

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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Readings - Year B
Year of the Consecrated
Life

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.

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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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

22nd FEBRUARY 2015



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PROJECT
COMPASSION



This week we meet married couple Eric and Ma in Fiji who had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before they received training supported by Caritas Australia. Now they have a successful farm, a sustainable income and food for life.

Please donate to Project Compassion today and help people in isolated areas of Fiji gain the skills they need to grow food for life.

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

PARISH SCHOOL TWILIGHT FETE

5.00pm 20th MARCH - RAFFLE TICKETS

You will have noticed the change in the format of the Fete raffle tickets this year. Just 5 tickets at \$5.00 each. Please try to sell your tickets this year and help us make our fete a huge success. Even if you can't sell all your tickets please return all sold butts and unsold tickets by 10th March. Government regulations require all tickets to be accounted for. You can put them on the collection plate on Sunday to make things easier.

PROJECT COMPASSION LENT CALENDAR

Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your iPhone or Android? You can also view it on the Caritas Australia website! Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions. View or download at:

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar

FOR COLLECTION –

ROSTERS - Please collect your new LECTORS, SPECIAL MINISTERS, COUNTERS etc. roster at the back of the Church.

Please check the notice board for many more flyers and coming events. Websites for Lent and Easter are also available on the fliers.



Those who have died recently	Peter Kerrins; Mary Kerlin; Carmel Rawlings
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Mons Patrick Collins; Aislinn Kelly; Maria Serra; Kath Gavey; Lina Niglia; Lina Carraffa
Our sick and their carers	Jim O'Donovan; Noelene McGrath; Carolyn Cooper; Lawrie Dwyer; Margaret Woodland; Andrea Cocks*** Brian Closter; Natasha Smith; Wade Reddrop; Knowles Beattie; Terry Doolan ; Margaret Jensen

(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
Sat Feb 28th 6.00pm	Denise Woodman	Sasha Finlayson	John Ford	E Leahy D Turvey	A Ciavarella, G Ranson, S Finlayson	Carol Coulston
Sun Mar 1st 8.00am	Carol Coulston	Keith Stewart	Lisa Cowan	B Miller Family	D Worm S Cowan, R Kelly	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 23 rd Feb-1 st Mar			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	23	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	24	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Wednesday	25	9.15 am Mass	5.00pm
Thursday	26	No Mass	10.15am St Pats School 1.30pm Anointing Mass
Friday	27	9.15am	No Mass
Saturday	28	6.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	1	8.00am	10.00am 11.30am Tongala
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		
RECONCILIATION	28	11.30am	

LENTEN SPEAKER

You are invited to join Caritas Australia's Lenten Speaker, **Luis Castillo Polo** from **Peru** on Tuesday 24th February 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.

FEBRUARY – MARCH DIARY DATES

Mon	23	
Tues	24	CEO & Clergy Conf. Bendigo-Fr Michael School Board Mtg. 7.00pm
Wed	25	
Thurs	26	
Frid	27	
Sat	28	
Sun	1	
Mon	2	
Tues	3	Council of Priests Mtg. Bendigo Fr. Michael Finance C'tee. Mtg. 5.30pm Parish Hall
Wed	4	CWL Mtg. 2.00pm Parish Hall
Thurs	5	
Frid	6	
Sat	7	
Sun	8	

PASTORAL CARE

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

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

On Friday April 10th St Brendan's Parish 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 their 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 will be available to purchase in the near future.

Evangelii Gaudium

"This loving attentiveness is the beginning of a true concern for their person which inspires me effectively to seek their good. This entails appreciating the poor in their goodness, in their experience of life, in their culture and in their ways of living the faith."

Par 199 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

ALONG THE TRACK

"One of the benefits of modern media is that information is so readily available. We can find out just about anything! We can stay in touch easily, communication is so much more efficient. The world comes to our doorstep, even right into our lounge rooms. That can have many advantages but it can have its downsides too. Sometimes we can suffer from information overload and charity fatigue. ..."

This is the first para from Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article. If you put your name down to receive a printed copy of Jim Quillinan's 'Along the Track' article, it is available at the back of the church.

LENTEN RESOURCES

What will you do to observe Lent this year? Give up the coffee, throw away the cigarettes, and keep the top on the wine bottle? All good things, but perhaps this year you might think about going 'Into the Desert'.

Spending just a few minutes a day thinking and praying about our life and mission as Catholics could be something that you'd enjoy, while taking you out of your comfort zone.

Subscribe to receive a **daily email - FREE**. From there you can choose to **download** a more in-depth version of the daily program and, if you feel so inspired, you can even subscribe to the daily **podcast** of the program through iTunes.

Just go to:

"Into The Desert" <http://intothedesert.org.au/>
(Through the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn)

REFLECTION LEAFLETS

There are Lenten Reflection leaflets in the Narthex for individuals or groups. Each pack contains 4 weeks of Lent, (we will put the remainder out soon). The Scripture focus for our Lenten leaflets this year is the First Reading for each Sunday (Old Testament). Please take a pack. If they run out please put your name on the list and we will copy a pack for you.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub will be held at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on Monday 2nd March 7.30–9 pm (meals from 6pm) In Conversation with Aoife McGrath from Ireland who has a PhD in Catholic Marriage and a Masters in Lay Ministry. Brought to Australia for the Helder Camera Lectures, she's spending a year in Australia working with the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Bishops.

Much more info on fliers at back of church. Enq: Kerry 0408 579904 Frank 5821 4362

SCHOOL – PARISH FETE – 20th MARCH 2015

The Fete Committee is seeking donations for some of the expenses involved with the fete this year. We welcome any donation, in full or part of any of the following items:

***Soft drink purchases:** We will need approx. 7 trays (24 cans in each) of soft drinks at approx. \$18 a tray.

***Alcohol:** We will need approx. 4 slabs of beer stubbies at approx. \$39 each.

Meat: 10 kgs. Beef sausages approx. \$80 ***Chicken kebabs** x 200 approx. \$220.

This is a major fundraiser with proceeds going to the Parish. Thank you if you can contribute in any way.

Please contact Sharon McCarthy if you require further information on 0406 070 975 or by:

[email: sharon.marmion@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.marmion@gmail.com)

We are also looking for donations of children's picture books, chapter books for the book stall at the fete. Please contact Catherine Nevins for further information or drop them off at the school.

MARY, THE ANNUNCIATION AND SAYING 'YES', Judith Dupre (US), TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2015

7.30 – 9.15 pm Mons Peter Jeffrey Parish Centre, Knight St, **SHEPPARTON**. Judith Dupré, (US, first of our 2015 Helder Camara Series visitors, explores Mary's journey of faith, with its unthinkable joys and sorrows and invites us to examine where we say 'yes' to God in our own lives. **Donation if/as you can afford**. RSVP: Adult Faith Education Sandhurst adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au, 03 5441 2544. Judith Dupre (US) is the author of "Full of Grace", a vivid portrait of Mary as a biblical figure and beacon of inspiration.

'TIME OUT' – A RETREAT DAY FOR LENT AND HOLY WEEK:

- **Finding God – Light In The Darkness: Praying With Icons-** Michael Crowe, Lyn Breen, **SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2015**, 11.30 am – 4 .00 pm, St Kilian's Presbytery, McCrae St, **BENDIGO**. Cost: Donation if / as you can afford. BYO Lunch. RSVP: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au, 03 5441 2544. *Icons are sacred images (or pictures) for prayer.
- **'WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS HOLY WEEK AND EASTER?', Dr Kevin Messer, SATURDAY 28TH MARCH**, 9.30 am – 3.30 pm, St Joseph's Hall, Wedge St, **BENALLA**, Cost: \$15 (or gold coin - as you can afford). BYO Lunch. RSVP: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au 03 5441 2544

CHILDREN IN DETENTION - A CARITAS RELEASE

Through current media, you will be aware of the recent release of The Report of the Australian Human Rights Commission's National Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention. On the notice board in the Narthex is a joint statement commenting on the report and calling for legislative change to prevent future detention of children.

This statement has been coordinated by Paul Power, CEO, Refugee Council of Australia.

As you read the statement you will see that the signatories include all the relevant 'justice bodies' of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference including Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office & Caritas Australia as well the SJ Commissions of the Archdiocese of Canberra, Melbourne, Brisbane & others and numerous Religious bodies including Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, Jesuit Refugee Services, Edmund Rice Centre, St Vincent de Paul National Council....

As Paul has requested, please share it with supporters or use it in advocacy with Parliamentarians. If at all possible, send it to Federal Parliamentarians, telling them why you think a permanent end to the detention of children is important."

STRONGER RALLY – WANGARATTA

If you're at secondary school or a young adult, then you're invited to the first Stronger Rally of 2015. Friday 6th March from 6-9pm at St Patrick's Hall, Wangaratta. The night will focus on the Stronger theme of the year: "Revive: I will make all things new". And will feature the Stronger Band, with discussion, activities and prayers. Contact Darcy De Losa (03) 5445 3616 to find out about transport and follow Stronger Youth on social media.

Readings for
this week:

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

Readings for
next week

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18
Romans 8:31-34
Mark 9:2-10



The Wilderness

- The 'wilderness' in scripture is where people encountered God – the Jews in their wanderings with Moses. It is not desert devoid of plant and animal but unarable land where wild beasts roam. In the harshness and silence of this place one can fully experience their own humanity, frailty and identity. Jesus is tempted just as every human is tempted and it is in our choices that we realise where our heart lies. This period of lent offers each of us an opportunity to reflect on the choices we make and the consequences of those choices.

Quote of the Week

- Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self."

• Francis of Assisi

Focus on the Gospel

- Today's gospel announces the start of Jesus' public ministry and follows immediately on from Mark's account of his baptism by John. Prior to this event he had lived quietly working in Nazareth without any particular celebrity.

- But then Jesus is 'driven' by the Spirit into the wilderness. We can understand today's application of the term 'being driven' to a person who is totally focussed on obtaining something, or achieving something. This dominates the person's actions and channels them towards the end that they are pursuing. In this case it was the Spirit that consumed Jesus' focus and desire; that love that God offers each of us in unquenchable supply. The relationship with God is what takes Jesus into a place of solitude but not loneliness.

- The period of 'forty days' may seem extreme for anyone to survive in a harsh desert environment but in scripture 'forty' usually refers simply to a significant period of time. Perhaps we are tempted to pass this hardship off because 'the angels waited on him'. Perhaps these were passers-by or friends who visited him occasionally – in our everyday lives there are people who in the 'darkest' of times and deepest of needs come to our assistance. It is clear though that Jesus resisted the temptations of Satan and did not take the easy option of choosing his own needs over the invitation of God.

- Jesus appears after this time to be more confident of his identity, his vocation and his mission. He was prepared to take on the 'status quo' of the world and preach the Good News even though such actions had brought about John's imprisonment. He was now proclaiming the Kingdom of God was near and available to all who would repent and believe in the good news. This is not a downcast and doomsday call but to a Kingdom which was a gift of love from God which gave life and was equally offered to everyone.

Feast of the Week: St Polycarp 23 February

Bishop of Smyrna in Asia Minor, a student of St John the Evangelist. Like John opposed the Gnostic heresy. He wrote a letter to the Philippians. He became the first martyr not mentioned in the New Testament, died about 156 AD.

On the Lighter Side

The children of Israel wandered around the desert for 40 years. Even in biblical times, men wouldn't ask for directions

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. This year's theme "Equality for women is progress for all" emphasises how gender equality, empowerment of women, women's full enjoyment of human rights, the eradication of poverty and the elimination of violence against women and their children are essential to economic and social development. It also stresses the role of women as agents of development. For more information please visit

<http://www.un.org/en/events/womensday/> or <http://opw.catholic.org.au/prayer-and-reflection/blog.html>