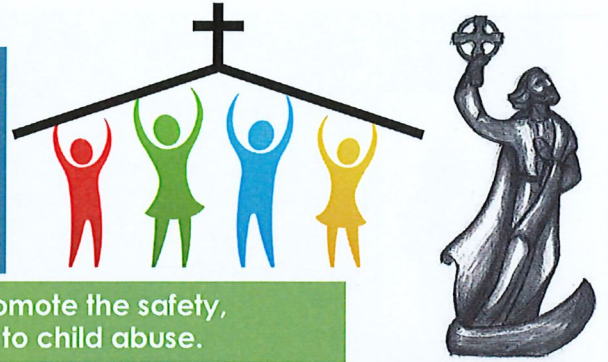


WELCOME TO

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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

21 January 2024

First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

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. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from
of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
(R.)
3. 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.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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WELCOME
to our
World Youth Day Pilgrims
A warm welcome to all Sandhurst
Diocese 2023 World Youth Day
pilgrims, who are joining us for the
6pm Mass this weekend and a
reunion afterwards.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who *brings* the good news, but who *receives* it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

The Parish Office will be closed, Friday January 26, 2024. Please email: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Readers & Commentators January 27 & 28, 2024

6pm	C. Segrave	L. Kelly
8am	D. Teitzel	L. Billings
11am	E. Christy	M. Amankwaah

50 Golden Years

Any couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year are very welcome to join Fr Joe for a short planning meeting.
Wednesday, January 24, at 5.00pm in the MPJC Centre.
If you're unable to be there, then please let me know.

PRESBYTERY RENOVATIONS

Fr Joe and the Finance Committee have recently given the green light to Nicholas Creations Pty Ltd to undertake some much needed internal renovations within the Presbytery. In particular:

- an ensuite upgrade,
 - interior painting of the entire presbytery,
 - some plastering work, carpentry and finishings.
- This work has been quoted to cost \$108,573.51.

As well as the above, we look to replace some carpeted areas with new carpets. We will also uplift very old carpet and bring it back to polished floor boards. This has been quoted to cost \$23,067.72.

We would be extremely grateful if you could assist the parish with a **ONE OFF DONATION** towards these renovation costs.

These can be made via EFT to the Parish Bank Account:

ACCOUNT NAME: St. Brendans Parish
BSB: 083 543
ACCOUNT NO: 48359 3006
REFERENCE: Renos. (your surname)

We look forward to commencing these works to breathe renewed life into our Parish Presbytery that in turn supports the parish, our priests and visiting clergy. If you would like any further information contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633. *Sincere thanks, Fr Joe*

**CUPPA after 9.15am Mass on Thursdays
has resumed. All are welcome.**



Recently Deceased: Margery Oliver, Joseph Ben

Anniversaries: Frank Kreuger, Bill Eagle, Christine Altamore, Peter Bourke, Patricia Bourke.



A sincere word of thanks to all who sent us cards and gave gifts to us over the recent Christmas celebrations. God bless, Fr Joe, Fr Jackson and Fr Joseph.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Carrying on the tradition started by Alf Seiter (RIP) with the Grotto Mass at Wunghu. The Macgill family invite you to our home to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation, the blessing of candles and praying for vocations.

Venue: 70 Tank Corner East Road, Lemnos

Date: Friday, February 2, 2024

Time: 7.00pm Rosary, 7.30pm Mass

Bring your own candles for "Blessing of Candles".

Please bring a plate to share and a chair.
Tea and coffee will be provided

All Welcome. Thanking you, Bernie Macgill 0403 884 131

CONGRATULATIONS SR BING 25 YEARS of HER PROFESSION

Sr Bing will be celebrating 25 years of her Profession on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 30.**

Everyone is welcome to attend firstly the 9.15am Mass on this day followed by a cuppa at the Parish Centre.



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