

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.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

24 March 2024

Gospel Jn 12:12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written: 'Fear not, daughter Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

First Reading Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
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Gospel shorter form Mk 15:1-39

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowds to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus

to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son 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: Celestine Mushagusa Bashimbe (mother of Francois Baguma), John Stent, Maria Papalia

Anniversary: Michael Francavilla, Carmelo Corbo, Domenic Demasi.

Readers & Commentators March 30 & 31, 2024

6pm	L. Annett	C. Segrave
8am	G. Adams	P. Guthrie
11am	M. Amankwaah	E. Christy

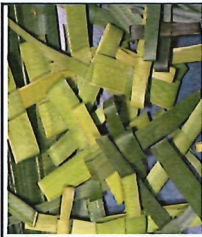
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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.

Please welcome our young people, who are leading us for a Youth-led Mass this Saturday night.

THE **PASSION** PLAY

All those partaking as the candle bearers for the passion play on Good Friday, are asked to be available for rehearsal on Sunday, March 24, (Palm Sunday) at 1.30pm. Please don't miss this as it is very important. Thank you, Graeme.



Thanks to Emma Christy and all, who have kindly made palm crosses for this weekend.

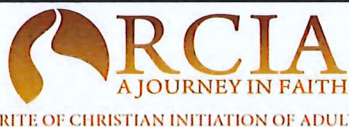
The Parish office will be closed Friday, March 29, and Monday, April 1.



We encourage parishioners to join us for a cuppa after the 9.15am Mass on Thursdays. It is a lovely way to meet fellow parishioners in a casual setting.



Our Parish Feast Day celebrations will be marked on Sunday, May 5. After the 11am Mass, there will be a parish expo with stalls in the Monsignor Bones Hall from 12.30pm until 2pm. People are asked to stay for lunch. More details to come. If you would like to be involved with the planning of this event, please contact the Parish Office or one of the organising committee members (Fr Jackson, Tiff Chandler, Kathy Hunt, Bozena Szczurek).



Our RCIA retreat day was held last Sunday in Kyabram, led by Kylie Smith from the Catholic Education Office. St Brendan's had 10 people attend. The day provided a great opportunity to deepen our understanding of God.



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am **PRAYING (w) 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 Church)



On the weekend of May 18 & 19, the parish will celebrate the 50th anniversaries of 7 married couples and Fr Joe.

The couples are celebrating their anniversaries throughout the year (with 3 all on April 27) whilst Fr Joe's anniversary is May 18.

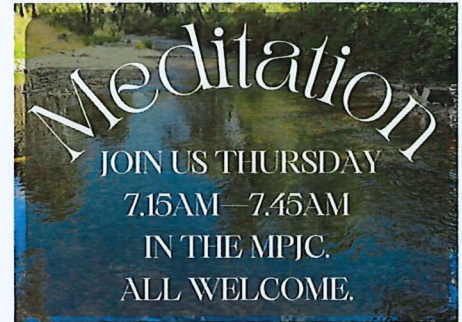
Fr Joe will celebrate the Mass on **May 18 at 6pm.**

(Coincidentally this will be the exact hour, day and date of his actual ordination, 50 years ago.) Fr Joe will also celebrate the **8am** Mass the next morning, **May 19.**

There will be a joint celebration of the couples with Fr Joe on **Sunday, May 19** at the **11am** Mass. After the Mass we will adjourn to Monsignor Bones Hall for food.

Please bring food to share with others, especially for many of our visitors who will have travelled long distances.

Dookie will not have their 9.30am Mass on Sunday, May 19 as they will come to join us at 11am for the joint celebration.



St Joseph's Parish, Beechworth

Since May 2021, Fr Mike Pullar has generously served as Priest in Residence for the communities of St Joseph's, Beechworth, and St Matthew's, Yackandandah, despite being already eligible for retirement.

In recent months, Fr Mike has been finding it more challenging to carry out this role, and he has now decided to retire from fulltime ministry.

He will conclude in St Joseph's Parish on Friday April 12.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Fr Mike well for his retirement, following his faithful service in the Diocese.

Yours sincerely,

+Shane Mackinlay



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment.

With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

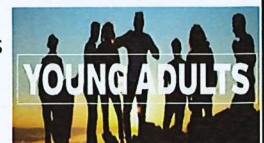
You can donate through Project Compassion envelopes, by calling 1800 024 413 or visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

The St Brendan's Parish have so far collected \$3,280, Thank you



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-35yo) Thursdays, 6 - 7pm

in the MPJC.
New members always welcome.



Please note, there will be no reconciliation available: Saturday April 6.

There will be no 9.15am morning Mass next Thursday, as the Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place that evening at 5.30pm.

During the season of Lent there will be NO recessional hymn – people will be asked to leave the Church in total silence.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2024

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 - SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 23 & 24

6:00PM SATURDAY VIGIL (YOUTH MASS)
8:00AM & 11:00AM SUNDAY



TUESDAY, MARCH 26

9:15AM LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION
11:00AM CHRISM MASS - CATHEDRAL BENDIGO
6.30 - 7.30PM RECONCILIATION



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

9:15AM DAILY MASS

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

5:30PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

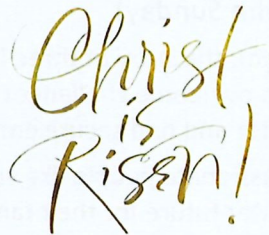


GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

3:00PM CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
8:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

6:00PM EASTER VIGIL 'THE VIGIL OF LIGHT'



EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

CELEBRATION OF THE RISEN LORD
8:00AM & 11:00AM EASTER SUNDAY MASS

HAPPY EASTER

CHRISM MASS
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SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, BENDIGO **26** **11**
MARCH AM

Sunday, April 7
DIVINE MERCY
Sunday
2:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Time for you to reflect with God
Music selected by Loretta Grace
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet-In song Benediction
3:30pm Holy Mass
Celebrated by Fr Rene Ramirez
4:30pm Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
All enquiries to the Parish Office
5821 2633 or Tom 0431 706 296

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION
YOUR DONATION HELPS TO PRESERVE THE SACRED PLACES AND SUPPORTS CHRISTIANS WHO LIVE IN THE HOLY LAND
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Commissary of the Holy Land
47 Victoria Street, Waverley NSW 2024
Tel: (02) 9369 9300
or through your local parish

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A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
weekend is for YOU...
"Live Your Best Married Life in Love"
Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!!
Please check our website for more details
Date: 12-14 April, 2024 in Melbourne
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