

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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

8 October 2023

First Reading Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. *(R.)*
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. *(R.)*
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!*

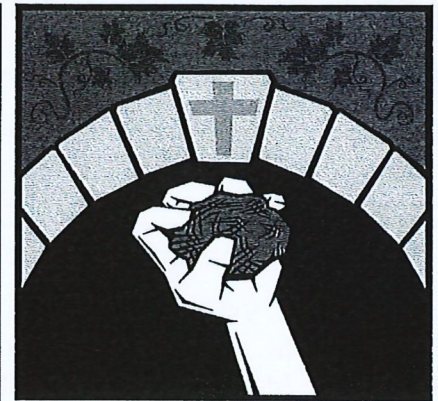
Gospel Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Recently Deceased: Michelle Beer, Jane Sullivan

Anniversary: Greg Appleton, Kevin Keenan,
 Maggie Bennet, Len O'Sullivan

Readers & Commentators October 14 & 15, 2023

6pm	C. Villani	C. Segrave
8am	M. Keenan	D. Keenan
11am	M-A. Demase	J. Pilkington

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.

Due to the Sacramental Masses, there will not be a Childrens Liturgy held this Sunday October 8. It will resume the following week.

2023 Sacramental Program

This **Sunday, October 8, 11.00am** —We congratulate these children who will be celebrating their Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Isaac Altman	Arron Altman
Alexandra Amadei	Benjamin Cannon
Will Collins	Bernard Davis
Anabelle Draper	Thea Girvan
Lillian Heaton	Caitlin Heaton
Thea Kelly	Etuale (Bernard) Malolo
Amazingrace Malolo	Leighsha McCabe
Abel Morey	Samrawit Morey
Jaxon Napier	Zachariah Nicholas
Owen Sargeant	Natasha Schroeders
Andreas Singh	

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



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/CJVO>

FURTHER INFORMATION please email:

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

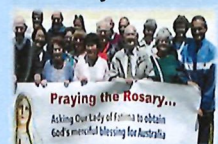


Annual Public Rosary

All are welcome to attend this prayerful and social gathering. **Saturday October 14, 2023.**
 10.30am, St Brendan's Parish Church Gardens.
 (If wet weather: we will move to the Church)

Followed by a cuppa in the Noel Daly Centre (behind MPJC). N.D Centre will be open prior to Rosary, please bring a plate to share while socialising. **PETITIONS:** Prayers and thanksgivings to Our Lady will be forwarded by ANF to Fatima in Portugal.

BYO: Chair/Rug/Cushion/Hat and Spectacles for your comfort.



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)

Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 8, 4.00pm

We invite everyone and their pets to join us in the Parish garden for our annual Blessing of the Animals which **will take place at our newly blessed statue of St. Francis of Assisi.**

As patron Saint of Animals, the feast of St Francis is celebrated on October 4. All animals need to be on leads, in cages or carriers. We would love to see you with or without pets. BYO hats, water and seating.



Introduction to Mark's Gospel: Maria Weatherill and

Fr Joe will present an overview of Mark's Gospel at St Brendan's MPJC. **7.30pm—8.30pm, Tuesdays October 10 & 17.** This will be a rich background for our Sundays of Year B. It will be helpful for our readers and musicians.



Our next **Men's group** gathering will be at St Mary's Parish, Mooroopna on **Saturday, October 14.**

We will gather for Mass at 7.30am to commemorate the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop which is on the October 17, and then enjoy a lovely breakfast in the Marian centre afterwards. Please join us, if you need transport let Anthony know on 5821 2633 on Tuesdays or Thursdays.



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.



FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PARISH

The PPC and other interested parishioners met on Tuesday August 15 to review the current vision statement and logo to reflect the St Brendan's Parish now and into the future.

It was decided at the meeting that we would review the vision statement and use the new statement as the basis for our new logo going forward. The existing vision statement is:

"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."

Over the coming weeks we will be seeking feedback on each section of the vision statement to inform our ongoing conversations.

The next meeting will be held on **October 11 at 7.00pm.** All are welcome to attend.

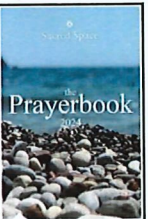


Understanding Dementia, 10am—12pm,

Wednesday, **October 11**, at 481 Wyndham Street, Shepparton. Contact 0408 301 800 or email vic.booking@dementia.org.au
Cost: Free with ample parking



Sacred Space 2024: The prayer book is an invaluable aid to daily prayer and daily reflection. It is based on a simple daily prayer drawn from Scripture and 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 (leave a message).



Each **Thursday, 6pm - 7pm** in the MPJC. All young adults, aged between 18 - 35 are very welcome to join us.



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

Marian Festival at Sacred Heart Cathedral

October 15, 2023 Please join us at the Annual Marian Festival at Sacred Heart Cathedral to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and entrust our diocese, our nation and the world to the protection of her Immaculate Heart. The Festival will be led by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson, beginning with Mass at 11am and continuing with devotions throughout the afternoon. For more information go to www.bendigofatima.com or call Wilma on 5439 6283.



Upcoming Calendar of Events



Sunday, October 8: Sacramental Mass, 11.00am
Blessing of Animals, 4.00pm

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

Saturday, October 14:
Public Rosary in the Church gardens.

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



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.



*October
is the month
of the Rosary*



Charismatic Prayer Group

All are welcome to join us at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. On the following Thursdays: October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23 with our last meeting being on December 14.



COMMUNITY OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD

Saturday, October 14, 11:30am Mass
Celebrated by Fr Jackson St Mary's, Mooroopna
Adoration 3.00 - 4.00pm ALL WELCOME



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.



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



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



St. Brendan's
Catholic Church

The RCIA process began this week where we held the first of our 3 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.

There will be two more inquiry nights:

Thursday, October 12, and 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 Tuesdays or Thursdays, or e-mail anthony.pastoral@bigpond.com



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