

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.

First Sunday of Lent, Year B

18 February 2024

First Reading Gn 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness,
O Lord. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

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

*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.*

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

Gospel Mk 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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This Sunday the RCIA group will travel as a group to the Cathedral in Bendigo for the Rite of Election.

The Rite of Election is the next step for our candidates and catechumens.

Their names are written in the Parish book of the Elect and they are invited to sign their names along with their sponsors in the presence of the Bishop and other Parish members.

Please keep Bianca, Jenny, Georgia, Brock and Jessica in your prayers as they come closer to making a final decision on joining the Catholic Community here at St Brendan's.

Our next **Men's Group** gathering will be a little different as the MPJC is unavailable. We will meet for breakfast: **7.30am, Saturday, February 24,** at the 'Food Store' 53 Fryers Street, Shepparton.

If you would like to join us please phone the office on Tuesdays or Thursdays 5821 2633, or email Anthony on [shepparton.pastoral@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:sandhurst.catholic.org.au)
*Please note new email.



ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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Parish Priest: Fr Joe Taylor
Priest in Residence: Fr Joseph Kunnackattu
Associate Priest: Fr Jackson Saunders
Deacon: Francois Baguma
Office Manager: Diane Teitzel
Child Safe Officer: Jason Giuliani Ph: 5821 2633
Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9am - 2pm



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

Recently Deceased: Bill Van Dillen (brother of Ellie Jarvis), Lucy Scott, Lynette Gawne

Anniversary: Arnold Schroeders, Tom Naughton, Ernest Cook, Bill Keyte, Angela Rizzeri

Readers & Commentators February 24 & 25, 2024

6pm	D. Sullivan	A. Kilmartin
8am	S. White	P. White
11am	J-M. Mupenda	I. Garla

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.

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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



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.

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.

Meditation will be held from 7.15am—7.45am each Thursday during Lent in the Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre. All welcome.



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.

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

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)

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 available at St Mel's Parish House.

Charismatic Prayer Group

We are starting up again for
2024. **Next Date & Time:**

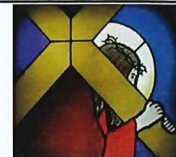
*Wednesday, February 28 at
1.30 pm In the MacKillop Room.*

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.

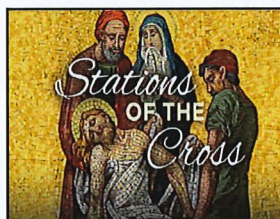
GARABANDAL PRAYER GROUP:

Monday, February 19, from
1.30pm in the Mary MacKillop
room of the

Parish Centre.
Enter through

the office.
Newcomers are

very welcome.



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

Parish Footy Tipping Comp 2024



Calling all tipsters! The new AFL season
commences on March 7. We are
inviting all parishioners and friends of the
parish to join our tipping comp.

Enjoy bragging rights amongst your family, friends or
colleagues! See if you can beat our veteran parish skipper,
Fr. Joe or maybe you would like to test your skills against
our young gun, Fr. Jackson (a.k.a. The Pontiff).

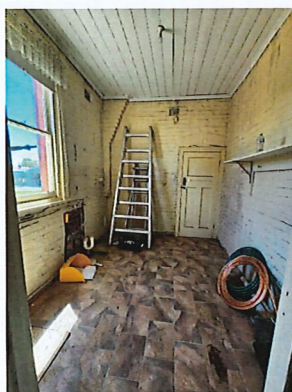
This year, the finance committee have increased the 1st
prize to \$300. Cost of entry is \$35, payable to the parish
office by March 1.

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
if you need any help with the online registration process.

PRESBYTERY RENOVATIONS PROGRESS PHOTOS

Fr Joe would like to express his
sincere gratitude to those who
have generously deposited a
one-off donation into the Parish
general bank account towards our
Presbytery Renovations.
So far we have received \$11,250
in donations.



This photo is of the laundry, which
as you can see needs a bit of work.

They have re-located the hot water system which was
originally in this part of the house, to outside.

They have been sanding floors, working on the kitchen,
ceiling and an ensuite and painting bedrooms this week.
Work is going to schedule and so far, no major surprises!

If you would like to donate to these works, the
St Brendan's Parish general bank account details are:
BSB: 083 543, Acc: 48359 3006, Ref: Renos (surname).

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Alpha is coming again,
are you ready?

www.alpha.org.au/try

Enquiries to Marie
Fontana 0435 899 830



Join us to make
Palm Crosses:
from 10am, Friday
February 23 in
the MPJC, All welcome



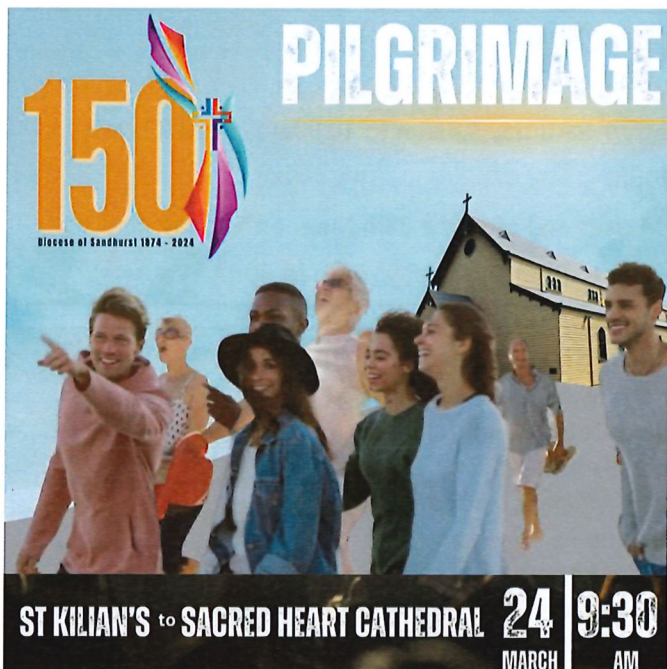
Lent began Wednesday, February 14.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days
of fast and abstinence.

The law of fasting binds those who have
completed their eighteenth year, until the
beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds
those who have completed their fourteenth year.

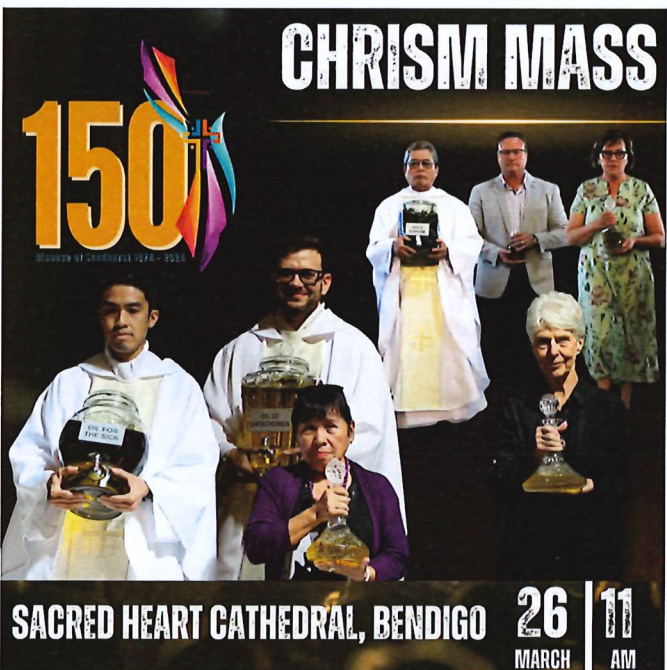
Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and
helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for
Easter with those who are to be baptised.

Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. Marriage) must take account
of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used
to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.
Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least
once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash
Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.



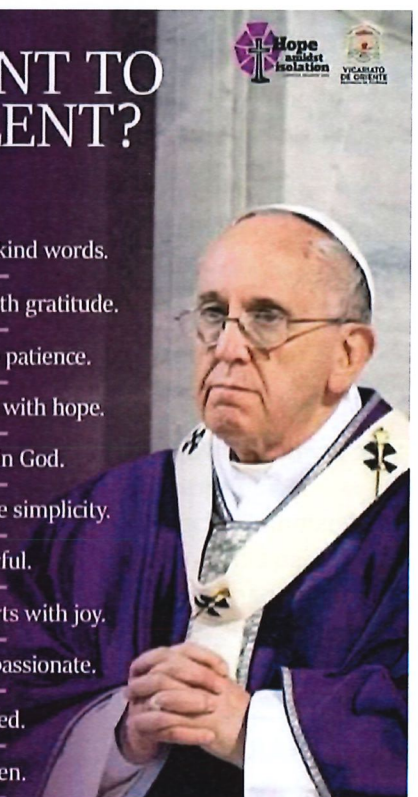
150 PILGRIMAGE
Biscuits of Sandhurst 1874 - 2024

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



150 CHRISM MASS
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SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, BENDIGO **26** | **11**
MARCH AM



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Hope assist isolation VICARIATO DI CRETE



Sunday, April 7
DIVINE MERCY
Sunday

Join us at St. Brendan's Church, 121 Knight St, Shepparton
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

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. 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.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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

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