

Catholic Parishes of

St. Brendan's, Shepparton & St. Mary's, Dookie

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 16 AUGUST, 2026

Our Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Looking at the Readings

All three readings and the responsorial psalm for this Sunday mention foreigners, converted pagans and/or peoples of all nations. The writers' intentions appear clear. The message of God, God's care and promises go out to all peoples. To the Israelites in Isaiah's day this concept was a challenge: God accepting foreigners to his Temple. St Paul understood his mission to preach Christ to the Gentiles who also enjoy the promise of God with the Paul's own people. These promises, and covenant will never be revoked. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us of the continuing old covenant when he wrote, quoting the Catholic Catechism of the Church "the Old Covenant has never been revoked" (CCC 121). Matthew's Gospel was firstly written to his own church community consisting of converted Jewish people. Matthew broadened their understanding of Jesus mission through his dialogue with the Canaanite woman. Jesus praised her persistence and her faith. Secondly the gospel is relevant in our time when the church and Christians encounter people of other cultures, languages and races. We are able to sing the responsorial psalm with faith and hope: "Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth." (psalm 67:4)

Quote of the Day

Gratitude goes beyond the 'mine' and 'thine' and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy. Henri Nouwen

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Join Us in Worship



St Brendan's, Shepparton

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 11am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Syro Malabar Rite

Wednesday 6pm
Saturday 8.30am
Sunday 5.30pm

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 7pm -8pm
Fridays 4.45pm -5.45pm

Rosary

Following weekday Masses and after
8am Mass on Sunday

Confession

Saturday 9.45am-10.30am

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St Mary's, Dookie | Sunday Mass 10am



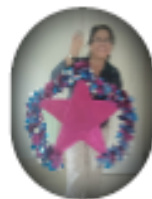
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Our Priests

Parish Administrator | Fr Ronald N. Masilang, RCJ
Assistant Priest | Fr John Paul Pasala
Assistant Priest | Fr Ruel Desamparado, RCJ
Assistant Priest | Fr Addin Doe, RCJ

Parish Notices



Lantern Making

Come along and help/learn how to make lanterns for the Misa De Gallo

Saturday, 15 August

Commences after the 10:00am Mass and concludes at 12:00pm.

Pastoral Centre (Behind St Brendan's Church)

All welcome!



St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group

All welcome to join for lunch on Sunday, 16 August at 12:30pm

The Aussie Hotel (73 Fryers Street, Shepparton)

Any enquiries to Pat (0423343711. Leave a message)



Garabandal Prayer Group

Monday, 17 August at 1:30pm

Mackillop Room of the Parish Office



Lunch for the Magellan Club

Thursday, 20 August at 12 midday

RSL (7-13 Welsford Street, Shepparton)

All welcome!

For more information, contact Jenny on 0438 211 895.



Men's Group

Saturday, 22 August for breakfast at 7:30am

Pastoral Centre (Behind St Brendan's Catholic Church)



Young adults aged 18-35 are invited to join us on Friday 28 August for a discussion in the Pastoral Centre (behind St Brendan's Church), followed by dinner together.

6:00pm-8:00pm

For more information, contact: shepparton.ym@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Come & Celebrate Mass in Filipino

In honour of San Lorenzo Ruiz

First Filipino Saint & Martyr

Saturday, 29 August at 6:00pm

St Mel's Church, Shepparton



Expressions of Interest – Coach to Marian Festival

Save the Date: Marian Festival at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo on Sunday, 11 October, 2026.

More details will be available soon.

To assist with booking a coach to the Marian Festival, we are seeking expressions of interest.

If you would like to travel by coach, please contact Maureen, by **Tuesday 1 September** on 0403 876 578.

We ask for your prayers for the eternal repose of:

Recently Deceased: Leo Pye

Death Anniversaries: Rose Clurey, Eliza Dunne, Bonnie Kilmartin, Christine Fenn, James McKenzie McNarg, Sister Cecilia O'Shea, Gilda Patone, Rosario Lagudi, Salvatore Lagudi, Rosaria and Giovanni Perri, Domenic and Angelina Calabrese, Annette Cortese



First Reading: Isaiah 56:1.6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.
(R.)

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.
(R.)

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.
(R.)

St Brendan's Sacramental Program

**This Sunday, 16 August, at the 11am Mass,
we will celebrate a Sacramental Mass, with the following
children receiving their First Holy Communion and
celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.**



Elizabeth Cannon, Mason Collie,
Henry D'Allesandro, Lucy D'Allesandro,
Max D'Allesandro, Laura Doyle,
Sophie Durston, Ariana Espagne,
Zara Kyriakou, Elodie Sargeant,
Jasmine Wright, Snow Peatling,
Louis Carpinelli, Dion Cundari,
Posy Moodie, Bella Collins,
Evie Corish, Malakai Filewood,
Adriana Iaria, Domenic Iaria,
Vance Jones and Walt O'Dea McIntosh.



**Please keep the children and their families
in your prayers as they take these
special steps in their faith journey.**

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SAVE THE DATE

**10th Anniversary
of the
Annual Public Rosary**

**Saturday 10 October 2026
at 10:30am**

St Brendan's Parish Garden

More details to follow

Enquiries to Maureen
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