

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.

Transfiguration

6 August 2023

First Reading Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood
before him.
A court was held and the books were
opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of
heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and
languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

*(R.) The Lord is king, the most high
over all the earth.*

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. *(R.)*
2. The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. *(R.)*
3. For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Pt 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said,

'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*This is my Son, my beloved,
in whom is all my delight:*

listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus' life and ministry brings to fulfilment. It is fitting that Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus, as the three figures combined represent the fullness of Jewish tradition – the Law of Moses; the challenge and promise of the Prophets; and the compassion of Jesus that completes the other two.

Sadly, the disciples don't really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the 'mountaintop' as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives.

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

Recently Deceased: Bernie Noonan (from Wagga Wagga).

Anniversary: Owen Smith, Past Mancini Family Members.

Readers & Commentators August 12 & 13, 2023

6pm	D. Sullivan	K. Hunt
8am	B. Sullivan	D. Teitzel
11am	P. Crane	P. Chalkley

Faith and Light will meet again this Sunday, August 6,



at
 12.00pm
 in the
 MPJC.

Wishing all involved with the Notre Dame College Deb Ball a wonderful night on August 11 .

National Vocations Awareness Week:

(6-13 August 2023) The seed bed of vocation is the family. Our church ministers come from our families, in our parish communities, in our schools.

In this Vocation Awareness Week, we remind ourselves that all of us in virtue of our baptism share one calling, that is, to respond to the call to holiness.

We continue to pray that those preparing to commit themselves to the sacrament of matrimony may be resolved that their life in marriage is a way to holiness. We also continue to pray for those who are discerning to serve the church in the ordained ministry and consecrated lives, that their discernment will lead them to a free decision and a sense of joy.

Blessing for children Baptised in the Parish

11.00am Mass,
 Sunday August 20, 2023
 Families whose children have been baptised in the previous year are invited to receive a special blessing at this Mass.



Charismatic Prayer Group

All are welcome to join us at 2.00pm every 2nd Thursday. For enquires contact loreleigoodal-1350@gmail.com



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.



Nature

Get out into nature, where the Creator's love is spelled out for us. In his autobiography, Ignatius recounts a pivotal moment in his spiritual journey which took place on the banks of the Cardoner River. There, enveloped by God's love, he tasted God's mercy and realized the presence of God in all things. For many, mountains and waters are "thin places," where it's easier to encounter God. If we aren't able to hit the trails or get to the shore, though, we can still find God's touch in our daily surroundings: seeing a flower popping out of a crack in the sidewalk, feeling a cool breeze upon our faces, or smelling fresh-cut grass.

Carrying Forward the Plenary Council Online Workshops

Dr Chris Cotter and Leslie Cooper will be facilitating two online workshops focusing on the findings from the Plenary Council and the ways we can implement actions to support the commitments agreed to at the Council. These online sessions will start and end in prayer and invite participants to read and reflect on the decrees and share and listen to thoughts and ideas - a process consistent with that used at the Plenary Council.



Choose either an evening session on **Tuesday 8 August 7.00 – 8.30pm**, or a morning session on **Wednesday 9 August 9.00 – 10.30am**

This event is free to all. You must register to receive Zoom login details. To register go to:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJKVC>

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

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

A combined prayer service will be held in St Brendan's Catholic Church on **Wednesday, August 16, at 7.30pm.**

The Second Vatican Council emphasised the importance of Catholics spending time in prayer and dialogue with other Christians.

The night will include a Liturgy of the Word service, music and fellowship with refreshments afterwards.

We need your support for this occasion please as we extend hospitality to our brothers and sisters of other Christian Churches in our area.

Ministers of other Christian Churches in Shepparton will be attending with their parishioners.

Please mark this date in your diary.

God bless, Fr Joe and Fr Jackson.

World Youth Day

35 pilgrims from across the Sandhurst Diocese began their World Youth Day (WYD) pilgrimage on Saturday, July 29.

We will return on Friday, August 11.

The WYD experience includes a visit to Fatima and a post-WYD retreat at Avila in Spain. The WYD week will be held in Lisbon, Portugal. The program includes festivals, the Papal welcome, Stations of the Cross and a pilgrimage to the WYD Vigil and final Mass, among other things. There are 11 young adults

connected with St Brendan's

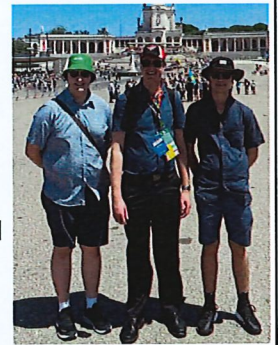
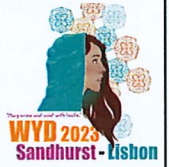
Parish in one way or another taking part in the pilgrimage.

This includes four staff from Notre Dame College, two teachers from St Luke's Primary School and six others connected with St Brendan's Parish.

Please keep us in your prayers.

God bless, Fr Jackson Saunders.

WYD Chaplain. You can follow their travels on facebook through Sandhurst Youth Ministry



ROSTERS We are challenged with people not attending Mass on their rostered weekends. If you are on a roster PLEASE add your dates to your diary. If you cannot attend—please contact the Parish office so we can find a replacement.

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?



Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council Meeting 2, held July 14.

Report has now been released along with Concrete Proposals for SMPC Action from the 2023 Diocesan Assembly.



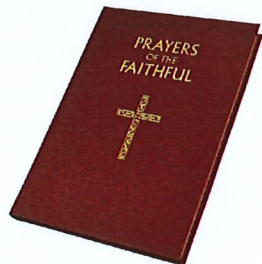
Copies are available in the Narthex and Piety store.

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.



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:

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.



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Taking Action to Respond to the Call of Laudato Si

Grow native plants suitable for your locality in your garden.

From Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace

On August 8, we celebrate the feast day of Australia's first canonised saint, **Mary of the Cross MacKillop**.

This year, *Aid to the Church in Need* is inviting you to **bulk purchase, at our special feast day rate (\$25.00)**, these beautiful Italian made Ghirelli rosaries which commemorate this notable occasion in the history of the Catholic Church in Australia.

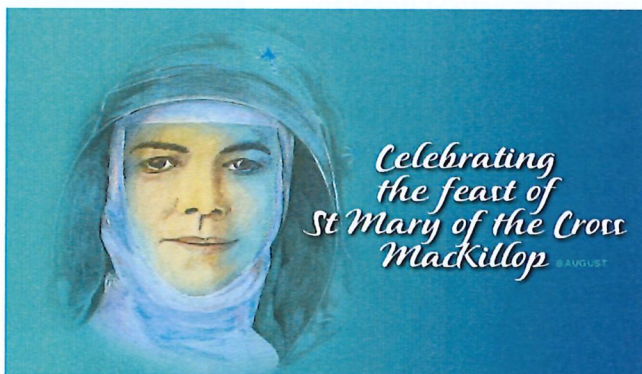
These unique rosaries can be utilised as gifts to school or university cohorts, sacramental classes, youth groups, staff members, leadership teams, residents in aged care or group members. Alternatively, they can be purchased and then on-sold at a profit, creating an opportunity for local fundraising. Please note that orders

will close Thursday 31 August.

For any questions or request an order form email orders@aidtochurch.org or call 1800 101 201.



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



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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| alone | high | shelters |
| clothes | Moses | Son |
| cloud | mountain | teacher |
| frightened | Peter | three |

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ST DONATO FEAST DAY – 60th Anniversary.

A Mass to celebrate the annual St Donato Feast will be celebrated on at Sacred Heart Church Tatura on **Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 10.00am** followed by a 3 course lunch and entertainment by Rick Brun, auctions and raffles at Tatura Italian Social Club. Tickets for adults are \$60.00 and youth (5-12) \$25.00.

RSVP by 1st August to Mary Zobec 0427 190 282.



Life is like a cup of tea.
TO BE FILLED TO THE BRIM AND ENJOYED WITH FRIENDS

Join us in the MPJC for a cuppa after our Thursday morning midweek Mass. The Rosary is recited after the 9.15 Mass, so after the Rosary everyone is invited to come and share a cuppa and conversation in the Parish Centre.

Save the date: Friday 1st September World Day of Prayer for Creation.

Sandhurst Diocese will launch the Season of Creation 2023 with Mass at 11am celebrated by Bishop Shane at Notley Picnic Area in the Whipstick Forest, Greater Bendigo National Park. This will be followed by a BYO Picnic Lunch. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate this occasion. (Venue is about 15 minutes from the Bendigo CBD). It is also the first day of Spring, and National Wattle Day.

