

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.

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

3 March 2024

First Reading Ex 20:1-17
(or shorter form Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

- The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
- The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. *(R.)*
- The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth all of them just. *(R.)*

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Jn 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Our next **Men's Group** is to be held at 7.30am on Saturday, March 9, at 7.30am at St Mel's Parish house.

We have a few men from St Mel's Parish who join us regularly.

Fr Rene and Fr Ruel will host the breakfast and share a little of the history of their order, and a little of their story and them joining St Mel's Parish in Shepparton.

Please join us for breakfast and a chance to meet other Catholic men from the local area.

Please call

Anthony on
58212633

with queries.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This weekend our RCIA group will celebrate the first of the scrutiny's. The RCIA Scrutiny's are an important step for our candidates and catechumens. As Easter draws closer, they are asked to look deeply at their journey so far. The group started their RCIA journey last October and continue to learn and grow in faith. The journey may have been smooth and free of questions, or equally it may have been difficult and full of questions. Neither way is right or wrong. Please keep them in your prayers as their journey continues.

Anthony Kilmartin

During the season of Lent there will be **NO recessional hymn** – people will be asked to leave the Church in total silence.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Recently Deceased: Ron Laffy, Anthony Ryan (brother-in-law of Irene Garla), Xavier Carri

Anniversary: Domenica & Francesco Mammone, Mary Frances Cooper (nee Murphy) and Bernard John Murphy, Nazzareno Ganino, Keith Hendy

Readers & Commentators March 10 & 11, 2024

6pm	B. Lindsay	M. Johnson
8am	M. Keenan	D. Keenan
11am	M-A. Demase	S. Pivac

St Brendan's Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program is suitable for Children in Year 3 or higher, baptised or welcomed into the Catholic Church.

Enrolments are now open and can be lodged during one of the following weekend Masses.

Enrolments will not be accepted outside of these Mass times.



Saturday, March 9 at 6pm
Sunday, March 10 at 8am and 11am
Saturday, March 16 at 6pm
Sunday, March 17 at 8am and 11am

To obtain a copy of the enrolment pack please email Jess on shepparton.sacramental@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Enrolments close after the 11am Mass on Sunday March 17.

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

THIS PARISH BASED PROGRAM WILL PREPARE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO WISH TO CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION.



**Enrolments Close March 17
 Program Begins Term 2**

For more information or to enrol please contact the Parish Office
 Shepparton.sacramental@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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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.



Teams of Our Lady

The Parish plans to launch a new **Teams of Our Lady** group for young married couples.

The initial gathering this year will be held at the home of Jobelle and Allan Collier.

Teams of Our Lady is an international Catholic faith movement of married couples, who meet monthly to discuss their lives with other married couples.

The format of each meeting is some shared prayer, discussion over a meal and the opportunity to share a high/low with each other.

This group will meet **Wednesday, March 20, at 6.30pm.**

Please reach out to Fr Jackson, if you are interested in being involved with the group on 5821 2633 or email jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

PRESBYTERY RENOVATIONS

Nicholas Creations Pty Ltd are undertaking the mammoth job of doing renovations to the Presbytery.

They continue to sand the timber boards in preparation for staining and glossing. 30% of the paint work has now been completed. To date we have received \$14,470 in donations towards the presbytery renovations. Fr Joe is extremely grateful for people's generosity. If you would like to donate to these works, St Brendan's Parish General Bank Account details are:

BSB: 083 543, **Acc:** 48359 3006,

Ref: Renos (Surname). Thank you!



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am **PRAYING (C) 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)

POSITION AVAILABLE

CLEANER-HOUSEKEEPER

St Brendan's Parish House, 121 Knight Street,
Shepparton: Casual (8hrs/week)

Position Description can be obtained at the
Parish Office on 5821 2633 or by emailing
shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Applications close: March 4, 2024. Possible
4hrs/week also available at St Mel's Parish House.

Making Palm Crosses:

Please join us in making palm
crosses for Palm Sunday in the
MPJC on **Friday March 6**

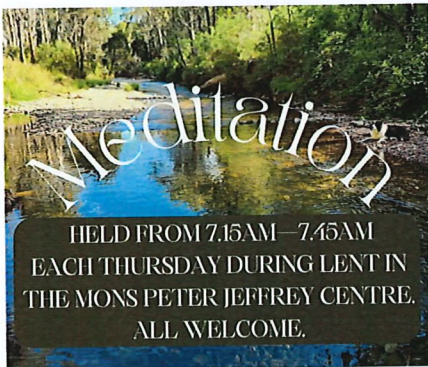


at 3.30pm.
All welcome.
No need to bring
anything. All
queries to Emma
0436 022 949.

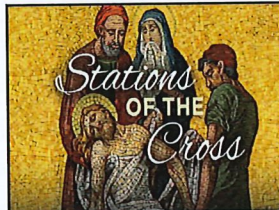
Billabong Nursery Cafe Cuppa



All Sacristans and ladies
who help around the Church are
invited to join us for a cuppa.
Now on the 2nd Saturday of each
month at 10.00am. Including
Saturday, March 9. All past and
present players welcome!



HELD FROM 7.15AM - 7.45AM
EACH THURSDAY DURING LENT IN
THE MONS PETER JEFFREY CENTRE.
ALL WELCOME.



St Brendan's Catholic
Church, 6pm,
Thursdays:
March 7, 14 & 21.

The problem with teaching the
Ten Commandments is not what
they say, but how they say it.

The idea of 'coveting' anything,
but especially 'wives, slaves, ox
and ass' are all a bit dated these
days.



In an article entitled 'Preaching to the Modern Pagans'
journalist Bryan Appleyard tells how he interviewed a
person who kept quoting them at length. Later he decided
to read them for the first time since childhood and he was
struck by their insightfulness into the human character.

Appleyard thought all the Ten Commandments needed was
a makeover so that we can reclaim the power of them.

'You shall have no other gods beside me.'

Be serious!

'You shall not carve idols for yourselves ... nor bow down
before them.'

Get real!

'You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.'

Be humble!

'Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day ...'

Be quiet!

'Honour your father and your mother ...'

Respect age!

'You shall not kill.'

Do not kill, for all murder is suicide!

'You shall not commit adultery.'

Mean what you say!

'You shall not steal.'

Do not steal, or all the world will die!

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.'

Honour others, their frailties are usually your own!

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house or wife ...'

Be kind, be generous and don't play around!

Parish Footy Tipping Comp 2024



1st prize \$300. Cost of entry is \$35,
payable to the parish office by March 4.

To register, go to <https://tipping.afl.com.au> and complete
the sign in formalities. Our competition name is
"Shepparton Parish" or use the invite code TJA2MAL6.
Contact Ashley on 0412 475 290.

ST BRENDANS' FEAST DAY VOLUNTEERS

WANTED: A Parish Expo and the launch of our new
vision statement and logo will be held
Sunday, May 5, after the 11am Mass.

We are looking for a committee of volunteers to help plan
and run the events on the day. The intention is to have
stalls of all of our parish groups and food available for
lunch. This will provide an opportunity for us to get to
know each other and build community.

Please contact the Parish Office with your
interest by Friday, March 4.



VIVALDI CONCERTI VIRTUOSI

Classics from Germany. **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**
at 7pm St. Brendan's Catholic Church.

\$40 Adult, \$35 Seniors/Pensioners. Cash sales
only for door sales. Available 30 minutes prior.

Bookings via www.trybooking.com/CNQWK



PILGRIMAGE
150
Diocese of Sandhurst 1878 - 2024

ST KILIAN'S to SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL **24** **9:30**
MARCH AM

PILGRIMAGE TO BENDIGO FOR 150 YEARS CELEBRATION OF THE SANDHURST DIOCESE

This year marks 150 years since the foundation of the Sandhurst Diocese. Fr Joe is inviting parishioners to join him in Bendigo on Palm Sunday, March 24, for Diocesan celebrations with a pilgrimage from St Kilian's Catholic Church to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo. The pilgrimage begins at 9.30am at St Kilian's Catholic Church, 161 McCrae Street, Bendigo.

CHRISM MASS
150
Diocese of Sandhurst 1878 - 2024

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, BENDIGO **26** **11**
MARCH AM

There will then be a leisurely walk through Bendigo to the Cathedral for the 11am Mass with Bishop Shane Mackinlay.

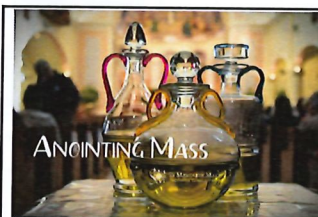
2024 Synod Consultation

As the Church prepares for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024, we have been invited to contribute our response to the question:



How can we be a synodal Church in mission?

Please join other parishioners from our Deanery on **March 14, 2024, 5pm – 6.30 pm** in St Mel's Parish Gathering Room, to take part in the discussion, consider how our own parish can be more synodal and help shape the communications provided to the Second Session of Synod in October.



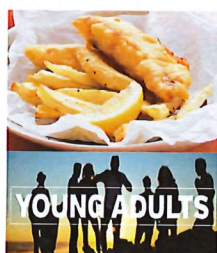
An Anointing Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 6, at 11am at St Brendan's.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 7

Join us at St. Brendan's Church, 2pm Exposition and Confessions (several priests), 3pm The Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song & Benediction. 3:30pm Holy Mass, followed by veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Enquiries: Parish Office 5821 2633 or Tom 0431 706 296

With the Church preparing for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024, **young adults aged 18-35** are invited to give their input on **Saturday, March 16**, after the 6pm Mass at St Brendan's.

Young adults are invited to join us for fish and chips for dinner on the Parish lawns after Mass.



We will then gather in the Parish Centre for an hour from 7.30pm until 8.30pm to share ideas on the Church and its mission with each other.

Our thoughts will be sent to Rome as part of Pope Francis' consultation with people across the world.

A Google doc has been set up to assist with pre-ordering fish and chips for dinner, which will be at people's own expense. To RSVP for the event, call 5821 2633 or email jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.



Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by calling 1800 024 413 or visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.



So far, St Brendan's Parish community have donated \$490!

MUSIC Ministry

We would like to thank Lindsay and Violette Vesti, Carmel Strang, Loretta Grace and Peter Hackworthy for their involvement as a music ministry group for about 20 years. We appreciate their commitment to various Masses and Liturgies over the years.



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