

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.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5 November 2023

First Reading Mal 1:14 – 2:2.8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. *(R.)*
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. *(R.)*
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 2:7-9.13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;

you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a lesson on leadership. The gospel writer has Jesus offering a very strong criticism of the religious leadership of his day as exemplified by the scribes and Pharisees. He accuses them of not practising what they preach – a rather familiar criticism often levelled at politicians, teachers and church leaders in our own society today. When the criticism is used today it often implies that if the person fails to practise what they preach then what they have to say carries little weight. But rather than totally rejecting the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus cautions his listeners to take notice of what they have to say – as their teachings were always grounded in scripture and tradition – but not to follow their example of behaviour.

Throughout Matthew's gospel we encounter criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees. This example is of the same nature: they were too caught up with rules and obligations and did not approach life with compassion and concern for the individual. The community for whom Matthew's gospel was intended was struggling with being both Jewish and Christian. They were coming to realise that to be followers of Jesus' way they needed to cast aside some of the attitudes and behaviours of their Jewish tradition. That applied particularly to the model of leadership that they had inherited from Jesus: a model of leadership through service, not power and authority. This gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus' time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Recently Deceased: Lucas John Whatman, John Johnson

Anniversary: Kevin Stein, Luke De Lai, Gavan Connelly, Paul Connelly, John Hicks, Des Taylor, Sylvia and Bill Crowe, Harry Hickey, Antonio Aloe, Nora Moylan.

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 November 11 & 12, 2023

6pm	Youth Mass	Youth Mass
8am	P. Guthrie	E. Samalca
11am	R. Aitken	J-M. Mupenda

Billabong Nursery Cafe Cuppa

All Sacristans and ladies who help around the Church are invited to join us for a cuppa, now on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10.00am. Including Saturday, November 11. All enquiries to: Kath Smyth 0409 003 420.



Melbourne Cup Sweep 2023

THANK YOU to everyone who has registered to go in the DRAW for our 2023 Melbourne Cup Sweep.



The draw for the horses will be made on Monday, November 6, and those whose names draw a horse will be notified that day. Winners will be notified Tuesday November 7. May the best horse win!

First Place \$200, Second Place \$100, Third Place \$50

The next **Men's Group** gathering is on Saturday November 11, at 7.30am in the MPJC.

We had an amazing presentation from Dale Wright at our last meeting with his story of helping local men through some very difficult life experiences, Thank you Dale.

If you have any questions, please phone Anthony on 5821 2633 or email anthonypastoral@bigpond.com



Youth Mass

A Youth-led Mass will take place on **Saturday, November 11, at 6pm.**

School aged children: Pizza and fun will be had afterwards in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre.

For details or to be involved, please contact callummgrath@notredame.vic.edu.au or zoe.hamilton@notredame.vic.edu.au

Young adults aged 18-35: Join us for dinner at the Terminus Hotel, please RSVP to Fr Jackson on jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Advent is just around the corner, beginning on December 3 this year. A great way to prepare for the Christmas miracle each year is by becoming involved in an **Advent reflection group.**

We have purchased some reflection booklets from Wollongong Diocese called "The Sign".

Our Parish is happy to help organise a group, at a time that is suitable for the majority of those involved. In the past we have also had a group meet on Zoom. You can call the office on 5821 2633 or email anthonypastoral@bigpond.com if you are interested in joining one of the groups.



Please Note: The Parish office will be closed on Monday November 6 and Tuesday November 7. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

We meet each **Thursday, 6 - 7pm** in the MPJC. All aged 18 - 35 are welcome.



Colouring Pages: There are colouring pages for children located in the Narthex. You will need to provide your own pencils or crayons.

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)

The Parish Bereavement Team invite all parishioners to our annual **Remembrance Mass** to be held at **7.30pm on Wednesday, November 8.**

This is an opportunity to remember all our loved ones who have passed away during the last 12 months in particular, or at any time in the past. A light supper will be served in the MPJC after the Mass.



There is interest in establishing a parish youth group.

This is likely to be for those in years 9-12 at secondary school.

If this is of interest to your teenage children, please contact Fr Jackson on 5821 2633 or email jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

MUSIC Ministry

Expressions of interest are invited for people to assist with music at our parish Masses. We are looking for: organists, drummers, guitarists, pianists and singers.

If you feel you would be able to assist us with music ministry, please contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633 or speak with Fr Joe or Fr Jackson after Mass.

CHURCH ROSTERS

It's that time again! We need to prepare the next set of Rosters.

We would be grateful for assistance with

- Ushers/Greeters (particularly at 8am)
- Readers and Commentators
- Special Ministers (Church)
- Special Ministers (Homes)
- Offertory

If you **are** currently on a roster – please email our office to confirm whether you are happy to CONTINUE, alter or prefer to be removed.

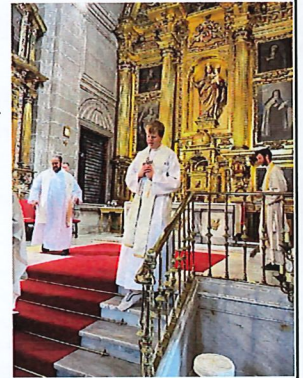
If you **are not** currently on a ministry roster – we would be grateful for new people to join, please email us your Name, Phone Number, Preferred Mass time and Preferred Ministry.

If you have questions, please speak with Fr Joe or Fr Jackson after Mass. Office Email: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



During the week we celebrated All Saints Day. Recently during World Youth Day I had the privilege of con-celebrating a Mass with Bishop Mark Edwards of Wagga Wagga in Avila, Spain. This Mass was celebrated on August 8 on the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's Saint.

It was a special day for our 35 pilgrims from across the Diocese, as we spent time in Avila where St John of the Cross and St Teresa of Avila lived. Fr Jackson



Liturgical procession -

A reminder that the Lector and Ministers of Communion are to always process in and out at weekend Masses.

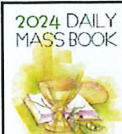
The Lector goes first followed by the Ministers of Communion.

This follows the order of the Mass as we have the Liturgy of the Word first and then the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Lector carries the Lectionary head height on the way in to honour the Word of God.

When we leave the Lectionary is held open by the Lector to the people.

The symbolism of this is to remind us that we are to share the Word of God with the world as we go out into the world nourished by the Eucharist.



2024 Daily Mass Book:
Now available in the
Piety Store \$25 each.

Charismatic Prayer Group

All are welcome to join us at 2.00pm in the MPJC on the following Thursdays: November 9 & 23 with our last meeting this year being held on December 14.

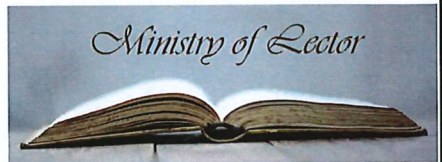


All are welcome to join the **GARABANDAL PRAYER GROUP**

Monday, November 20 from 1.30pm. Enter through the Parish Office.



Ministry of Lector



Have you thought about priesthood?

A gathering for those thinking about, or open to a vocation to the priesthood, will be held at St Brendan's Catholic Parish Shepparton, on **Sunday, November 12, from 3pm**. The afternoon will include prayer, reflection and discussion. Dinner will be provided.

The gathering will conclude by 8pm. This is open to men aged over 18. RSVP is essential to the Vocations Director of the Diocese, Fr Nathan Verallo. Please phone 5722 1970 or email np.verallo@gmail.com



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 you.



Faith & Light Christmas Market

Location to be confirmed.

Friday December 8, 10am—4.30pm
Saturday December 9, 10am—1.00pm

We are raising funds to enable those with disabilities to go away for the weekend. CASH ONLY.

St Vincent de Paul - St. Brendan's Conference



We are looking for a generous person with basic bookkeeping skills for the position of treasurer of our Conference. The role mainly involves paying bills, buying vouchers and record keeping. Our present treasurer has had to resign due to ill health. Please ring Patricia Crane (President) for expressions of interest and further information on 0428 346 347.

Parish Morning Tea



We thank Notre Dame College students for hosting our morning tea for all parishioners each Thursday after the 9.15am Mass.

Thursday, November 9 will be the last morning tea for the students this year. However, parishioners will continue to gather for morning tea each Thursday after Mass. All are invited.



Voice for Silent People

Fundraiser: for Orphaned Children in D.R. CONGO

Saturday November 18:
6pm Mass

Sunday November 19:
8am and 11am Masses

WALNUTS \$10KG



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Also, handcrafted wooden crosses, plants and baked goods.

All enquires to Celie
0488 583 112



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The evening will commence with a short Liturgy of the Word, followed by the presentation of:

- Spiritual & General Art Awards
- Philomena Billington Social Justice through the Arts Scholarship
- Bishop's Choice Awards

We then invite you to view the Exhibition while connecting with others.

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2023

6pm - 8pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo

RSVP by Wed 1 Nov 2023 via
Microsoft Form link in email below

ENQUIRIES

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Community of the Sons & Daughters of God
Saturday November 11, 11.30am Mass

Celebrated by Fr Jackson at St Mary's Mooroopna.
Adoration will be held from 3pm—4pm. ALL WELCOME



Friends of the Suffering Souls (FoSS) is a Catholic association which facilitates Masses for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. FoSS began in Australia in the early 1980s and has spread around the world.

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