

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A

26 November 2023

First Reading Ez 34:11-12,15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26.28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be

subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!*

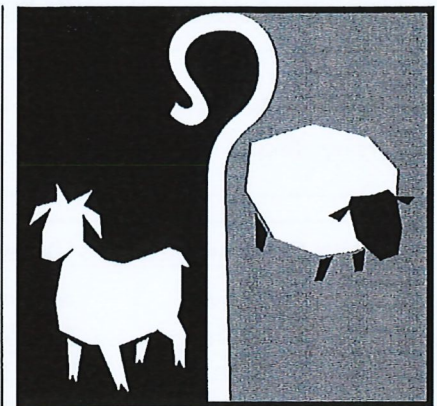
*Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

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

Recently Deceased: Ian Gill, Colleen Nunan (nee Moloney)

Anniversary: Nicola Nicolaci, Luigi & Vincenza Scarpari

Readers & Commentators December 2 & 3, 2023

6pm	D. Sullivan	A. Kilmartin
8am	P. White	S. White
11am	S. Pivac	M-A. Demase

Faith and Light

will meet Sunday,
December 3 at
12pm
in the
MPJC.



We would like to thank
Sr Rosemary for her dedicated
preparation of our Prayers of
the Faithful over the
past 12 years.
We are very grateful
for your input.



Fr Joe's Meditation Group

Wednesday December 6

Wednesday December 13

7.15am—7.45am
in the Parish Centre.
All Welcome

(Only running over
2 weeks instead of the
usual 4 weeks)



READERS/COMMENTATOR FORMATION

Thank you to those who have already attended a Reader/
Commentator Formation Session.

We are delighted to see that more and more NEW people
are coming forward to embrace such a wonderful Ministry.

That said, we are scheduling two more formation sessions.
The dates are:

Tuesday, December 12th – 5pm to 6pm OR

Saturday, December 16th – 3pm to 4pm

Look forward to seeing you there. *Fr Jackson Saunders*

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.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME ENVELOPE PACKS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION



Thank you to everyone who is on our Planned Giving
Programme.

NEW envelope packs are now ready for collection in the
Narthex.

These envelopes all commence on December 3, 2023.

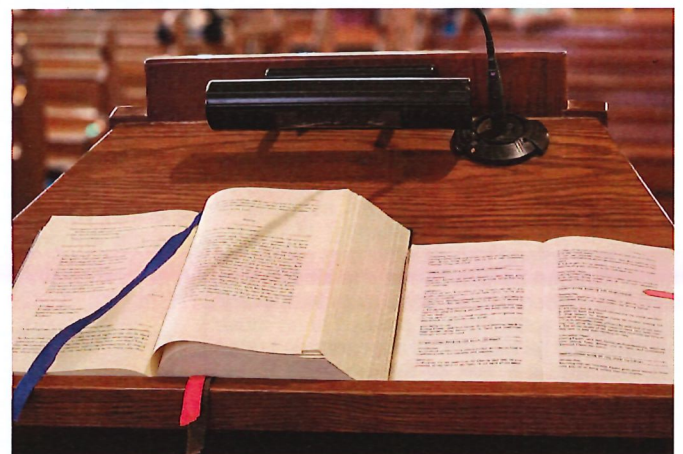
We ask that you collect your packs as soon as possible as
this will assist us greatly in cutting down our postage
costs.

You will notice that your Statements will look different
and it is because we are now operating under a new
Database and Planned Giving Computer System.

If you have *any questions or concerns* please do not
hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633.

We encourage anyone who would like to come onto our
Programme to give the office a call.

Thank you to everyone who contributes financially to
St Brendan's. Your generosity not only assists us with
current costs but also helps us to plan for our future.



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)

POP UP CHRISTMAS MARKET
 16 FRASER STREET, SHEPPARTON
 FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 9AM—4.30PM
 SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 10AM—1.00PM
 CHRISTMAS GOODIES, PRE LOVED CLOTHING,
 HOME MADE GOODIES, LOTS OF STOCKING
 FILLERS, WELL ESTABLISHED PLANTS.
 WE ARE RAISING FUNDS TO
 ENABLE THOSE WITH DISABILITIES
 TO GO AWAY FOR THE WEEKEND.
 CASH ONLY.

SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
 St Brendan's MPJC, 12 noon,
 Tuesday December 19
 2 course lunch, raffles and
 Lucky Door Prizes
RSVP IS A MUST by
 December 14 to the Parish
 office on: 5821 2633.

Please Note: the **GARABANDAL PRAYER GROUP** will not meet again during 2023, however we will resume in February 2024 and we welcome new members.



Serra Club: We will have our monthly Mass for vocations and our priests this coming Friday, December 1 . Adoration will continue up to 7.00pm and then we will have Mass. We will gather in the Parish Centre afterwards for a cuppa. This will be our last gathering before Christmas and all are welcome to join us.



“Take an Advent moment..... Let us experience the Light.”



St Brendan's parishioners are invited to join us for a Day of Reflection at St Mary's Dookie, facilitated by the Sandhurst Retreat and Accompaniment Team.

When: Monday, December 4

Where: St. Mary's Church, Dookie

Time: 10.00am (Gathering from 9:30am) until 4.00pm

Cost: \$20.00

BYO: Contribution to a shared lunch.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, the true essence of Advent can be overlooked.

This Reflection Day offers an opportunity to pause reflect and share our Advent experiences with others in sacred conversation. Come and join us as we embrace this Advent Season.

Register: Paul White: sapwhite@hotmail.com

Mob. 0437 290 950 (leave a message) or Kate Mackinlay: 0431 114 278

The Team of four local Spiritual Directors is endorsed by Bishop Shane to provide Reflection Days, Retreats and Spiritual Accompaniment for people across the Diocese.

An **Altar Servers** Christmas Party will be held **Saturday, December 16, 4pm—5.30pm** at St Brendan's Church.
 All altar servers are invited. We also invite any children, who have received their Sacraments and not yet trained for ministry.
 We will also prepare for our Christmas Masses during this session. Please RSVP to Fr Jackson on 5821 2633 or email jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Thank you to all who contributed to our October collection of \$1010 through Tap N go.



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.

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.



**Sunday, November 26,
5pm Mass at St Mel's Church**

Father Rene Ramirez will be installed as the new Parish Priest by the Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of the Diocese of Sandhurst. We encourage as many as possible to attend to help make this a joyful event.

This represents an important moment in Fr Rene's priesthood and is a wonderful way to welcome him to St Mel's Parish.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S CHRISTMAS GLOBAL GIFTS CARDS:

For family and friends who have everything they need, Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact.

Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future.

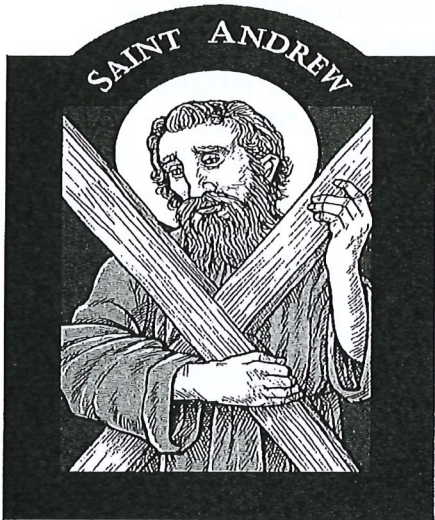
Order now to receive in time for Christmas at www.globalgifts.org.au or this QR code.



What do you get when you cross a thought with a lightbulb? **A bright idea!**



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: We meet each **Thursday, 6 - 7pm** in the MPJC. New members aged 18 - 35 are always welcome.



St Andrew came from Capernaum and was a fisherman by trade. He was a disciple of John the Baptist before he and his brother, Simon Peter, were called to be the first apostles of Christ. In the Gospels he is mentioned for his part in the feeding of the 5000, as well as John's Gospel account of the Greeks who wished to meet Jesus. There is uncertainty as to where he preached, where he died and was buried. Ancient writings suggest he went to Greece, and was eventually crucified on a saltire (X shaped) cross, from where he preached to the people for two days before dying. A medieval legend tells of his remains being taken to the coast of Scotland to a place now named St Andrews, which eventually led to him becoming the patron saint of Scotland.

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



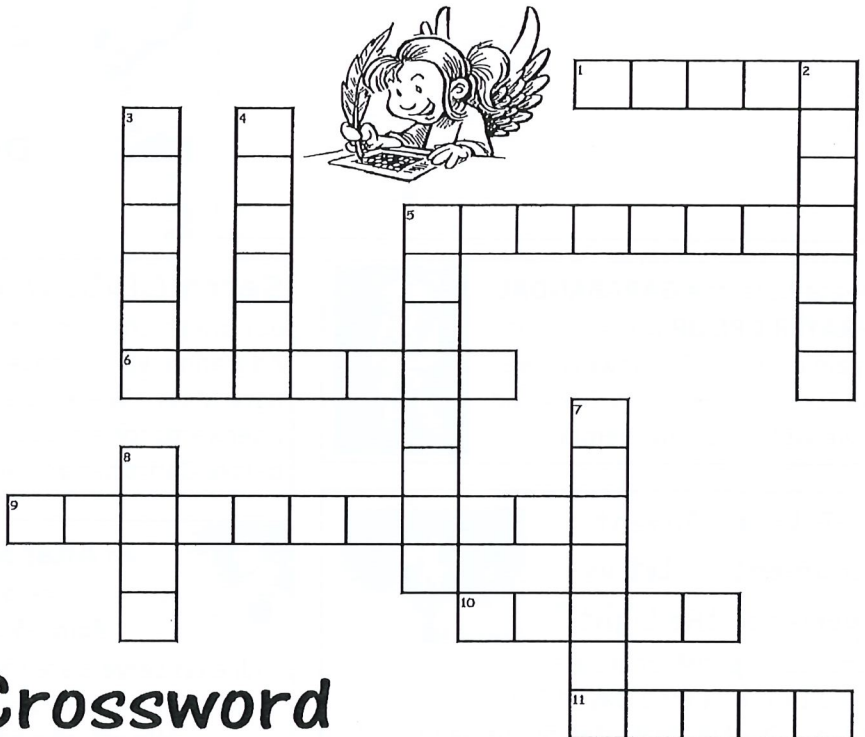
Crossword

Down

- 2: in need of a drink
- 3: ahead, previously
- 4: a special chair for kings and queens
- 5: to split into groups
- 7: people of all _____ will be brought before the Son of Man
- 8: unwell

Across

- 1: the opposite of left
- 5: someone you don't know
- 6: life that is forever is said to be this
- 9: of little or no importance
- 10: the Son of Man will come in g_____
- 11: an animal that is farmed for its wool



Help the sheep find its way to Jesus.

