

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 of Lent, Year B

17 March 2024

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart In me, O God.

1. Have mercy on my, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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Join our team!

3yr Contract, 10 hrs/week

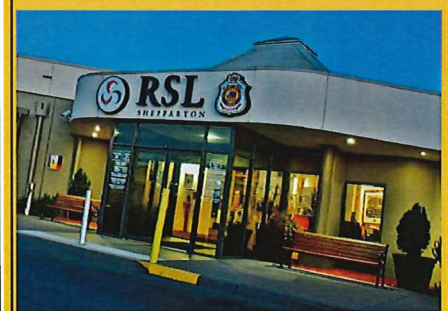
Permanent Part-time (Hours are flexible and can be negotiated, if needed). Role will be to involve young people in the life and mission of the Catholic Church at St Brendan's Parish.

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

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.

St Brendan's Parish
FRIENDSHIP GROUP
will meet for lunch this
Sunday, March 17 at 12.30pm at
the RSL Club, 88 Wyndham Street,
Shepparton. All enquiries to Pat
0423 343 711 (please leave a
message). ALL WELCOME.



ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



121 Knight Street, Shepparton
 Phone: 5821 2633 | Email: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
 Website: sheppartoncatholic.org.au
 Facebook: sheppartoncatholic
 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: John Latorre

Anniversary: Frank Piscioneri, Edward Phelan, John Cobbledick, Theresa Stepbens, Aethelynn Mary Lance.

Readers & Commentators March 23 & 24, 2024

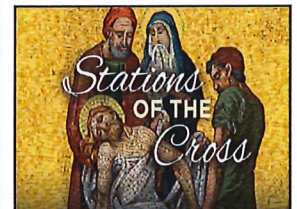
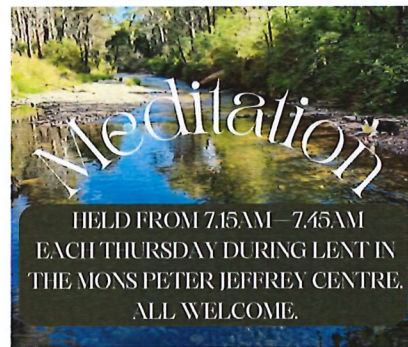
6pm	D. Mori	C. Villani
8am	P. White	S. White
11am	L. Schenker	R. Aitken

Our next **Men's group** meeting is on Saturday, March 23, in the MPJC at 7.30am. This meeting will reflect on the readings leading into Holy Week. We share breakfast together feeding our earthly bodies and then turn our attention to the spiritual nourishment of the soul through reflecting on the Word of God. Please feel free to join us. For queries please email shepparton.pastoral@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or call Anthony 5821 2633 (Tuesdays or Thursdays). The group is very welcoming of new members.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

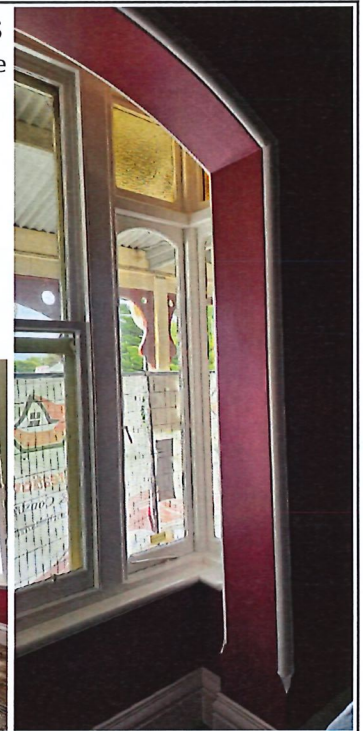
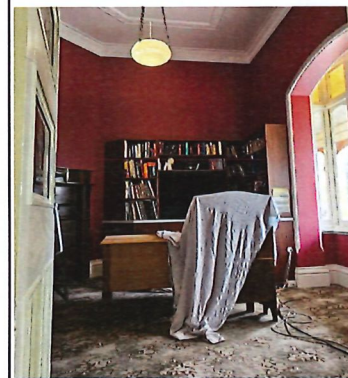
We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.



St Brendan's Catholic Church, 6pm, Thursday, March 21.

PRESBYTERY RENOVATIONS

Our ruby red paint has hit some of the walls in the Presbytery. Painters are 50% through the work. All the carpentry work has been completed. The polished timber floors are not yet complete. Fr Joe is very happy with the work so far.



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



The parish RCIA group will head over to Kyabram on Sunday for a day of reflection lead by Kylie Smith.

This is a very special day in the course of their journey towards Easter and full acceptance into the Catholic faith. The day will ask them to look a little deeper at their decision to become a Catholic. Is there anything holding them back from a full acceptance of God's love for them? The day will encourage them to look at what has been happening in their heart rather than their head? Are they understanding more about Gods love for them? How is this changing their life?

Please keep **Georgia Sofra, Brock O'Hara, Jessica Stanyer, Bianca Nardella, Jenny Sibilila and Jason Collier** in your prayers.

A **VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT** gathering for men will be held on Sunday, May 26 in Bendigo, 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.



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)

Alpha returns
Monday,
March 18. 
Contact Marie
0435 899 830

FOOTY TIPPING REMINDER



We are off and betting for the 2024 AFL Season. Thank you to those who have registered.

The prize money will be as follows:

FIRST - \$300

SECOND - \$150

THIRD - \$100

If you are yet to pay your \$35 fee, please call into the office with your CASH payment or pay via EFT with:

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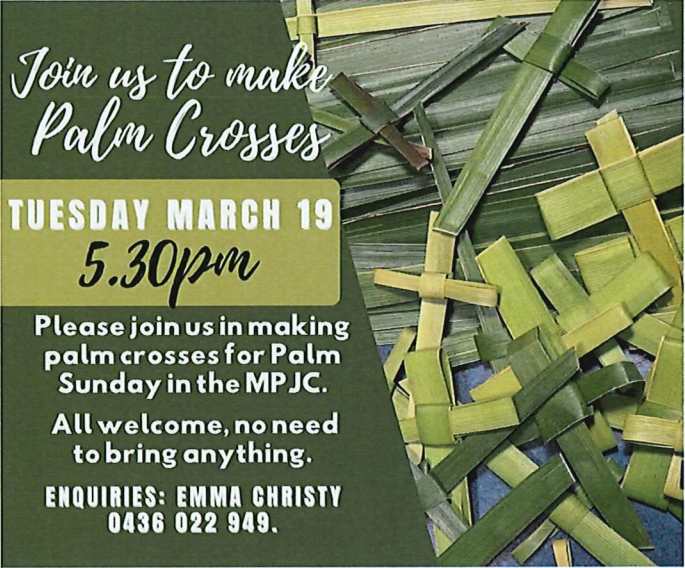
GOOD LUCK!

Join us to make
Palm Crosses


TUESDAY MARCH 19
5.30pm

Please join us in making palm crosses for Palm Sunday in the MPJC.
All welcome, no need to bring anything.

ENQUIRIES: EMMA CHRISTY
0436 022 949.




GARABANDAL RAYER GROUP:
Monday, March 18 from 1.30pm in the Mary MacKillop room of the parish centre.



All Welcome.

Altar Society Volunteers
Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter help needed!

Sacristans, cleaners and organisers, we need your help!
If you are available to help out over this busy time please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Sacristy.
Wednesday, March 20; Thursday, March 21; and Friday, March 22; directly after morning Mass for sorting of the palm branches for Palm Sunday.
All other days and times can be found on the sign-up sheet. Any time given is greatly appreciated! All queries to Andrea on 0407 096 440.




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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 or by calling 1800 024 413 or visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.
Donations from St Brendan's to date: \$2,695.

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St Brendan's Sacramental Program

This weekend will be the final opportunity for families to enrol their children in the Primary and Secondary School Sacramental Programs.

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

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

Enrolments will not be accepted outside of these Mass times.



Jess Doyle, Sacramental Coordinator
Wednesdays 9am-2pm, 5821 2633 or email shepparton.sacramental@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH YOUTH MASS

Saturday 23rd March
6.00pm

St Brendan's Parish

Join us for a student led Mass.
Everyone is welcome!

Years 7-12, join us for food and games in Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre after Mass.

RSVP to ella.bathman@notredame.vic.edu.au by 21st March if coming to Mons Centre for catering purposes




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HARMONY DAY

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA'S DIVERSITY



FEATURING SPEAKERS:

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'Keefe'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'Keefe

**everyone
 belongs**

**THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2024
 SHEPPARTON GOLF CLUB
 1.45PM FOR 2.00PM - 3.30PM**

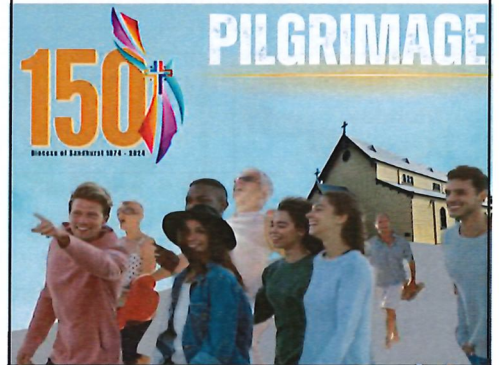
Enquiries: Cameron (Camuran) Albanol - 0421 743 699
 Melissa Crosby - 0401 171 055

BE A GOOD EGG THIS EASTER and make sure your Easter chocolate is slavery-free. More than two million children under 15 work in the cocoa industry in west Africa. As Pope Francis says: "Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act".
 Go to www.chocolatescorecard.com to check out how your favourite brand rates?

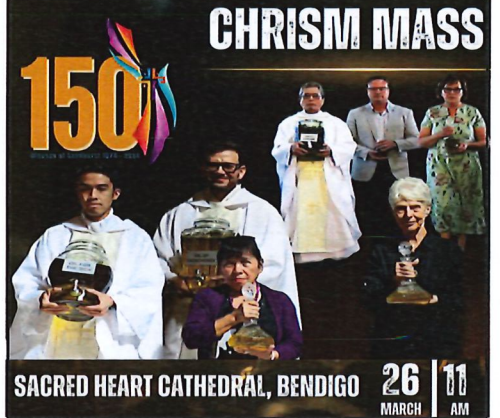


This year marks **150** years since the foundation of the Sandhurst Diocese.

Join Fr Joe 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 for 11am Mass with Bishop Shane Mackinlay.



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



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, BENDIGO 26 | 11
 MARCH AM

Thank you to all who contributed to collection of \$1,128 through Tap n Go during February.

For all your eye care needs, you can contact Ashley and Vanessa Madeira at The Eye Shop. P: 5821 0311 enquiries@eyeshopshepparton.com.au Locally owned business servicing Shepparton for 35 years.



**ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH SHEPPARTON
 121 Knight Street, Shepparton PH 5821 2633**

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



Christ is Risen!

HAPPY EASTER