

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.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

3 September 2023

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

- O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
- So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
- So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
- For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled

by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

*enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great
is the hope*

to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Happy
FATHER'S DAY



This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion - his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' - to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus - to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Imelda Mahony, Fr John F. Naughton, John D. Naughton, Bryan McNamara, Frank & Edna Maloney

Readers & Commentators September 9 & 10, 2023

6pm	J. Sutton	C. Segrave
8am	D. Keenan	M. Keenan
11am	P. Richardson	L. Richardson

September 9 & 10: St Brendan's Church.



A **Blessing of Married Couples** will be held at 6pm, 8am and 11am Masses.

MARIAN FESTIVAL, BENDIGO Sunday, October 15, 2023



At this stage, we are ascertaining whether booking a Coach to travel across to Bendigo for the Marian Festival will be feasible or not. To do this we first please ask that you contact Maureen on 0403 876 578 by September 15.

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.



Faith and Light will meet again Sunday, September 10, at 12.00pm in the MPJC.

Community of Sons and Daughters of God Saturday, September 9.

Mass at 11.30am,
 St Mary's, Mooroopna
 Adoration
 3.00-4.00pm
 Concluding with
 Benediction
 All welcome



Charismatic Prayer Group



All are welcome to join us at 2.00pm every 2nd Thursday. For enquires email: loreleigoodall350@gmail.com



St. Brendan's Catholic Church

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you looking to join the Catholic faith? St Brendan's Parish has a vibrant RCIA team and is a Parish that is welcoming and supportive.

The RCIA process opens up this journey. We encourage questions and what it could mean to your life to join the Catholic faith.

We are beginning a period of inquiry for RCIA on **Thursday October 5, 2023 at 7.30pm**, in the Parish centre behind St Brendan's Church. There will be two more inquiry nights at 7.30pm: Thursday, October 12, and Thursday, October 19.

For any questions regarding the RCIA process, please call Anthony on 5821 2633 Tuesdays or Thursdays, or e-mail anthony.pastoral@bigpond.com

St Brendan's Youth Mass

Another great turn out last weekend for our Parish Youth Mass. It was a wonderful opportunity for the young people of our parish to gather for prayer, music, food and a few rounds of trivia.

Thank you to everyone who helped in preparing for this gathering. Stay tuned for the date of our next Youth Mass and gathering.



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & **11am** **PRAYING FOR 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)

FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PARISH

The PPC and other interested parishioners met on Tuesday, August 15, to review the current vision statement and logo to reflect St Brendan’s Parish now and into the future.

It was decided at the meeting that we would review the vision statement and use the new statement as the basis for our new logo going forward.

The existing vision statement is:

“St Brendan’s Parish Family seeks to be a welcoming community, challenged to live out Gospel values through relevant liturgy, supportive ministry and ongoing faith development.”

Over the coming weeks we will be seeking feedback on each section of the vision statement to inform you of our ongoing conversations.

The next meeting will be held Oct 11 at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.



Annual Public Rosary - Advance Notice



Please mark the date on your calendar.

All are welcome to attend.

Prayerful and social gathering.

10.30am Saturday October 14, 2023.

St Brendan’s Parish Church Gardens.

(If wet weather: we will move to the Church)

Followed by a cuppa in the Noel Daly Centre.

To help with seating, please **RSVP by October 4, 2023**

Centre will be open prior to Rosary, please bring a plate to share while socialising.

PETITIONS: For prayers and thanksgivings to Our Lady, will be forwarded by ANF (Australia needs Fatima) in Portugal.

BYO: Chair/Rug/Cushion/Hat and Spectacles for your comfort.

All enquiries to Maureen 0403 876 578. Thank You.



AFL Tipping Comp.. and the winners are:

First - Clare Coppinger \$265,

Second - Brian Coppinger \$135,

Third - Marlene Coppinger \$80.



Congratulations to Clare, Brian and Marlene for their awesome tipping this season, leaving the other tipsters in their wake. In fact, Clare's final tally of 152 put her in 58th place out of the total of 322,345 registered tipsters at AFL Tipping, and just five from the overall winner. Fr. Joe finished the season on 127, ahead of Fr. Jackson on 119.

We thank all those who participated in the tipping comp parish fundraiser this season, and we hope to be back bigger and stronger for season 2024.

St Brendan's
Faith on Tap

Come and listen to our World Youth Day pilgrims stories over drinks, a meal and conversation on

Thursday 7th of September
at 6pm

The Terminus Hotel Shepparton

All are welcome

Please come and support our youth.

To assist with numbers please text/call

Aleena: on 0470 571 931 or

email on pklaleena@gmail.com

by September 5th to assist with planning



It can sometimes feel like we’re “running on empty” in the spiritual life. Ignatian spirituality offers a plethora of ways for us to re fill our cups.

Sabbath

Take time away to renew yourself. On the seventh day, God rested. God commands us to rest too!

Sabbath requires that we examine what renews us and what we need to step away from to make space for renewal. As he progressed in the spiritual life, Ignatius left behind the excesses of his youth and came to realize the importance of balance.

Sabbath is a way of finding balance by building regular rest, recreation, and time away into the schedule.



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! The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.



Please check our website for more details

Date: 3-5 November 2023 in Melbourne.

Website: wwme.org.au Book Now—Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676, email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

PARISH NAME BADGES

Isaiah 43:15 : I have called you
by name, you are mine

Tiff Chandler
St Brendan's
Parish

The parish invites all parishioners to order a name badge to wear at Masses and parish events. If you would like a name badge, please PRINT your name clearly on the sheet in the Narthex. A gold coin donation to cover costs would be gratefully received.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL We are looking for people who could assist us with preparing the Prayers of the Faithful. We would only ask that you do it for 3 months at a time. Please see Di at the Parish office or phone 5821 2633.



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation is a time marked throughout the Christian world from September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4 (feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encourages awareness raising initiatives to help us to heal and protect Our Common Home.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023 concluded at the end of the financial year. Nationally, Project Compassion 2023 raised 9.7 million which is an increase of about 1.2% on 2022. Sandhurst Diocese can be very proud of its amazing \$512,591.73 which is an increase of 2.7%. **THANK YOU** for your particular part in this.



Fr. Frank Brennan Parish Viewing



Come and listen to Fr Frank Brennan SJ's recent webinar about the forthcoming referendum. Fr Frank will speak from his extensive experience on how the Church has engaged with First Nations Peoples over time and what particular work is required now. He will unpack how Catholic Social Teaching might be applied to the questions before us in 2023 regarding the Voice referendum,

and reconciliation more broadly. He will also share how First Nations spirituality has contributed to the Church thus far and how it might enrich all Australians, Church liturgy and ways of being in the world. Fr Frank will also discuss how the Voice (if successful) may enhance this further.

Date - Tuesday 12 September
Time - 6:45 for a 7pm start
Location - St. Brendan's Parish,
Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre
Tea, Coffee and nibbles provided.

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