

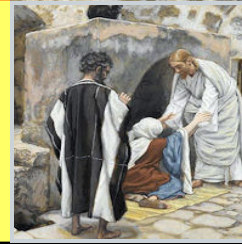


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Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

(Year B)

5th February 2012



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In Our Prayers

We pray for the wellbeing of all parishioners their families and friends who are currently in ill health especially, Leo Duggan. We pray for the recently deceased especially, Sister Marie Therese and also for those whose anniversary occur at this time, especially Melissa Ryan and Stefano De Lai



“May they rest in Peace”

Reflection for the week

*Hospitality is to be shown even towards an enemy.
 The tree doth not withdraw its shade,
 Even from the woodcutter.*

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PARISH MISSION / RETREAT

Make a note in your diary for the Parish Mission/Retreat to take place from Sat 26th May to Thurs 31st May. The Title of the Mission is “Spirituality for the New Millennium”, which will be led by a team from Wisconsin (U.S.A.). It will be a time of renewal of mind and heart, and is particularly suited to parents with children at both Primary and Secondary Schools.

So, take some time out to be renewed spiritually.

More news in the coming weeks

Macedon Ranges Food Bank

Please try and bring a food or grocery item to church each week and place in the box or basket at the door. They are used by the Kyneton Riverside church Food Bank for families in need. They are so grateful for what we provide but desperate for more donations.

Thank you
 Anne Earley (St Brigid’s), Mae Smith (St Patricks) and Carolyn Peterson (St Ambrose’s)

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

Mark records the early days of Jesus’ ministry as filled with healing. Last week - the healing was brought about by Jesus confronting evil - in today’s reading, the healing enables a woman to resume her duties and to serve Him.

The woman in question is Simon’s mother-in-law. Jesus going straight to Simon’s house and straight in to healing the woman. As so often in Mark, Jesus is the man of action.

Again, His reputation spreads and people are drawn to bring their sick and disturbed to Him. He is clearly seen as a wonder-worker - and the crowds continue to come.

However, Jesus is Jesus - not just a wonder-worker. Any power He has comes being who He is - the Son of God and an essential part of this is the time spent in communion with the Father. So, after the excitement and bustle of the evening’s events at Simon’s house, Jesus leaves the house long before dawn to find a place of solitude where He can pray and be still with God.

Given Mark’s style, the fact of including this small incident shows the importance he places on the fact that Jesus is not only someone who does things “at once” and “straight-away” but is also someone who takes time out of the busy-ness. He knows the needs of those who are sick and disturbed - but He also knows the absolute necessity of silence and communion with God.

It is following this time of prayer that Jesus discerns that His mission is not to be confined in one place - but that the Good News is to be proclaimed throughout Galilee. They leave the village - and Jesus spreads the news of the Kingdom - by preaching and by healing - particularly healing those who are held bound by evil.

This balance in Jesus’ life was to be an example to His first disciples - and may be even more important in our day where so much emphasis is placed on what people do - what people achieve. Often, this means that people lose sight of the importance of “being” - of spending time with the God who created them.

Jesus offers an example of what it means to be a whole person - who gives His time and energy generously and lovingly to those around Him - but who also gives time and space generously and lovingly to God.

What does it mean for me?

- What do you learn from Jesus’ example
- How can you put it into practice?

Departing Parishioners -
 We’ll miss you.

Please notify the presbytery.



New Parishioners -
 Welcome to St Brigid’s Parish.

Please register at the Parish Office.





Rosters and Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses:

6.00pm Mass: St Brigid's

Reader: Volunteers
Offertory: To be chosen on the day
Eucharist: Volunteers

9.30am Mass: St Patrick's

Readers: Volunteers
Offertory: To be chosen on the day
Eucharist: Volunteers
Children's Liturgy: Cathy McCulloch



8.00am Mass: St Ambrose's

Welcomer: Max McMahon
Readers: Volunteers
Offertory: To be chosen on the day
Eucharist: Volunteers



11.00am Mass: St Brigid's

Readers: Volunteers
Offertory: To be chosen on the day
Eucharist: Volunteers
Children's Liturgy: A. Hodges & C. Shelton
Flowers: Volunteers



Counters: Marg & Roy Peavey
Please keep both sides of envelopes together.

St Brigid's Feast Day

The Feast of St Brigid is on 1st February.

The Parish Feast Day will be held at St Ambrose's Riddells Creek on Sunday 5th February at 10.30am, followed by a sausage sizzle.

Please note: There will be only one other Mass that weekend, being 6.00pm at St Brigid's on Saturday 4th February.



Lenten Faith Groups

Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on 22nd February, to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey to the celebration of the suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

One way of active participation for Lent is to join a Faith Discussion Group as a preparation for Easter.

If you would like to participate in such a group—either during the day or in the evening—please add your name and phone number by Sunday 12th February to the clip board provided in each of the Churches or Schools, indicating a day of preference.

Or contact the Parish Office on 5428 2591
(Tues, Wed, Thurs – 9am–3pm)



Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of envelopes begin 4th March. They will become available for pick up after Mass from the rear of the church in the coming weeks.

Thanks Doris

St Vincent de Paul Society 2012 Ozanam Lecture Sunday 26 February 2.00pm

Guest speaker, Janet Buhagiar Vincentian and director of Social Policy—NT Government, will deliver the lecture 'Frederic Ozanam; a contemporary leader and social reformist for our time'.

A response from Teresa Wilson and refreshments will follow at the Cardinal Knox Centre Lecture Theatre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne. RSVP 17th February on 9895 5935

Humour for this week

To force an ancient bishop to resign
The council considers not benign.
Only secular planners
With no Christian manners
Would a churchman to oblivion assign.

Catechetics Classes for 2012

Enrolments for all Sacraments 2012 must take place by the commencement of classes Tuesday 7th February 2012.

Any enquires contact Robyn Angarano—Parish Facilitator 0418 993 991 or Parish Office 5428 2591

Reconciliation classes commence Tuesday 7th February at 5.30pm and run until 6.30pm every Tuesday in the portable classroom at the back of the hall at St Brigid's School.

ROSARY

We invite you to pray the Living rosary on Tuesday mornings at 11am at St Brigid's Church. Bring your personal prayer requests.

We welcome you to experience the PEACE given by this miraculous meditative prayer.



Weekday Masses: Tues 7th Feb—Friday 10th Feb

Tues: 5.00pm
Wed: 9.15am
Thur: 8.00am
Frid: 9.15am

Reconciliation & Spiritual Direction: Saturday 9.00 - 10.00am

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving

Total Amount Received \$ 907.00
Total Amount Pledged \$2028.00
Presbytery Collection \$ 682.00



Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.
May the Lord bless you all.