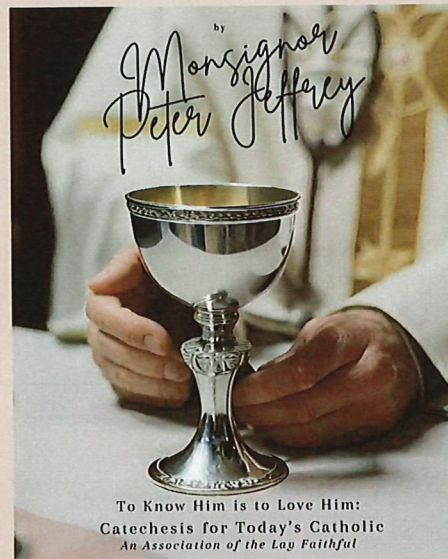


MacKillop Faith & Light group are looking for a shop in the CBD to hold their Christmas market. If you know anyone who could help, please contact Denise: 0432 054 003.



LIFE OF A PRIEST

60 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD



To Know Him is to Love Him:
Catechesis for Today's Catholic
An Association of the Lay Faithful

LIFE OF A PRIEST: 60 Years of Priesthood by Monsignor Peter Jeffrey:

Mons Peter will be sharing what priesthood has been like and celebrate faith. There will be time for questions.

A Light evening tea will be shared afterwards.

When: 7.00pm, Tuesday, October 31, 2023,

Where: Lecture Theatre, University of Melbourne, Shepparton Campus (49 Graham St)

Bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/life-of-a-priest-60-years-of-priesthood-by-monsignor-peter-jeffrey-tickets-739277297297?aff=oddttdcreator>

Enquiries to Vanessa: 0481 783 400



SCAN ME

Youth Mass



A Youth-led Mass will take place on

Saturday, November 11, at 6pm.

School aged children: Pizza and fun will be had afterwards in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre.

For details or to be involved, please contact callummgrath@notredame.vic.edu.au or zoe.hamilton@notredame.vic.edu.au

Young adults aged 18-35: Join us for dinner at the Terminus Hotel, please RSVP to Fr Jackson on jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Have you thought about priesthood?

A gathering for those thinking about, or open to a vocation to the priesthood, will be held at St Brendan's Catholic Parish Shepparton, on **Sunday, November 12, from 3pm**. The afternoon will include prayer, reflection and discussion. Dinner will be provided.

The gathering will conclude by 8pm. This is open to men aged over 18. RSVP is essential to the Vocations Director of the Diocese, Fr Nathan Verallo. Please phone 5722 1970 or email np.verallo@gmail.com



LOST AND FOUND

Due to the number of items left in the Church after Masses, a box is kept in the main entrance of the Church (Narthex).

These items will be kept for 1 month before being disposed of. Please check the box in case one of these items belong to you.



Charismatic Prayer Group

All are welcome to join us at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre on the following Thursdays: November 9 & 23 with our last meeting this year being held on December 14.



The Italian Remembrance Day Service at the Italian Memorial, located within the Murchison cemetery, will be held on **Sunday, November 12**, commencing at 11am and immediately followed by the celebration of Mass.

After the service we can gather in the Murchison Community Centre or the park near the river for a BYO picnic.

Please come along and support this unique event.

Attendees are advised to bring a chair and lunch if you remaining for the picnic.

*Il pellegrinaggio
al sacrario militare di*

Murchison per la 'Giornata del Ricordo' quest'anno si terrà domenica 12 novembre. La funzione inizierà alle 11am, e sarà seguita dalla Santa Messa.

Dopo la funzione ci riuniremo per il solito picnic al Murchison Community Centre, o all'aperto nel parco.

Vi aspettiamo numerosi a questo unico evento.

Ricordate di portare la propria sedia, ed il pranzo se rimarrete per il pomeriggio.

Per altre informazioni, telefonate a Maria Gardani Calandro: 0421 568 459, (Corrispondente Consolare per Shepparton e la Goulburn Valley).



St Vincent de Paul - St. Brendan's Conference



We are looking for a generous person with basic bookkeeping skills for the position of treasurer of our Conference. The role mainly involves paying bills, buying vouchers and record keeping. Our present treasurer has had to resign due to ill health. Please ring Patricia Crane (President) for expressions of interest and further information on 0428 346 347.

Caritas Australia Gaza Crisis Appeal



Around 1.4 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. Ongoing bombardments have destroyed homes, hospitals and essential water and sanitation infrastructure. People in Gaza are in despair with nowhere to run due to a land, air and sea blockade. *This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions*, Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. *With your help, we can support our partners on the ground responding to immediate needs:* www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

FAREWELL FR. PETER

All Welcome

Sunday,
October 29th
11:00am till
2:00pm

Where:
St Mel's School
grounds / Parish
Hall. Enter via
Hamilton St
gates.

A BBQ with
sausages in bread will
be available for all.
BYO any other meats
to cook, a salad or
sweets to share and
your own drinks
(no alcohol)

Some tables &
seating will be
set up.
BYO picnic rug
if preferred.



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