

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.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B**

**10 March 2024**

## First Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke: through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 136. R. v.6**

*(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!*

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

## Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - It is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## Gospel Jn 3:14-21

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light

because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light,

so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education.

But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. 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 calling 1800 024 413 or visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion).

The St Brendan's Parish have so far contributed \$1550, thank you.



## MUSICIANS We are in need of

musicians and singers for the Sunday 8am Mass. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633 or speak with Fr Joe or Fr Jackson.



## Community of the Sons and Daughters of God

Saturday, March 16, 11am Mass at St Brendan's Shepparton. All welcome. Adoration 3 - 4pm.



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# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

**Anniversary:** Con and Barbara Zammit, Eugene Curtis, Len Stein, Judy Cobbledick, Shirley Cobbledick and Joe Cobbledick, Rosa Piscioneri, Bernadette Watt, Winifred Kelly.

## 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.

## Readers & Commentators March 17 & 18 2024

6pm	Sr Bing	K. Hunt
8am	B. Sullivan	D. Teitzel
11am	L. Richardson	P. Richardson

## ST BRENDANS' FEAST DAY

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** A Parish Expo and the launch of our new vision statement and logo will be held **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, with stalls of all of our parish groups and food available for lunch. Please contact the Parish Office to join us.



The Parish office will be closed on Monday, March 11. Please email any queries.



## PARISH YOUTH WORKER

**Join our team!**

### 3yr Contract, 10 hrs/week

Permanent Part-time (Hours are flexible and can be negotiated, if needed).

Role will be to involve young people in the life and mission of the Catholic Church at St Brendan's Parish.

CLOSES Friday, March 22, 2024. For enquiries and to obtain a copy of the role description email: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

## PRESBYTERY RENOVATIONS

Sanding of floors continue but these should finish in the next week. Next on the agenda is painting. Thank you to for your generous donations towards the project.

## What about the Church?

Alpha is coming again, are you ready? [www.alpha.org.au/try](http://www.alpha.org.au/try)

Enquiries to Marie 0435 899 830



## YOUNG ADULTS



Saturday March 16  
 Mass at 6pm

Fish and Chips at 7pm

Young Adults 18 - 35 are invited  
 Pre-order your dinner when you RSVP, which will be at your expense

Consultation on the Synod  
 Discussion on the Church's mission  
 from 7.30pm - 8.30pm

RSVP 5821 2633 or email [Jackson.Saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:Jackson.Saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## Gluten free Communion.

We have a number of gluten free Communion hosts already consecrated in the tabernacle from recent school Masses.

If you receive gluten free Communion, please speak with Father about this before Mass so that he can give one of these to you during the Mass.

## Candle Bearers for the Passion Play on Good Friday

We are looking for 10 people to be involved. Rehearsal will be held during the afternoon on Palm Sunday. If you are able to assist, please contact Graeme Quinlan 0439 401 357.

During the season of Lent there will be no recessional hymn. People will be asked to leave the Church in total silence.

New rosters will be prepared shortly. If you would like to be added or change your current details please email the Parish office (see top of page).



**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

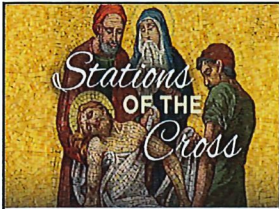
**Rosary**— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

**Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**: Thursdays 7pm to 8pm and Fridays 5pm to 6pm

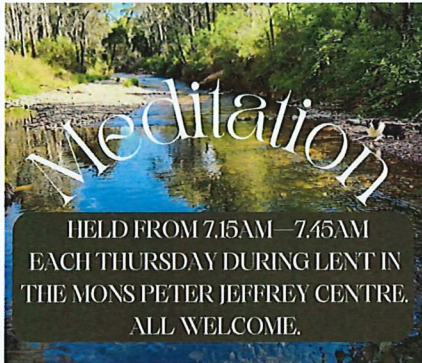
**Weekday Mass Times**

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

**Reconciliation** Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)



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



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

A **VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT** gathering for men will be held on Sunday, May 26 at St Patrick's Catholic Parish, Wangaratta, from 2.30pm.

The gathering will conclude with dinner. The session will be focused on prayer. For details or to RSVP, please reach out to Fr Jackson or Fr Nathan Verallo: 5722 1970.



***St Brendan's Sacramental Program***

Children in Year 3 or higher, baptised or welcomed into the Catholic Church.

During our Masses this weekend and next weekend we will be accepting enrolments into this year's Sacramental Program.

**Enrolments will not be accepted outside of these Mass times.**



Children will be called forward at a time during mass to "lodge" their paperwork and receive a Welcome Pack.

- Saturday, March 9, at 6pm
- Sunday, March 10, at 8am and 11am
- Saturday, March 16, at 6pm
- Sunday, March 17, at 8am and 11am

If you would like to enrol your child in the program but do not have the enrolment pack, please email Jess on shepparton.sacramental@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

**Enrolments close after the 11am Mass on Sunday, March 17.**

**ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
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 March 17  
Program Begins Term 2**

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

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2024**

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 - SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 23 & 24**

6:00PM SATURDAY VIGIL (YOUTH MASS)

8:00AM & 11:00AM SUNDAY



**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

9:15AM LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION

11:00AM CHRISM MASS - CATHEDRAL BENDIGO

6.30 - 7.30PM RECONCILIATION



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

9:15AM DAILY MASS

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

5:30PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

3:00PM CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

8:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

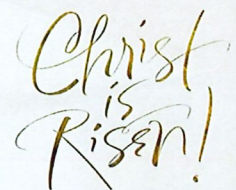
**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

6:00PM EASTER VIGIL 'THE VIGIL OF LIGHT'

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

CELEBRATION OF THE RISEN LORD

8:00AM & 11:00AM EASTER SUNDAY MASS



Teams of Our Lady

Teams of Our Lady group for young married couples is launching soon.

Teams of Our Lady is an international Catholic faith movement of married couples, who meet monthly to discuss their lives with other married couples.

The format of each meeting is some shared prayer, discussion over a meal and the opportunity to share a high/low with each other.

This group will meet **Wednesday, March 20, at 6.30pm.** Please reach out to Fr Jackson, to join the group on email [jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

**Charismatic Prayer Group** Wednesday, March 13 at 1.30 pm In the MacKillop Room. All are welcome.

Enquiries to: Lorelei Goodall 5798 5331.





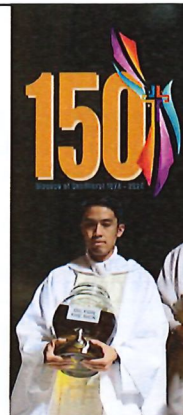
**PILGRIMAGE**  
150 YEARS CELEBRATION OF THE SANDHURST DIOCESE

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

**PILGRIMAGE TO BENDIGO FOR 150 YEARS CELEBRATION OF THE SANDHURST DIOCESE**

This year marks 150 years since the foundation of the Sandhurst Diocese. Fr Joe is inviting parishioners to join him in Bendigo on Palm Sunday, March 24, for Diocesan celebrations with a pilgrimage from St Kilian's Catholic Church to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo. The pilgrimage begins at 9.30am at St Kilian's Catholic Church, 161 McCrae Street, Bendigo.

There will then be a leisurely walk through Bendigo to the Cathedral for the 11am Mass with Bishop Shane Mackinlay.



**CHRISM MASS**  
150 YEARS CELEBRATION OF THE SANDHURST DIOCESE

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, BENDIGO  
26 MARCH 11 AM

**2024 Synod Consultation**

As the Church prepares for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024, we have been invited to contribute our response to the question: *How can we be a synodal Church in mission?* Please join other parishioners from our Deanery on **March 14, 2024, 5pm – 6.30 pm** in **St Mel's Parish gathering room** to take part in the discussion and consider how our own parish can be more synodal. This will help shape the communications provided to the Second Session of Synod in October in Rome.



**ST BRENDAN'S PARISH YOUTH MASS**

**Saturday, March 23, at 6.00pm.**


**Join us for a student led Mass in St Brendan's Church, everyone is welcome.**

**Food and Games in the Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre after Mass for youth Year 7 and above.**

**RSVP to [ella.bathman@notredame.vic.edu.au](mailto:ella.bathman@notredame.vic.edu.au) by March 21 for catering purposes.**



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To celebrate Harmony Day we invite you to a special event with the theme **"Mental Health / Inequalities and Spirituality"**

Very passionate and accomplished speakers will present on the theme

The speakers include:

Coordinator - **Voices for Harmony, Camuran Albanol**  
2021 Shepparton Citizen of the Year  
2021 Greater Shepparton Citizen of the Year

**Caleb Francis**  
Media Adviser to Ms Kim O'Keeffe's office

**Keynote Speaker: St Brendan's Parish Priest, Father Joe Taylor**

followed by a Q & A session led by

**MC, Ms Melissa Crosby**  
Office of Ms Kim O'Keeffe

The event, to celebrate Harmony Day will held on:

**Thursday 21st March 2023**  
**Shepparton Golf Club, 15 Golf Drive, Shepparton**  
**1.45pm for 2.00pm - 3.30pm**

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Enquiries: **Camuran (Camuran) Albanol - 0421 743 699**  
**Melissa Crosby - 0401 171 055**

"Everyone has the right of equal access to public service in his country."  
Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 21.2

**Dignity and Justice For All**



**Hearing Awareness Week:** Hearing loss affects millions of Australians each year. It can be socially isolating for those affected and equally frustrating for their family and friends. This cannot be treated lightly because recent studies suggest that loss of hearing is strongly linked to the development of dementia. The Department of Health's Hearing Services Program (HSP) offers a free one-hour consultation for a hearing check where an audiologist will also answer any questions you may have about hearing aids and loss of hearing. Subsidies are available offering a device at a discounted rate or completely free. The modern hearing aids which are tiny and almost invisible may be suitable for your needs.

The Catholic Women's League will gather for a speaker, reports and discussion at **10.00am, Wednesday, March 13**, in **St Mary's Hall, Tatura**. Mass at noon. BYO lunch. Enquiries to Margaret 5862 1080.




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