



St Brendan's & St Mary's Parishes are child safe communities. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

19 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing
can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) *Lord, you will show us the path of life.*
or

(R.) *Alleluia.*

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in

silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Welcome Fr. John Paul Pasala

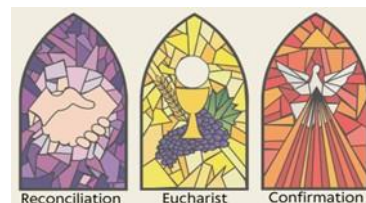
We warmly welcome Fr. John Paul Pasala back to South Shepparton, to serve as Assistant Priest in the 5 Parishes of St. Mel's, St. Brendan's, St. Malachy's, St. Mary's Mooroopna and St. St. Mary's Dookie. We are grateful for all he has shared with our parish communities he served over the years in the Diocese in Sandhurst and rejoice in his return among us. May his ministry continue to be blessed, and may he find joy, peace, and a true sense of home in our midst. We welcome him with gratitude and affection.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Information night

Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30pm
in the Parish Centre.

Sacramental Candidates and their parents are to come along for an information session, and children will receive their Reconciliation workbook.



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Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9am - 2pm

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 April 25 & 26, 2026

6pm	Sr Bing	Chris Segrave
8am	Vince Rando	Lyndel Annett
11am	Rett Aitken	Mavis Amankwaah

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Conti, Elena Tassone, Jim Irwin

Anniversaries: Jose Aquino, Angelina Calabrese, Giuseppina Demase, Dominic Calabrese, Bill Love, Kevin Clurey, Kevin McLaughlin, Martin Casey

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am

Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm,

Saturday 8.30am & Sunday 5.30pm

St Mary's Dookie, Sunday 10 am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

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 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Happy 100th Birthday to
Rita O'Brien on
Sunday, April 19!

Wishing you a
wonderful day filled with
joy, love, and celebration.



QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT

It was decided at our last Finance Meeting in February that we would publish quarterly figures of our Profit and Loss. Here is the 2026 March Quarter Report compared to the same time last year.

General Administration costs for the Parish include items such as Insurance, Bank Fees, petty cash items, church wine and hosts.

Sundry Income includes items such as advertising in our bulletin, Pastoral Centre hall hire, Parish Fundraiser (eg Footy Tipping Competition), Piety Store sales and the monthly contributions we receive from the Syro Malabar community for the use of our church and Pastoral Centre.

Profit and Loss

St Brendan's Catholic Church
Shepparton

For the 3 months ended 31 March 2026

Account	Jan-Mar 2026	Jan-Mar 2025
Income		
Sundry Income	8,619.50	4,692.05
Religious Ceremonies	13,645.00	16,850.00
Special Collections	1,170.00	2,176.49
Collections	74,061.60	80,739.25
Clergy Supply Income	0.00	239.22
Total Income	97,496.10	104,697.01
Operating Expenses		
Clergy Expenses	15,236.25	18,078.21
Salary & Wages	22,166.69	39,706.17
Pastoral Expenses	694.93	1,321.04
General Administration of Parish	10,750.34	14,851.72
General Property Costs	12,908.21	11,208.53
Diocesan Levies	5,574.74	5,477.46
Capital Repairs - Church, Land & Surrounds	0.00	450.00
Total Operating Expenses	67,331.16	91,093.13
Net Profit	30,164.94	13,603.88

SUNSET SESSION *Young Adults*

HOW STILLNESS IS IMPORTANT IN LIFE
FR MARTAINS

6-8 pm Apr 24 Aged 18-35

All Young Adults are invited to join for a discussion in the Pastoral Centre (hall behind the church) and join us for dinner afterwards

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Thank you for attending Divine Mercy Sunday

Again, this year, Divine Mercy Sunday was a memorable experience for our parishioners. The day is one of the greatest gifts that Christ has given to mankind.



It is a time which offers the extraordinary grace of complete forgiveness of sins. It is also a time when we step into the transformative and everlasting love of God.

Thank you to each one of you who took part in making the day so special.

Thank you for your generous donation of food. It was a perfect end to this glorious day.

Tom Mellis.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Thank you for your continued support of Project Compassion.

If you have not already please return your donation boxes by Thursday, April 30 at the latest.

We are truly grateful to everyone who contributed to our Caritas appeal. Thanks to your kindness and compassion, St Brendan's Parish raised an outstanding total of **\$8,072.35**.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP LUNCHEON

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026

SHEPPARTON CLUB
(455 Wyndham St, Shepparton)

12.30pm

All welcome!
Please contact Pat Simpson
0423 343 711 (leave a message)

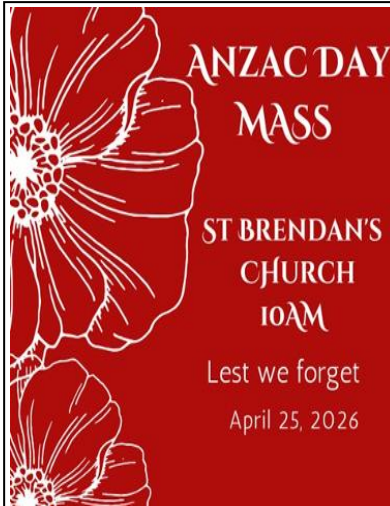
Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour

Triduum Schedule for the
63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations
at St. Brendan's Parish, Shepparton

-Day 1: Thursday, April 23 from 7pm to 8pm

-Day 2: Friday, April 24 from 4.45pm to 5.45pm

-Day 3: Saturday, April 25
will commence after the
10am ANZAC Day Mass
from 11am to 12pm.



Everyone is welcome to the **SPECIAL ANZAC DAY MASS** on Saturday **APRIL 25 at 10am** at St Brendan's Church.

Please note that **RECONCILIATION** which is usually on Saturday from 9.45am to 10.30am will be **CANCELLED** on April 25.

On April, Sunday 26, 63rd WDPV, after the 8:00am Mass there will be a Eucharistic Adoration for Vacations from 9:00am—10:15am.

The Garabandal Prayer Group will meet on **Monday, April 20 at 1:30pm** in the Mary Mackillop room of the Parish Office (enter through the Office).





It is with great joy that we share the news that Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop René Ramirez RCJ as the Ninth Bishop of Sandhurst.

For people in the Shepparton area, this appointment feels like a homecoming. Before he was appointed an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Melbourne in February 2025, Bishop René served with generosity and pastoral warmth in our Diocese as Parish Priest at Shepparton South and Nagambie, and as supervising priest at Rushworth. Many will remember his approachable nature, deep faith and care for parish communities.

Originally from Gapan in the Philippines, Bishop René has been a priest since June 1998, a member of the Congregation of the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus. His ministry has taken him from the Philippines and Rome to parish leadership in Melbourne's western suburbs and the Diocese of Sandhurst.

He is well equipped to serve as a bishop with qualifications in Philosophy from Adamson University in Manila, a Master's Degree in educational management from De La Salle University in Dasmariñas City, and a Licentiate in Spirituality and a Diploma in Social Communications from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Not to mention experience working as Vocations Director, Administrator and Treasurer for the Rogationist Community, and Vice Rector at Rogationist College in Cavite City.

In a letter to clergy and parish communities, Diocesan Administrator, Fr Brian Boyle described Bishop René as "an excellent shepherd".

"He is looking forward to returning and I am sure all the people of our Diocese will give him a warm welcome home," Fr Brian wrote. Bishop René said he feels humbled by the appointment and grateful to Pope Leo XIV for his trust and confidence.

"I dedicate this new responsibility to the Lord, who continues to lead His Church with love and wisdom," he said.

"I come to the faithful of Sandhurst as a servant — prepared to listen, walk with you, and share in the journey of faith as we follow the Gospel together.

"Please pray for me, and know that I will keep you in my prayers."

As Bishop René prepares to begin this new chapter, let us keep him in our prayers as we look forward with hope to the leadership, compassion and faith he will bring to our diocesan family.

Source: Sandpiper eNews

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal (26 April)

Support the education and formation of our diocesan seminarians by donating to Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal.

Your tax-deductible donation will support the educational costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians and help build tomorrow's Church.

<https://pay.divinity.edu.au/payments/donation/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

Call for Committee Members – 2027 Debutante Balls

St Brendan's Parish is seeking a small organising committee of **approximately four people** to coordinate the **2027 Debutante Balls**, which were previously organised by Notre Dame College.

If you are interested in being involved please contact Diane at the St Brendan's Parish Office on 5821 2633 to register your interest.

Please note: Without a committee in place, the 2027 Debutante Balls will unfortunately not proceed.

Your support would be greatly appreciated!



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SAVE THE DATE:

SUNDAY 17 MAY

To celebrate St Brendan's Feast Day for 2026 we will be having a Parish Gathering in the Sacred Heart Hall at 12pm after the 11am Mass.
All welcome.

