

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.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 October 2023

First Reading Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

*(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. (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 Phil 4:12-14.19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere:

full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

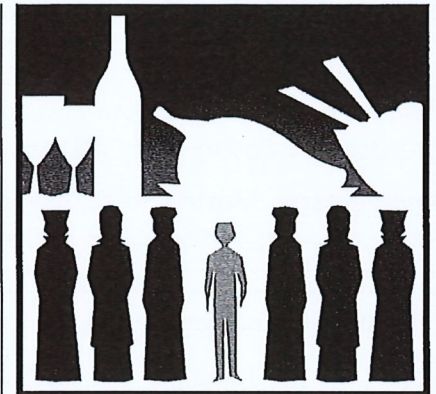
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Recently Deceased: Alf Seiter (*Requiem Mass to be held at Numurkah, 11.30am, Tuesday October 17, preceded by Rosary at 11.00 am.*)

Anniversary: Matteo Sfirro, Maureen Hickey, Leone Baker, Giuseppe Petito, Attila Sarkady (20 years).

Readers & Commentators October 21 & 22, 2023

6pm	E. Samalca	J. Sutton
8am	S. White	P. White
11am	L. Richardson	P. Richardson

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.

There will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend.

Wednesday, October 25, morning Mass will start at 9.30am on this day only to celebrate our Sacramental Candidates.



**October is
the month
of the Rosary**

'Prayer is the highest achievement of which the human person is capable.'
St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein).

FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PARISH

Parishioners and members of the PPC met on Wednesday October 11 to unpack the existing Parish vision statement.

"St Brendan's Parish Family seeks to be a welcoming community, challenged to live out Gospel values through relevant liturgy, supportive ministry and ongoing faith development."

We looked at what we do currently and what we could do in the future to ensure the above is a true statement.

Fr Joe and Fr Jackson mentioned that God and Jesus are missing from the current statement.

Our homework is to come up with a new vision statement for discussion at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday November 15 at 7pm in the MPJC.** All parishioners are welcome to attend.

NAME BADGES

If you didn't order a name badge and would like one, please ring the Parish office on 5821 2633.

*Orders will be accepted until **Friday October 27.***



Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

Liturgical Ministry Seminar

Wednesday 18 October 2023

St Brendan's Parish, 121 Knight St, Shepparton

5:30pm Registration, Finger food & drinks

6:00pm Keynote on Pope Francis' *Desiderio Desideravi*:

Apostolic Letter on the Liturgical Formation of the People of God (2022)

6:40pm Q & A on *Desiderio Desideravi*:

7:00pm Tea/Coffee

7:20pm 3 Workshop Options

1; *Ministers of the Word* 2; *Ministers of Communion* 3; *Liturgical Musicians*

8:20pm Concluding Prayer and Evaluations

WORKSHOP 1. FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD

WORKSHOP 2. FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORKSHOP 3. FOR LITURGICAL MUSICIANS

** Registration only available for 1 workshop per person.

REGISTRATION BY TRY BOOKING:

For catering and resource provision,

Shepparton registrations due by

Friday, October 13, 2023;

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJJVO>

FURTHER INFORMATION please email:

leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or

paul.taylor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



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)

2023 Sacramental Program

Congratulations to the 22 children who celebrated their Sacraments last week. We hope they enjoyed their special day.

This weekend we have 3 Sacramental Masses and the following children will be celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

6:30pm, Friday October 13

Braxton Camm	Will Collins	Lachlan Demase
Harrison Gooiker	Macie Gooiker	Zandar Gooiker
Damon Gooiker	Mason Ivory	Lucy Mills
Caitlyn Mills	Judd Moore	Froilan Tonacao

6:00pm, Saturday October 14

Amelia Ash	Genevieve Binger	Olivia Caruana
Alexander Kapazira	Lexie Kelly	Isabelle Marino
Violet McKenzie	Arabella McKenzie	Milan Nardella
Kamsiyochukwu Ozoh		Harrison Rowe
Emily Tierney-O'Hara		Riley Sinclair

11am, Sunday October 15

Mabel Alletsee	Goldy Amankwaah	Dane Ausejo
Ethan Brown	Roman Care	Thomas Closter
Sophia Conte	Callum Ellis	Neve Hunter
Charlie King	Elsie Lamb	
Giovanni Mapusua	Mya Jesperson	Mary Mupenda
Lorenzo Rigano	Nicoli Rigano	Salvatore Rigano
Nathan Rosato	Mia Smith	Grace Stevens
Ephraim Tolentino	Arianna Watkins	Nikita Xavier

We will also be having a celebration Mass with our Sacrament Candidates on **Wednesday, October 25, at 9:30am.** (note time change).



An **altar serving training session** will be held for new and existing servers at St Brendan's Catholic Church on Saturday, **October 21,** from 4pm until 5.30pm.



We invite any school student, who has received their Sacraments to be part of this gathering.

Our aim of this initiative is to encourage more school aged students to serve at Mass with the assistance of experienced altar servers.

I invite you to encourage your children and grandchildren to support this initiative.

The gathering will include practical training for altar serving between 4pm and 5pm, followed by pizzas at 5pm.

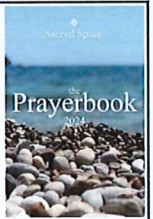
The gathering will conclude at 5.30pm.

Please RSVP your availability to Fr Jackson on 5821 2633 or email

jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Many thanks. God bless, Fr Jackson.

Sacred Space 2024: Inspired by the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Each day of Sacred Space: The prayer book includes Scripture reading and points of reflection, as well as a weekly topic enhanced by six steps of prayer and reflection; the Presence of God, Freedom, Consciousness, The Word, Conversation and Conclusion. This book begins at the beginning of Advent. Please let Anthony know if you would like a copy for \$30.00. Payment can be made at the Parish office. **Orders will be placed Tuesday, October 31.**



St Brendan's Parish **FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will meet again for lunch: 12.30pm, Sunday, **October 15,** at the Shepparton Club, 455 Wyndham Street, Shepparton. All newcomers welcome! Enquiries to Pat on 0423 343 711 (please leave a message).



All are welcome to join the **GARABANDAL PRAYER GROUP.** Monday, October 16 from 1.30pm in the Mary Mackillop room of the MPJC. Enter through the office.



Thank you to all who donated to the Priest Retirement Appeal of \$1,306.65

Mackillop Faith & Light group are looking for a shop in the CBD to hold their Christmas market. If you know anyone who could help, please contact Denise: 0432 054 003.





Catholic Women's League

are hosting a Day Retreat at St Mary's Church, Mooroopna on Wednesday, October 18, commencing with Mass at 10am and concluding at approx. 3pm.

The Retreat will be conducted by the Diocesan Spiritual Director, Fr Peter Ferwerda. All ladies are invited (you don't need to be a member). BYO lunch.

St Malachy's Nagambie 150th Celebrations

St Malachy's Church Nagambie invites you to the celebration of our 150th Year Commemorating the past moving forward in faith. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay DD, Bishop of Sandhurst, at St Malachy's, Nagambie.

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 10am

After which will be the re-naming of the former presbytery to the Kearns Centre followed by light refreshments at St Joseph's School. Please RSVP by November 1 to Wendy Keenan on 0459 595 908.

Misa de Gallo The dawn novena Masses, 'Misa de Gallo' will take place again this year from December 16 to December 24 at 6am. If you would like to be involved as a reader, commentator, musician or breakfast sponsor, please contact

Sr Bing on 0412 297 178 or email bingfcj@gmail.com or Lady Price on 0413 804 263. All are welcome.



Upcoming Calendar of Events

Friday, Saturday & Sunday October 13-15: Sacramental Masses, 6.30pm, 6.00pm and 11.00am

Saturday, October 14: Public Rosary in the Church gardens, 10.30am

Wednesday, October 18: MPJC, Liturgical Seminar, 5.30—8.30pm.

Saturday October 21: Altar Servers Training, 4pm—5.30pm

Wednesday, November 1: Anointing Mass, 11.00am

Wednesday, November 8: Bereavement Mass, 7.30pm

Saturday, November 11: Youth Mass, 6pm



Melbourne Cup Sweep 2023

Our annual Parish fundraiser is back. To join in on the fun, tickets are \$2 each—purchase by October 27, 2023.

A) place cash in an envelope in the office mail slot with your NAME and PHONE NUMBER **OR**



B) deposit money into the Parish Bank Acc BSB: 083 543, ACC: 483 593 006, REF: Surname-Cup Please then email: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au with your NAME and PHONE NUMBER.

Please remember in your prayers;

those commencing their retreat in daily life this weekend. The retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and runs for four weeks.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA process has begun and we have held 2 enquiry nights.

We had many questions of what it could mean to your life to join the Catholic faith.

The meetings are held in the Parish centre behind St Brendan's Church at 7.30pm.

Our last inquiry night is **Thursday, October 19**. If this is something which interests you or someone you know, please come along and join us. For any questions regarding the RCIA process, please call Anthony on 5821 2633 on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or e-mail anthonypastoral@bigpond.com

FAREWELL FR. PETER

All Welcome

Sunday,
October 29th
11:00am till
2:00pm

Where:
St Mel's School
grounds / Parish
Hall. Enter via
Hamilton St
gates.

A BBQ with
sausages in bread will
be available for all.
BYO any other meats
to cook, a salad or
sweets to share and
your own drinks
(no alcohol)

Some tables &
seating will be
set up.
BYO picnic rug
if preferred.



This year's World Mission Day appeal is being held Sunday, October 22. Envelopes will be available in the Narthex and the Piety Store.



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