

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.

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

25 February 2024

First Reading Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

- I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)
- Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
- My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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

Making Palm Crosses:
Please join us in making palm crosses for Palm Sunday in the MPJC on **Friday March 1** at 3.30pm.
All welcome, no need to bring anything.
All queries: Emma Christy 0436 022 949.

Charismatic Prayer Group
Next Date & Time: 1.30pm
Wednesday, February 28 in the MacKillop Room.
All are welcome.
Enquiries to: Lorelei Goodall 5798 5331.

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 11am
Weekday Mass Times
Tuesday to Friday 9.15am
Reconciliation Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)
Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6pm, 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-8pm and Fridays 5pm-6pm

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

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

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Recently Deceased: Sr Mary De Chantal RSM (Honora Wardle) - sister of Ray Wardle, Eva O'Shannessy, Domenic Demasi, Josephine 'Jo' Chilcott, Fred Cullen.

Anniversary: John Stein, Ray Wardle, Bernard O'Shea, Leo Clurey, Greg & Christine Partridge, Jack, Peter and Michael O'Connor.

Readers & Commentators March 2 & 3, 2024

6pm	D. Tarquini	M. Keyte
8am	L. Billings	V. Rando
11am	J. Pilkington	M. Fontana

POSITION AVAILABLE CLEANER-HOUSEKEEPER

St Brendan's Parish House,
 121 Knight Street, Shepparton: Casual (8hrs/week).
 Applications close: March 4, 2024. For position description please contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633 or email shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
 Possible 4hrs/wk also available at St Mel's Parish House.

Anointing Mass: 11.00am Wednesday, March 6, St Brendan's Church



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. 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, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Serra Club Friday, March 1 at 7.15pm—

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commences at 5pm and continues until the beginning of Mass. Cuppa in the MPJC afterwards. All welcome.



CHRISM MASS ALL ARE INVITED!
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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.

St Brendan's Sacramental Programs:



Children in **Year 3 or higher**, enrolments close March 17.
Secondary School Program, enrolments close March 17.
 Both programs commence in Term 2. Please email Jess on: shepparton.sacramental@sandhurst.catholic.org.au for enrolment information..

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

Alpha is coming again, are you ready?
www.alpha.org.au/try
 Enquiries to Marie Fontana 0435 899 830



Faith & Light:
 Sunday March 3
 in the MPJC.



Parish Footy Tipping Comp 2024

The new AFL season commences on March 7. Join our tipping comp!

1st prize of \$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.

All queries to 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 on **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 1

