

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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As Christ's disciples our mission is:

- *to be inspired by Christ
- *to actively live out Christ's message and the Gospel values by respecting, celebrating and honouring our Catholic traditions
- *to provide welcome and sanctuary for all
- *to foster a sense of social justice and to protect, nurture and support our Catholic community and the wider community by respecting life, self, others and the environment.



Readings - Year B
 Year of the Consecrated Life

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As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land
We commit ourselves to actively working alongside
Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Project Compassion Sunday) 15th February 2015

This Sunday is Project Compassion Sunday. We also celebrate St Valentine's Day (today/yesterday 14th February) with material from the Bishop's Commission for Pastoral Life and "Celebrating Marriage" resources provided by the Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council www.acmfc.org.au.



Project Compassion
Sunday

PROJECT
COMPASSION

When you donate to Project Compassion, you are helping to empower the world's poorest people. Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten donation envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Boxes and envelopes will be available in the Narthex following Mass.

ST VALENTINE'S DAY

Each year there is a focus on a particular aspect of married love and this year it is on 'couple fun'. The overall aim is to celebrate married love – much needed in today's social climate. Please pick up a hand-out from the Narthex on your way out – "Couple Fun" is a great little brochure for all ages!! There is also another sheet for parents called "Passing on the Faith" which is also in the Narthex.

We also need to acknowledge the importance of grandparents at this time.

"Grandparents are of unique importance in family life generally and particularly in the transmission of faith through the generations. They provide children with a stability and sense of identity and continuity". Bishop Michael Kennedy
The Bishops of Australia want to see "every family flourish as an effective community of Christ's love".

The Pope told young people at Rio in 2013, "...how important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family. Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives. This relationship and this dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened!"





Those who have died recently	Carmel Rawlings; Daniel Kerlin
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Mario Muto; Marianina Basile; Gaetano Basile; Coradina Giliberto; Giuseppe Giliberto; Nevio Pigatto; Bill Limbrick; Emanuela D'Augello
Our sick and their carers	Wade Reddrop; Jim O'Donovan; Noelene McGrath; Victoria Stock; Peter Kerrins; Carolyn Cooper; Lawrie Dwyer; Margaret Woodland; Andrea Cocks*** Knowles Beattie; Brian Closter; Robert Link; Natasha Smith; Terry Doolan

(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please contact the parish office.)

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sun Feb 22 nd 10.00am	John Harford	Karen Nihill	Bernie Maher	Connie Serra Teresa Muto	S Nihill AM Nihill, Paul Kerrins	Bill Woods

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	16	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	17	9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion 5.45pm Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	18	9.15am School Mass	12.30pm (School) 5.45pm
Thursday	19	No Mass	9.15am
Friday	20	9.15 am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	21	No Mass	6.30pm
Sunday	22	10.00am Mass	8.00am 11.30am Merrigum
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		
RECONCILIATION	21	11.30am	

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is 18th February, so Lent is not far away.

Mass times are –

- Tatura – 5.45pm (17th Feb)
- Tatura – 9.15am School (18th Feb)
- Kyabram – 12.30pm School (Brigidine Centre)
- Kyabram – 5.45pm

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

Mon	16	
Tues	17	Shrove Tuesday PPC Meeting 7.00pm Parish Hall
Wed	18	Ash Wednesday
Thurs	19	
Frid	20	CEO Conference Bendigo Fr. Michael
Sat	21	
Sun	22	First Sunday in Lent
Mon	23	
Tues	24	School Board Mtg. 7.00pm Clergy Conference Shepparton Fr. Michael
Wed	25	
Thurs	26	
Frid	27	
Sat	28	
Sun	1	Second Sunday of Lent

PASTORAL CARE

- Trish Miller 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869
- Anne Hutchison 5824 3460

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." – 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps develop the attitude of "I am grateful for the gifts God gave me" instead of "I want more". For most people gratitude leads to generosity.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

FULLNESS OF LIFE - LIVING OUR LIFE IN JESUS

Saturday, March 21st, 9.30am-5pm, 5-6pm (Prayer Ministry) at St. Brendan's Mons. Peter Jeffrey Hall, Shepparton. Guest Speaker: John Duiker. Please bring your Bible. BYO Lunch, Morning Tea & Afternoon Tea provided. For more information or to book contact: Gerri Boldrini on 02 6056 2442 or email: gerradinabo@bigpond.com CCRSandhurst @CCRSandhurst.



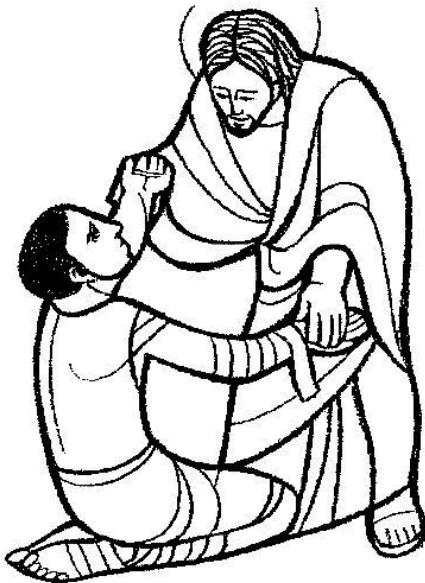
Readings for
this week:

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45



Readings for
next week

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15



Liturgical Jottings

In the Lord's Prayer a petition is made for daily bread, which for Christians means principally the Eucharistic Bread, and entreating also purification from sin, so that what is holy may in truth be given to the holy. The Priest pronounces the invitation to the prayer, and all the faithful say the prayer with him; then the Priest alone adds the embolism, which the people conclude by means of the doxology. GIRM 81.

Pope Francis

It is necessary that political leaders be outstanding for honesty, integrity and commitment to the common good. In this way they will help preserve the rich human and natural resources with which God has blessed this country.
(*Philippines 2015*)

Focus on the Gospel

In the gospels of the previous weeks we have seen Jesus in the role of teacher and healer. Today's gospel appears on the surface to have continued the portrayal of Jesus as healer but it has a much deeper significance. Mark introduces the element of Jewish Law into the healing of the leper.

Leprosy was a special category of illness in Jewish society and not simply a medical condition, which is identified in our times. This illness had both religious and social dimensions and rendered the sufferer 'impure' and isolated from the community. The Book of Leviticus (13:2 – 6) provided the guidelines on how leprosy is to be dealt with. It is only the priest who can 'pronounce him clean'. So in keeping with the Jewish Law, Jesus directed the man to go and show himself to the priest. This was after he had cautioned the man not to say anything to anyone. Had the man shown himself to the priest and nothing more, it would have meant that he could be received back into family and the community. However, for Jesus to declare the leper clean would have been an affront to the priestly caste and their established institution.

Perhaps it was a confrontation that Jesus wanted to avoid at this early time in his public ministry. But it is also worth recalling that Jesus says that he came 'not to abolish the law, but to fulfil it'. The curing of the leper was done by touch for Jesus actually 'stretched out his hand and touched him'. This gesture was not necessary but demonstrates Jesus' compassion and as a consequence Jesus incurred a time of ritual impurity. So it was that he could not enter any town and stayed out in the countryside. This did not prevent people still flocking to him wherever he travelled. So much of this short account tells us of Jesus' love for people especially those on the margins of society. This love drives his actions regardless of the dangers to himself both physically and from the hierarchy of the religious institutions.

Quote of the Week

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.

Albert Einstein

On the Lighter Side

A little child was listening to an excessively long homily in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"



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The best place to be when you're sad is
Grandpa's lap.

~Author Unknown

What children need most are the essentials that
grandparents provide in abundance: unconditional love,
kindness, patience, humour, comfort, lessons in life.

And, most importantly, cookies.

~Rudolph Giuliani

You are invited to join Caritas Australia's Lenten Speaker, **Luis Castillo Polo** from **Peru** on **Tuesday 24th Feb** at 7pm at Brendan's Parish Centre, Knight St Shepparton (behind Church). Luis is the Director of Caritas Huacho in Peru. He will speak about Caritas partnerships in Peru including Project Compassion's Week 5 story about Cristian. Cost \$6. **RSVP** essential St Brendan's on 5821 2633 Kerry 0408 579904.

"Couple Fun"

The focus of this year's Valentine's Day handout is "Couple Love". That may seem like a strange topic for the Church to be promoting, but here's the rationale. When marriages are troubled or family life is just really busy, one of the first casualties is couple fun.

Couples who are struggling have often lost the capacity to enjoy each other's company. They simply don't have fun anymore. And this has serious consequences, because enjoying life together bonds us! Pick up a brochure after Mass.

Couples – make St Valentine's Day last all year! Plan 12 dates on or near the 14th of each month. Maybe do something special or just take time out together. Go for a walk, sit in the park. Make sure your date includes time to share what's happening in your life together.

REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

Mark 1:40-45 A leper came to Jesus

Compassion is a word that comes from the heart – it is our 'feeling with' another, to be drawn out of ourselves. It is a tender generosity of spirit that arises from our being loved by God. It confers a gracious blessing both on the recipient, and on the one responding.

Both in his actions and his words, Pope Francis takes every opportunity to stress the love, mercy and compassion which God has for us – and the compassion that is planted in us because of our own experience of God's love.

The story in today's Gospel is a striking witness to the compassion of Jesus. A man suffering from leprosy summons up the courage to throw himself at the feet of Jesus. Looking into the face of Jesus, he is emboldened to say: 'If you want to, you can cure me.' It is an act of faith. Moved by deep compassion, Jesus reaches out his hand, touches the sick man and utters the penetrating words, 'Of course, I want to. Be cured!' Project Compassion offers us a way to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. It is our opportunity to be drawn out of our comfort and complacency, to look with the heart and to respond with compassion in a practical way for our brothers and sisters who are in need, both in Australia and in distant lands.

The theme for Project Compassion 2015 is 'Food for Life'. It focuses on finding ways to establish secure access to food for people who live in poverty. Pope Francis calls us to act, 'It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous.'

LENTEN GROUPS

There are many options for private and group reflection for Lent /Easter this year.

Books & CD can be obtained from the following websites for any groups wishing to meet.

Rich in Mercy Lenten Program 2015: The mercy of God is a constant theme of the Covenant with Israel in the Old Testament. Jesus, as the New Covenant, gives God's mercy flesh and bones through his actions and words. The six sessions of *Rich in Mercy* will provide: opening prayers; the second readings for each Sunday; scripture reflections; discussion questions; closing prayers; and suggestions for works of mercy in daily life. The six scripture reflections in the book have been written by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. These eloquent and insightful commentaries emphasise 'the power of mercy that leads us out of a merciless world into a world where mercy has the last word'. These can be obtained from www.lentenprogram.com for Brisbane Lenten program ***Rich in Mercy.***

INTO THE DESERT: Lenten Program 2015 is an online six-week Lenten resource for small groups, prayer companions, staff reflections, families and individuals. Each day through Lent, Shane Dwyer will email you a short reflection on a Lenten theme. In addition, you will have access to audio files and receive exclusive videos not found anywhere else. The best part? It's totally **FREE!** <http://intothedesert.org.au/>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Please join in the World Day of Prayer which is an ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action. It is a world wide movement led by Christian women who call us together to observe a common day of prayer and who, in many countries have a continuing relationship of prayer and service.

The World Day of Prayer is on Friday 6th March at Generations Church at 7.00pm.

Visiting International Speaker Judith Dupre – her books "Full of Grace" and Mary, the Annunciation & Saying 'Yes'

Judith Dupre is coming to Melbourne early next month as a guest of the Archdiocese of Melbourne under the auspices of the Office for Evangelisation. For more information follow the link below to see her speaking schedule which includes Shepparton on 9th and 10th March

<http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/Services/International-Speakers/Visiting-in-2015/Visiting-in-2014>

Mary, the Annunciation & Saying 'Yes'

Come and be nourished this Lent as Judith Dupré (USA) navigates us through Mary's journey of faith – a journey that endured unthinkable joys and sorrows and invites us to examine where we say 'yes' to God in our own lives. This talk will be run twice on the following dates:

Celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life

On Friday April 10th we will be hosting a dinner to celebrate the call to religious life of the Marist Brothers and Mercy and fCJ Sisters who are or have been in our Parish. This will be an opportunity to give thanks to all those who have been part of all of our faith journeys, both past and present. If you would like to help organise this event, please contact Kathy Hunt on 0416 058 431.

Tickets to the dinner in St Brendan's Parish will be available to purchase in the near future.