



Readings for
this week:

Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
Luke 6:17,20-26



1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
Readings for next Sunday
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38



Liturgical Jottings

The Colour Green

The Prophet Jeremiah compares the trusting person with a tree planted by the flowing waters. "Come heat or drought its foliage remains **green**" (Jer 17:8). Again in the Responsorial Psalm we see this tree's leaves shall never fade. Green symbolises life, growth and hope (Today's response Ps 39:5). Green vestments are worn at the Masses in Ordinary Time (except feasts and funerals). Green plants, banners and candles may also decorate the sanctuary. Green is descriptive of good ecology, clean environment and sustainable energy. This year the green season started the day after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and goes until Shrove Tuesday. After Lent and Easter it resumes on the Monday after Pentecost and goes through to the eve of Advent.

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Looking at the Readings

Jeremiah, in his emblematic and prophetic way, proclaims God's curse and blessing: curse on the wicked and blessing on the faithful and fruitful. The four verses, two with the curse, two with the blessing are symmetrical and sounds like a saying from the Wisdom literature. It's sentiment is one that is often repeated in the prophets and the wisdom books, in prayer and psalms. Luke uses this customary literary device in his rendition of the Beatitudes in today's Gospel passage.

There are striking differences between Matthew's popular version and Luke's version. It is not difficult for the reader to compare and recognise the variations. But by the juxtaposition of Jeremiah's prophecy and Luke's "Sermon on the Plain" the lectionary highlights Luke's addition of the four opposing "Alas" expressions often called "maledictions" but they are not so much curses but warnings urging conversion. Each so-called malediction begin with good but worldly values: wealth, plenty, pleasure and honour. Jesus is introducing to his disciples that the way to God includes the cross and persecution.

This gospel does not call for suffering but reminds us that God is with us in the difficulties of life and Christ gives us an example of overcoming these difficulties with faith in the resurrection.

Prayer for the Day

Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that save me. For the honour of your name, lead and guide me. (*Entrance Antiphon*)

St Valentine's Day 14 February

This feast rejoices in romantic love and marriage. St Valentine was a priest in Rome at the time of Emperor Claudius II. Who decreed that all weddings be suspended so as to encourage single men to serve in combat. St Valentine allegedly performed secret weddings in defiance of the Emperor. He was beheaded on 14 February 269. He is the patron saint of engaged couples, happy marriages, love and lovers. Jesus Christ invites us to join him in an everlasting covenant; an eternal love union that is reflected in the love of each and every dedicated married couple. www.catholic.org/saints

On the Lighter Side

Sam came home with a bloody nose, black eye, and torn clothing. It was obvious he'd been in a fight. While his father was patching him up, he asked what happened. "Well, Dad I challenged Tom to a duel. And I gave him his choice of weapons." "Uh-huh," said the father, "that seems fair." "I know, but I never thought he'd choose his big sister!"



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Josephine Zollo, Vincenzo Casuscelli, Peter Kerrins, Angelo Serra
	Our sick and their carers	Sue McDonald, Phyllis Newman

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 14th February

Weekday Mass

Mon 14th Feb No Mass
 Tue 15th Feb No Mass
 Wed 16th Feb 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 17th Feb No Mass
 Fri 18th Feb 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 19th Feb 6pm Mass
 Sun 20th Feb 10:00 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 21st Feb No Mass
 Tue 22nd Feb No Mass
 Wed 23rd Feb 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 24th Feb No Mass
 Fri 25th Feb 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 26th Feb No Mas
 Sun 27th Feb 10:00 am Mass

Reconciliation (1st Saturday of the Month)
 Saturday 5th March 2022

Kyabram Italian Mass

Fr John will celebrate Italian Mass at St Augustine's, Kyabram on Thursday, 17th February at 10.30am followed by a cuppa all are welcome.

Jesus told those he encountered many things in parables. He used stories to illustrate the greatest examples of how best to live your life in the service of others. He challenged his followers by speaking directly about those on the margins and those the world most commonly ignores. Many were astounded by the things Jesus said and did and they left all behind and followed him.



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JOURNEY
 CATHOLIC RADIO

"poor for the sake of Jesus in the present moment who will be blessed!"

FR ANTHONY CROOK

On the Journey this week: Fr Anthony Crook says that the question is not whether we should be concerned that we might be happy, well fed, materially comfortable, or that we might be well-known and respected, but whether we put these things ahead of knowing, claiming, proclaiming and following Jesus. Mother Hilda reflects on her life as a nun. Fr Mike Delaney on living generously and graciously, plus Deacon Josh Clayton on re-establishing a regular routine for 2022, Pete Gilmore living the Gospel with Outlook alerts, and more great music!

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Looking for your help

Do you realise what talents you have?
 Would you like to use your talents to help your parish?

There are so many different tasks around the parish that we need your help with. We need people to help us with Pastoral Care - Baptism program – Maintenance - Child Safety - Finance - Administration

The weekend of 19 and 20 February we will discuss the various functions and how you can help. If you have any questions or would like to find out more before this weekend, please talk to myself or Mary.

Very Rev John Paul Pasala

Administration Support Position Available

St Brendan's Catholic Church Office
121 Knight Street, Shepparton
2 days/week

(Thursdays and Fridays)

9am – 3pm

Email shepparton@cdos.org.au or

phone 5821 2633 to obtain Position Description

In line with current state COVID-19 requirements, this position has been identified as requiring a COVID-19 vaccination

Applications close 14th February 2022

March Diary Dates

Sat 5th 11:30am Reconciliation
Wed 2nd 9:15 Ash Wed School Mass
Wed 2nd 2pm Ladies Chat
Fri 11th 2pm Italian Rosary
Sun 20th 10am Children's Mass
Cuppa After Mass
Wed 23rd 5pm Italian Mass

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN WHAT THE CATHOLIC FAITH TEACHES?

In 2022, the local Adult Faith Education ministry will once again be running every week. These classes are for anyone who wants to learn more about what the Catholic faith actually teaches, by taking an in-depth look at the Catechism. Led by a local Theology teacher, each week we unpack the teachings of the Church in a clear and approachable way.

The classes run **every Tuesday night, 7:30pm-8:30pm** at the St. Brendan's Parish Centre, beginning on **February 15th**. Make 2022 the year where you commit to learning the Catholic faith in a deeper way. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Hayden on 0438 071 630.

Welcome to Fr Jophin and Fr Uday

Our Diocese has two new priests from India and they are spending the weekend in our Parish.



Fr Jophin and Fr Uday to Sandhurst. Initially, they will be based at St Kilian's Parish, Bendigo, before taking up a parish appointment around the end of February.

Father Jophin Joy ALCP/OSS was ordained in 2009 in Kerala, India. He has served in three parishes in India, including over ten years as parish priest, and has also visited Germany and Tanzania. Fr Jophin's brother and his wife live in New Zealand, which gives him a closer connection to this part of the world.



Father Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS was ordained in 2011 in Nalgonda, India, after completing theological studies in Calabria, Italy. He has served in three parishes in India, including over seven years as parish priest. He has also served as Rector of a minor seminary.

Parish BBQ

Fr John invites all parishioners, their families and friends to join with him for a Parish BBQ at 6pm on Friday 18th February.

This is a great opportunity for us to socialise, enjoy good food and fellowship

To help with the main meal catering please let Mary know by Wednesday 16th February, by phoning or texting 0484 332 397. Please bring a Salad or a Dessert to share (please let Mary know what you plan to bring) also please bring your own chair and drinks.