

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 February 2024

First Reading Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
- By now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jew or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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**St Brendan's
Friendship Group**

will be meeting for lunch again:

12.30pm, Sunday February 18
at the Goulburn Valley Hotel,
223 High Street, Shepparton.

Everyone is welcome, especially if
new to the Parish.

Enquiries to Pat 0423 343 711,
please leave a message.

A note from Sr Bing..

Greetings to everyone,
With grateful heart I want to say Thank You to all those who contributed in making my Silver Jubilee celebration such a memorable occasion for me. Thank You especially to Fr. Joe and the priests who concelebrated with him, to the altar servers, to Loretta Grace for the music and to Celie Hicks for her many acts of support and kindness. Thank You to my Filipino friends who brought food for the party and to other kind parishioners who contributed in so many ways. Your good wishes and prayers reminded me of my mission to be a real faithful companion to Jesus, to my community and to each one of you. God bless us all.

Bing, fcJ



*"Look at the past with gratitude...
Live the present with passion...
Embrace the future with hope..."*

(Year of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis)

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Recently Deceased: Les Fitzgerald

Anniversary: Shirley Moylan

Readers & Commentators February 17 & 18, 2024

6pm	F. Smullen	R. Mellijor
8am	P. Guthrie	G. Adams
11am	M. Frizzell	TBC

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.



This weekend we have five lovely, courageous people celebrating

the Rite of Welcome into our Parish community.

Jessica Stanyer, Jenny Sibilila, Georgia Sofra, Brock O'Hara and Bianca Nardella, will all take the next step in the RCIA process of a formal declaration of being on the journey to faith, to discover more fully the love of God. The Rite of Welcome also asks something of us, as Parishioners of St Brendan's faith community. Are we willing to walk with, support and encourage them as they continue to learn about the Good News of the Gospel? Are we an example of people believing and living this Good News as best we can?

Please make an effort to introduce yourselves to them after Mass, this makes all the difference, like the Rite of Welcome suggests—lets make them welcome.

PRAYING With CHILDREN SUNDAY LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is back on this week!

We are again asking for volunteers to sign up for one Sunday per term, or two if you wish!

You can email the dates that you are available.

Children's Liturgy is a 20-minute session for primary aged children held during the Sunday 11am St Brendan's Mass. Children are called up after the opening prayer and 2 volunteers facilitate the liturgy with the children in the Mons Peter Jeffrey centre behind the Church.

We provide all resources.

The sessions are very informal and are often guided by discussion prompted from the kids. If you are new to Children's Liturgy, we can partner you alongside a more experienced volunteer so you can observe a session.

Please don't hesitate to speak with Jason Giuliani or email shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au if you have any further questions or if you know of anyone who may be interested. Jason is usually at the 11am Mass with the musicians and can be on hand to help.

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 further 4hrs/week at St Mel's Parish House

GOLDEN YEARS Fr Joe and 7 couples from the Parish are celebrating their golden jubilees this year, and are preparing a celebration over the weekend of May 18/19.



At the 11.00am Sunday Mass, there will be a combined celebration with lunch to follow in the Bones Hall.

People attending the luncheon are asked to bring lots of food to share!

Meditation will be held from 7.15am—7.45am each Thursday of Lent, beginning on February 15.

We will meet in the Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre.
All welcome.

PANCAKES will be available after all Masses this weekend, February 10 & 11.



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)

Syro Malabar Ash
Monday Mass: 6.00pm
 Monday February 12

St Mary's Dookie: 6.00pm,
Tuesday, February 13

St Brendan's Ash Wednesday Masses:
 Wednesday, February 14
 7.00am and 9.15am



Charismatic Prayer Group
 We are starting up again for 2024.
New Date & Time:
Wednesdays at 1.30 pm In the Mackillop Room.



All are welcome—come and join us.
 Enquiries to: Lorelei Goodall 5798 5331.

CALLING ALL ACTORS AND ACTRESSES!



If anyone is interested in being part of the Good Friday 'Stations of the Cross' re-enactment (March 29) please contact Dale Wright on 0408 216 522.

PRESBYTERY RENOVATIONS PROGRESS PHOTOS

Painting has commenced in some of the bedrooms which is proving to give a fresh look and provide brightness about the place.

Downlights will be installed in the Kitchen ceiling too as seen in photo (top right).

Some carpets have been lifted to expose lovely timber floorboards (photos below) which will be sanded and varnished in due course.

Thank you to those who have recently contributed a one-off donation towards the cost of the above works.

Your generosity is certainly appreciated.



St Brendan's Sacramental Program



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

Please contact the Sacramental Coordinator for a copy of the enrolment pack by emailing: shepparton.sacramental@sandhurst.catholic.org.au


Children in Grade 3 at St Brendan's and St Luke's will receive an enrolment pack at school in the coming weeks. Please note: our Sacramental Coordinator; Jess works on Wednesdays only.

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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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 17th March
 Program Begins Term 2

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

The **Season of Lent** begins on the February 14, with Ash Wednesday. As such, the Parish is offering an opportunity to participate in a Lenten reflection group.

We are planning a Zoom meeting each Tuesday starting at 7.00pm, February 20.

If you would like to be a part of this group just call the office with your email address and a link will be sent to you along with a reflection group booklet to follow.

The other option is a meeting at 8 Norton Ave on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. Once again please ring the office to book a place and receive your booklet. Contact Anthony with any questions on Tuesdays or Thursdays: 5821 2633 or email shepparton.pastoral@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Women's Retreat



The Sandhurst Diocese of the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga, is hosting a Women's Retreat. **All Welcome, Please join us.**

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024
Time: 10.00 to 3.15pm
Where: Mary Help of Christians Church, 61 Ebdon Street, Heathcote. Commencing at 10am with Mass.

The day includes two spiritual reflections by Fr Peter Ferwerda and concludes at 3.15pm with the Devine Mercy Chaplet.

BYO Lunch, drinks provided.
Email: cwlvicww@gmail.com



Please take home a **Project Compassion** box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.



With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk education to build a better future for all. 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.



How can I make the most of the rest of my life?



Alpha is coming again, are you ready?
www.alpha.org.au/try

Enquiries: Marie Fontana 0435 899 830

2024

FEBRUARY

- 02 Feast of the Presentation
World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
- 04 Word of God Sunday
- 08 World Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking
- 11 World Day of Prayer for the Sick
- 13 Shrove Tuesday
Project Compassion Launch
- 14 ASH WEDNESDAY
- 18 1st Sunday of Lent RCIA Rite
- 19 In-service for Priests from overseas starts
- 20 World Day of Prayer for Social Justice
- 22 In-service for Priests from overseas last day
- 23 SMPC Meeting 1
- 24 SMPC Meeting 1
- 25 2nd Sunday of Lent

MARCH

- 03 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 08 St John Of God Hospital Bendigo Commemoration
- 10 4th Sunday of Lent
- 11 Labour Day
- 13 Council of Priests Meeting
- 16 Close the Gap Day
- 17 5th Sunday of Lent
- 18 St Patrick's Day
- 19 St Joseph, husband of Mary
- 21 Harmony Day
- 24 PALM SUNDAY 150th Pilgrimage Bendigo, St Kilians to Cathedral
- 26 CHRISM MASS - 11.00 am Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo All welcome - Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass) & 150th Anniversary celebration of the Sandhurst Diocese
- 28 HOLY THURSDAY
Last day of school for Term 1
- 29 GOOD FRIDAY
- 30 Easter Vigil 150th Anniversary of Sandhurst Diocese
- 31 EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL

- 01 EASTER MONDAY
- 07 Divine Mercy Sunday
- 08 Annunciation of the Lord
- 14 3rd Sunday of Easter
- 15 School Term 2 starts
- 20 SMPC Meeting 2
- 21 Good Shepherd Sunday
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 27 Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel

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