

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.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**13 August 2023**

## First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**

*(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
Justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

## Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were

made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.  
Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 14:22-33

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be disciplined to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

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# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

**Recently Deceased:** Gregory Sexton, Sr Margaret [Eleanor] Collis RSM, Frank Purcell, Leo Morison.

**Anniversary:** Bill Gleeson, James McKenzie McHarg, Christine Fenn, Bonnie Whiltshire (Kilmartin), Maria Cortese. Rosario and Salvatore Lagudi, Rosaria and Giovanni Perri, Maggie Delahey.

## **Readers & Commentators** August 19 & 20, 2023

6pm	Sr Bing	L. Kelly
8am	S. White	P. White
11am	M. Frizzel	I. Garla



A recording of the funeral service for the late Sr Margaret [Eleanor] Anne Collis RSM is available to view through Kings Funeral Directors on the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/3617339/2da0761332>

**Mens Group** is held on Saturdays in the MPJC. Join us August 19 and September 2. New members welcome.



## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

This weekend is the Presentation Mass for our Sacramental candidates. The Children have been preparing for their Confirmation over the past few weeks and are now ready to prepare for the Sacrament of Eucharist and celebrate these Sacrament's in October.



Please keep our children and their family in your prayers as they begin this faith journey towards becoming fully initiated into the catholic church.

Everyone is welcome to take a prayer card after each Mass as there is one nominated for each child.

**Reminder: 7.00pm, Wednesday August 16**, in the Mons Jeffrey Centre (behind the Church) we will be having our Adult Faith Gathering and Information Evening. At least one parent/carer is expected to attend.

## **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.

It can sometimes feel like we're "running on empty" in the spiritual life. Ignatian spirituality offers a plethora of ways for us to re fill our cups.



## **Observing Silence**

Take time each day to cultivate silence. Calm your mind and heart, and listen for the prompting of the Spirit. St. Ignatius found silence to be so critical that he demanded that complete and absolute silence be observed by exercitants during the Spiritual Exercises. Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, speaks poignantly to this: "That means that our hearts are our monasteries and at the bottom of every activity, every reflection, every decision, there is silence, the kind of silence that one shares only with God."

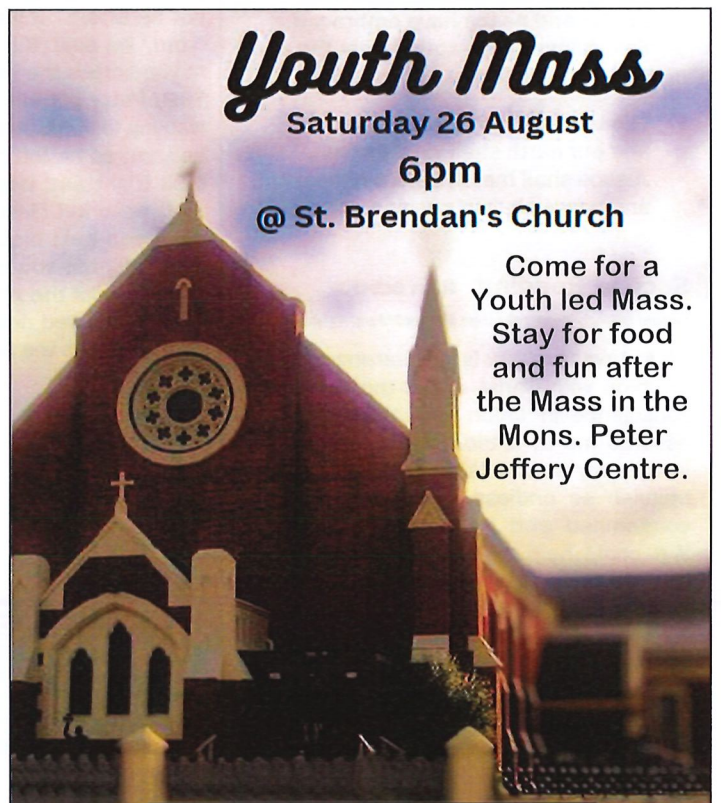
## **Youth Mass**

**Saturday 26 August**

**6pm**

**@ St. Brendan's Church**

Come for a Youth led Mass. Stay for food and fun after the Mass in the Mons. Peter Jeffery Centre.



### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & **11am** **PRAYING WITH 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)

## PARISH NAME BADGES

*Isaiah 43:15*

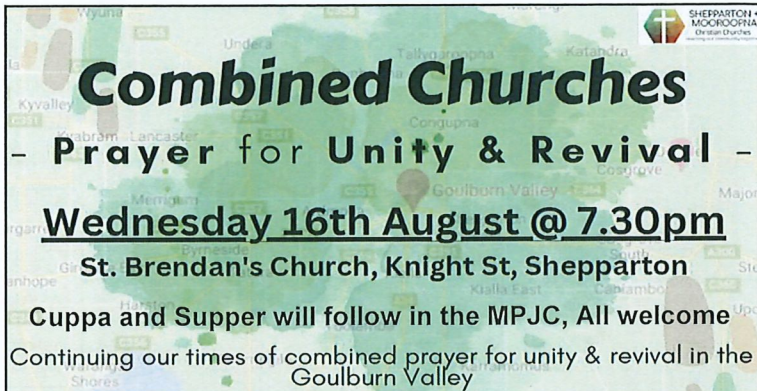
*I have called you by name,  
you are mine*

Tiff Chandler  
St Brendan's  
Parish

The parish invites all parishioners to order a name badge to wear at Masses and parish events.

If you would like a name badge, please PRINT your name clearly on the sheet in the Narthex.

A gold donation to cover costs would be gratefully received.



## Combined Churches

- Prayer for Unity & Revival -

### Wednesday 16th August @ 7.30pm

St. Brendan's Church, Knight St, Shepparton

Cuppa and Supper will follow in the MPJC, All welcome

Continuing our times of combined prayer for unity & revival in the Goulburn Valley

### CHURCH ROSTERS

Thank you to all who have put their hands up to be on our Ministry filled rosters.

If you are on a roster PLEASE add your dates to your diary.

If you cannot attend your rostered weekend — please contact the Parish office so we can find a replacement.



### Blessing for children Baptised in the Parish

#### POSTPONED

Families whose children have been baptised in the previous year are invited to receive a special blessing at this Mass.

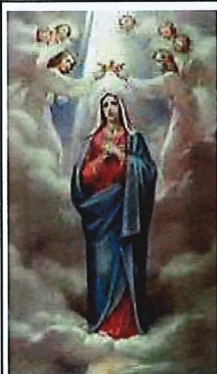
New date to come.



Thank you to all who contributed to the Tap-N-Go July collection of \$1080.



Our Young Adults Group meets in the MPJC, 6-7pm on Thursdays. New Members aged 18-40 welcome.




### Tuesday August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

7.00am Mass, St Brendan's Church

9.15am Mass, St Brendan's Church plus St Brendan's Primary Students (Years 3-6).

6.00pm Syro Malabar Mass

6.00pm Mass, St Marys Church, Mooroodnua



**Every Thursday after 9:15 Morning Mass, feel free to come to the MPJC for a cup of coffee and a chat**

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

September, 9 & 10:

Blessing of Married Couples, held at each weekend Mass.

Saturday, September 23:

We will celebrate 100 years since the major renovations were made to the Sanctuary and the inclusion of the Nuns Chapel.

Sunday, October 8: Sacramental Mass, 11.00am

Blessing of Animals, 4.00pm

Friday, Saturday & Sunday October 13-15:

Sacramental Masses, 6.30pm, 6.00pm and 11.00am

Saturday, October 14:

Public Rosary in the Church gardens.

Wednesday, October 18: MPJC, Liturgical Conference, 5.30—8.30pm.



### ALL INVITED to our next PPC meeting:

**Tuesday, August 15, 7.00pm**

*Agenda: Future direction of the Parish*

*Please come along with your ideas of where you would like the direction of the parish to go.*

*What is our mission?*

*How do we foster a faith community?*

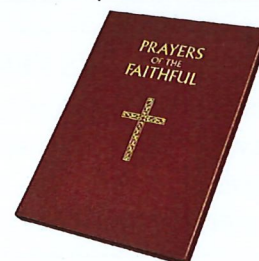


### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We are looking for people who could assist us with preparing the Prayers of the Faithful.

We would only ask that you do it for 3 months at a time.

Please see Di at the Parish office or phone 5821 2633.



# There is No Need to Be Afraid

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.' – Luke 12:32

Jesus assures us that there is no need to be afraid of the future. Life is a pilgrimage that keeps moving. The kingdom of God on earth could be described as a society of justice and peace. We should try to live a life in love and service in order to build up this kingdom. When we do so, we obtain real wealth, not just for ourselves, but for others. This approach means that we are ready to meet Jesus, our shepherd, at any time.

Excerpted from *God in Every Day: A Whispered Prayer* by Deirdre Powell, (p.95)



**Colouring Pages** There are colouring pages for children located in the Narthex. You will need to provide your own pencils or crayons.

## **SANDHURST LAUNCH of SEASON OF CREATION:**

Come and celebrate our Care for Creation at Notley Picnic Ground, Whipstick Forest, Bendigo on **Friday September 1.**

Beginning with **Mass at 11am** celebrated by Bishop Shane followed by **Picnic Lunch.**

BYO chairs encouraged although some seating available. Sausage sizzle provided or BYO lunch if preferred. BYO hot/cold drinks; BYO water bottles – water on site. **EVERYONE** is invited. It is also the first day of spring and National Wattle Day!

RSVP not essential although you can SMS 0408 579 904 to assist with planning.

**ST BRENDAN'S TENNIS CLUB** is looking for expression of interest for junior and senior players. If you are interested in playing tennis in season 23/24, please contact Georgie: 0428 640 541.



## On the Lighter Side..

One night Tom's parents overheard his night prayer.  
*"Now I lay me down to rest and hope to pass tomorrow's test, if I should die before I wake, that's one less test I have to take."*



**AFL Tipping Comp update** - with only three rounds left, our bold early front runner Clare Coppinger remains the leader, on 134. Her closest rivals are Dad Brian and Mum Marlene, both on 129. Fr. Joe has been buoyed by his mighty Blue Boys, and has forged ahead of Fr. Jackson 110 to 106.

Presentation Night: Wednesday August 30 at 6.30 p.m. in the MPJ Parish Centre. BYO Footy Food to share. Come dressed in your footy colours too. All welcome.

Tea and coffee provided. BYO drinks. RSVP by August 28 via SMS to Ashley on 0412475290



FIRST PRIZE: \$265, SECOND PRIZE: \$135, THIRD PRIZE: \$80.

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK VICTORIA

Has your card expired?

Please check because if you volunteer with our Parish, we will need an updated copy.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hunt on 0416 058 431.

## REACH BEYOND to new horizons.

Set out and share your skills through a long-term assignment in Asia, Africa or the Pacific.

See current opportunities at [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au)

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### Who is Palms Australia?

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### What skills are we looking for?

The skills we recruit are determined by the requests we receive from community organisations overseas including educators, accountants, managers, tradespeople, agriculturalists, IT specialists, community and social workers, doctors, & health workers.

### Where are the current opportunities?

We currently have requests from communities in Papua New Guinea, Zambia, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Cambodia, Philippines and American Samoa. New requests are added regularly.

### REGISTER NOW!

Register for our webinar and be inspired as Michele, Anjelica & Rofina speak about their intercultural experiences and learn about our other opportunities abroad. There might be a position that calls to you.

Scan this QR Code to register for our upcoming "Global Development Opportunities" webinar

