

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.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**4 February 2024**

## First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

*I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'how slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3**

*(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving; to him our praise is due. *(R.)*
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. *(R.)*
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the

Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering  
Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mk 1:29-39

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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The **Season of Lent** begins on 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 on February 20 at 7.00pm.

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.

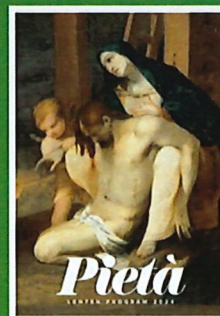
Once again please ring the office to book a place and receive your booklet.

Our Church offers us a great chance to prepare our hearts for Lent, for each year we are asked to renew again our understanding of the mysteries of the Easter story.

The mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, is very difficult to grasp, we need grace to deepen and explore God's action in the Easter mystery.

Reflection, prayer and quiet time are the places that the Holy Spirit can enter our hearts opening new understandings, which deepen and grow our faith.

Please call Anthony with any questions on Tuesdays or Thursdays: 5821 2633.





# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

**Recently Deceased:** Rosa Piscioneri

**Anniversary:**

**Readers & Commentators** February 10 & 11, 2024

6pm	C. Villani	D. Mori
8am	B. Sullivan	V. Rando
11am	M. Fontana	S. Pivac

## Clergy and Seminary announcements

As the routines of the new year get underway, I wish to advise you about a number of matters related to clergy and seminarians.

### Director of Clergy Life and Ministry

After seven years of generous service as Director of Clergy Life and Ministry, Father Brian Boyle has been succeeded in this role by Father Jake Mudge, who assisted Father Brian in this role last year to ensure a smooth transition.

### Father Henry Onyirioha

In 2022, Father Henry Onyirioha, from Nigeria, served for three months in the Parish of Yarrawonga, during the early months of Father Steve Bohan's illness.

Father Henry's visa has now been approved for an extended period of ministry in the Diocese, which will commence around the end of February.

### Father Andrew Fewings

Last week, Father Andrew Fewings departed for Europe, where he will have a vacation and then undertake a sabbatical program in Ireland. He will return to the Diocese around mid-May.

### Jhunel Mendez

During last year, Jhunel Mendez commenced seminary formation at Corpus Christi College, while residing and assisting in Holy Cross Parish, Basak Pardo, Cebu. His visa has now been approved, and he will arrive in Australia next Sunday, in time for the beginning of the new academic year at Corpus Christi College.

### Come and See program

Because of delays in obtaining a suitable visa for Abishek Madanu and Anil Madanu to travel from India, the *Come and See* program planned for the coming months has been postponed.

Yours sincerely, +Shane Mackinlay



## 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 Parish 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 at [sacramental.coord@bigpond.com](mailto:sacramental.coord@bigpond.com).

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.

## FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PARISH

Parishioners and members of the PPC last met on November 15 to further look at the Parish devising a new PARISH LOGO around our new Mission Statement.

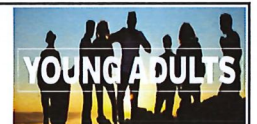
We welcome all those interested to come along to our next meeting which will be held:



**Wednesday, February 7**  
in the MARIAN CHAPEL at 7pm.

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-35yo)

**Thursdays, 6 - 7pm** in the MPJC.  
New members always welcome.



Rosey Kilmartin who has been the Parish Housekeeper since April 2018 has recently resigned. Rosey also assisted with cleaning the Parish Office for a brief period. We wish to thank Rosey immensely for her efforts and time she has given to keeping the Parish House ship-shape.

Her beautiful smile and positive nature will be missed around the place. Many thanks Rosey. *Fr Joe*



### 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)

**Anointing Mass: 11.00am,  
Wednesday, February 7, 2024.**

### **Community of the Sons and Daughters of God**

All are welcome to attend

Saturday February 10

11:30 Mass

St Brendan's Church,

Shepparton

Adoration 3 - 4pm



### **Syro Malabar Ash**

**Monday Mass:** 6.00pm

Monday February 12

**St Mary's Dookie:** 6.00pm,

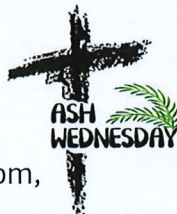
Tuesday, February 13

### **St Brendan's Ash**

**Wednesday Masses:**

Wednesday, February 14

7.00am and 9.15am



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### **PRESBYTERY RENOVATIONS HAVE COMMENCED**

Internal renovations within the Presbytery have now commenced.

Plastering and carpentry works, internal paint works, an ensuite upgrade, uplifting of carpets, replacing polished floors and lots of finishing touches are all part of the quoted work. As you can see from the photo below this ensuite is in need of some major work. Total cost of the full renovations are \$131,641.23.

We would be extremely grateful if you could assist the parish with a **ONE OFF DONATION** towards these renovation costs.

These can be made via EFT to the Parish Bank Account:

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**BSB:** 083 543

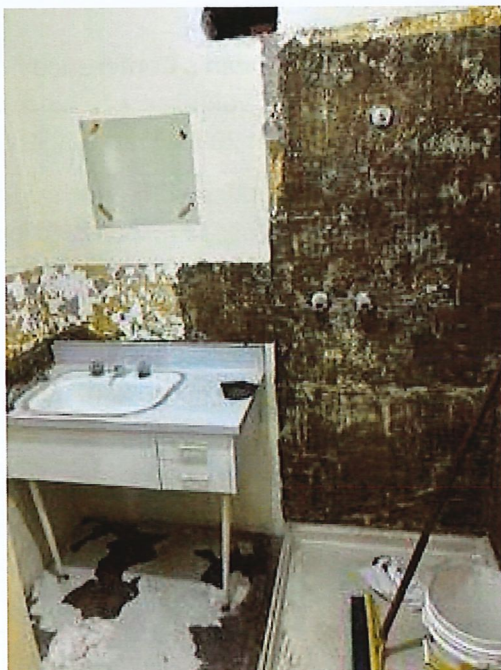
**ACC NO:** 48359 3006

**REFERENCE:** Renos. (your surname)

Some donations have already been received. We are immensely grateful for people's generosity.

If you would like any further information contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633.

*Sincere thanks, Fr Joe.*



Thank you to all who contributed to our \$1,452 collection through Tap-n-Go during January.



### **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.

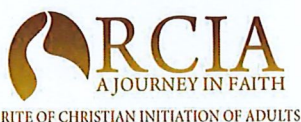
The first meeting for our **Men's Group** will be Saturday, February 10. We meet at 7.30am in the Parish Centre.

We share breakfast and conversations sharing what has been happening in our lives. This is such a rich time, God works in the everyday events of our lives, the nitty-gritty messy bits is where we find him.

We share a faith reflection with the group and invite sharing of where we hear God speaking to us through the Sacred Scriptures.

If you are looking for a place to nurture and grow your faith with other men, then please consider joining the Men's group. You will be made most welcome.

If you have a questions please call Anthony 5821 2633 on Tuesdays or Thursdays.



Our Parish RCIA group has started our weekly meeting this week. This meeting we focused on the Psalms.

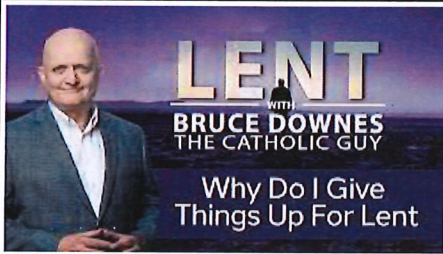
The Psalms are a part of our weekly liturgy at Mass, but were so integral in the life of Jesus and through the Old and New Testament.

They are rich in evidence of Gods relationship with his people.

We looked at how we can use them in our prayer life today.

Please keep the RCIA group in your prayers as they continue their journey.





Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter.  
Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>



## Women's Retreat

The Sandhurst Diocese of the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga, is hosting a Women's Retreat.

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024

Time: 10.00 to 3.15pm

Where: Mary Help of Christians Church, 61 Ebdon Street, Heathcote

Commencing 10am with Holy Mass. The day includes two spiritual reflections by Fr Peter Ferwerda and concludes at 3.15pm with the Devine Mercy Chaplet.

BYO Lunch, Tea, Coffee, drinks provided. **All Welcome. Please join us.**

Sacred Heart Parish Tatura invites you to a Farewell Mass for

*Ryerson De Lai*

before he enters the Seminary.

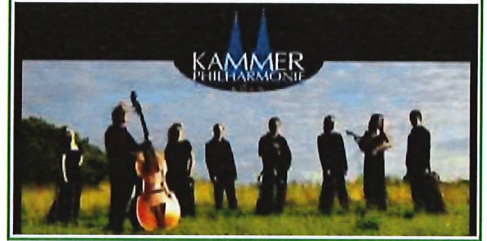
**Sunday 11th of February**

Mass will commence at 10:30am  
Following the Mass there will be a morning tea held in St Mary's Hall (opposite Sacred Heart Church)

we look forward to seeing you there

### SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, March 5, 2024. 7.00pm.  
Concert in St Brendan's Church



### LOST AND FOUND

Due to the number of items left in the Church after Masses, a box is kept in the main entrance of the Church (Narthex).

These items will be kept for 1 month before being disposed of.

Please check the box in case one of these items belong to your family.



### PRAYING WITH CHILDREN SUNDAY LITURGY

Returns at 11.00am Mass  
Sunday, February 11



## St Vincent de Paul Society

*good works*

The St Brendan's Conference is looking for more volunteers to work in our welfare centre at 209 Wyndham Street.

The role involves working with another St Vincent de Paul conference member to interview clients and assist them with essentials of food/clothing etc in an atmosphere of respect and dignity.

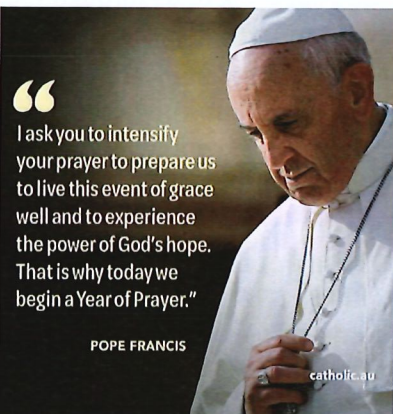
The welfare centre is open 5 days per week and the volunteers need to be available between 11.30-2.30pm one day a week/fortnight.

For further information and expressions of interest please contact Patricia Crane (President) on 0428 346 347 or Gerry Goonan (Secretary) 0413 400 318.

### Colouring Pages:

There are colouring pages for children located in the Narthex.

You will need to provide your own pencils or crayons.



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