

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**22 October 2023**

## First Reading **Is 45:1.4-6**

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I am you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7**

*(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.*

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. *(R.)*
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. *(R.)*
- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. *(R.)*
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. *(R.)*

## Second Reading **1 Thes 1:1-5**

*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing

you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

## Gospel Acclamation **Phil 2:15. 16**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel **Mt 22:15-21**

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.

Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

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# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

**Recently Deceased:** Des Walker

**Anniversary:** Rosina Caré, Alf Townsend, Domenic Trappani, Angel Trappani, Adrian Smyth, Joan Kelly, Mary Kinna

**Readers & Commentators** October 28 & 29, 2023

6pm	M. Johnson	B. Lindsay
8am	B. Sullivan	L. Billings
11am	E. Christy	S. Pivac

**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.



## 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.

The Celebration Mass for our Sacrament Candidates is on **Wednesday, October 25 at 9:30am.**



*October is the month of the Rosary*



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

## 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.



Sacred Space is an online resource for prayer and reflection which is made available to us by the Jesuits. Each day there is a short guided reflection on the Gospel, which goes for a few minutes.



This resource is available in 18 different languages including Arabic, English, Chinese, Deutsch, French, Spanish, Gaelic, Italian and Portuguese. Visit the website via [www.sacredspace.com](http://www.sacredspace.com)

## Upcoming Calendar of Events



**Wednesday, October 25:** Anointing Mass, 11.00am

**Wednesday, November 1:** All Saints Day Mass, 7am, 9.15am

**Wednesday, November 8:** Bereavement Mass, 7.30pm

**Saturday, November 11:** Youth Mass, 6pm

**Anointing Mass, 11.00am, Wednesday October 25**

**Each Thursday, 6pm - 7pm** in the MPJC. All aged 18 - 35 welcome.



The recent **Liturgical Ministry Seminar** held in the MPJC was well attended. Thank you to the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Team for organising the event.



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

*Misa de Gallo*





### 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.



Our **Men's group** will meet on **Saturday October 28** in the MPJC at 7.30am. We welcome Dale Wright, to share some of his experience working with local men, guiding them through difficult times. The group called Talking Straight runs in Shepparton offering a place for men to meet and talk straight about themselves and life. Dale will share some insights to the problems men deal with in today's world, how the group encourages them to reach out to others, seeking friendship with each other. We are so grateful to have Dale share his passion for helping men in the Shepparton area. Any questions please phone Anthony on 5821 2633 on Tuesdays or Thursdays.



**The Italian Remembrance Day Service at the Italian Memorial**, located within the Murchison cemetery, will be held on **Sunday 12 November**, commencing at 11.00am and immediately followed by the celebration of Mass.

After the service we can gather in the Murchison Community Centre or the park near the river for a BYO picnic.

Please come along and support this unique event.

Attendees are advised to bring a chair and lunch if you remaining for the picnic.



**Il pellegrinaggio al sacrario militare di Murchison per la 'Giornata del Ricordo'** quest'anno si terrà **domenica 12 novembre.**

*La funzione inizierà alle 11:00 am, e sarà seguita dalla Santa Messa.*

*Dopo la funzione ci riuniremo per il solito picnic al Murchison Community Centre, o all'aperto nel parco.*

*Vi aspettiamo numerosi a questo unico evento.*

*Ricordate di portare la propria sedia, ed il pranzo se rimarrete per il pomeriggio.*

*Per altre informazioni, telefonate a Maria Gardani Calandro: 0421 568 459, (Corrispondente Consolare per Shepparton e la Goulburn Valley).*

## Youth Mass



A Youth-led Mass will take place on

**Saturday, November 11, at 6pm.**

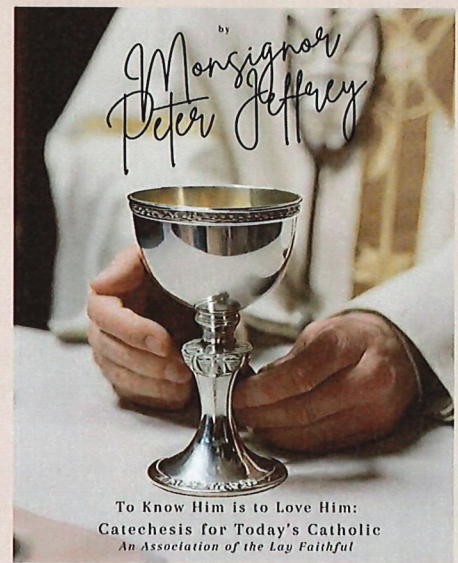
A gathering will be held afterwards for school aged children in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre.

For details, please contact Brendan Lindsay at the Parish office on 5821 2633.

There will also be a dinner for young adults aged 18-35. This will be held at the Terminus Hotel, please RSVP to Fr Jackson on 5821 2633 or email [jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## LIFE OF A PRIEST

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### **LIFE OF A PRIEST: 60 Years of Priesthood by**

**Monsignor Peter Jeffrey:** Mons Peter will be sharing what priesthood has been like and celebrate faith. There will be time for questions.

A Light evening tea will be shared afterwards.

**When: 7.00pm, Tuesday, October 31, 2023,**

**Where:** Lecture Theatre, University of Melbourne, Shepparton Campus (49 Graham St)

Bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/life-of-a-priest-60-years-of-priesthood-by-monsignor-peter-jeffrey-tickets-739277297297?aff=oddtcreator>

Enquiries to Vanessa: 0481 783 400



**SCAN ME**





### Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Open Day: Saturday October 28, 2023.

Visit the Heritage Centre a building initially purpose built as a place of providence for women on the grounds purchased by Saint Mary MacKillop in 1901.

- ⇒ **Museum Tours every hour from 10am. Last tour at 3pm.**
- ⇒ **Mary's Little Lon Walking Tour, 11am (approx. 1.5 hours)**
- ⇒ **Visitors welcome 10am-4pm.**



The Mary MacKillop Museum will present a selection of museum objects, in particular those which highlight the changes to the Sisters' Habit over time and Mary's canonisation. For some objects it will be the first time they have been on display within the Temporary Gallery.

**Accommodation @MMHC** – When in Melbourne book your next stay at the [Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation](#) in the heart of Melbourne - Contact Kate on 9926 9300.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1109051>



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**10** NOV 2023 @ **6:30** PM

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DEAKIN RESERVE

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Notre Dame College have advertised a range of leadership roles and a broad range of teaching positions and non-teaching roles. Please encourage friends/acquaintances to look at these exciting roles and apply for them.

They include: Classroom teachers, Human Resources, Gardener, Maintenance and Administration Assistant. There are also up to 12 trainee positions available for 2024. For enquiries please contact our HR Officer by phone ((03) 5822 8400) or email: [employment@notredame.vic.edu.au](mailto:employment@notredame.vic.edu.au)

This year, Pope Francis writes in his Message for **World Mission Day 2023**, "...it should be remembered that breaking our material bread with the hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian mission.

*How much more so is the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, which is Christ himself, a work of mission par excellence, since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and mission of the Church".*

It is in this spirit that Catholic Mission invites parishioners in every diocese in Australia to join with us again and support our brothers in sisters in Timor-Leste.



Envelopes will be available in the Narthex and the Piety Store.

**Cagliero** Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia.

Applications close October 31, 2023. For all enquiries - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

## 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.**



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