

Catholic Parishes of

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 2 AUGUST, 2026

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

Bishop's Pastoral Visitation – We Welcome Your Input



On the weekend of 18/19 July, Dr Chris Cotter, Director of Mission and Pastoral Life from the Chancery, spoke at our Masses about the upcoming Bishop's Pastoral Visitation. This will take place across 8 days in late October and early November. The 8 day Visitation Program will see Bishop René visit all our local Parishes (St Brendan's Shepparton, St Mary's, Dookie, St Mel's, South Shepparton, St Malachy's, Nagambie and St Mary's, Mooroopna).

During the visitation, Bishop René would like to meet as many parishioners as possible. The visit will be an opportunity for purposeful reflection, conversation, and pastoral planning for the future of our parishes.

To help prepare, the Chancery has provided a Guide for the parish to reflect on all areas of parish life, including mission and pastoral life, policies, procedures, administration, finance, buildings, ministries, health and safety, groups, and activities.

As a parish, we are required to complete pages 11 to 55 of the Guide, which includes approximately 154 questions. Various members of parish committees have been allocated sections to complete. Once this work is finished, Father Ronald will prepare a final report, which will be submitted to Bishop René before his visit. The deadline for the report submission is 27 August, 2026.

We warmly invite all parishioners to contribute. Your thoughts, experiences, and suggestions are valuable and will help ensure the final report reflects the life of our whole parish community.

If you would like to provide input, please email the Parish Office on shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

We would love to hear from you.

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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Office Hours - Mon-Fri | 9AM-2PM
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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



We ask for your prayers for the eternal repose of:

Recently Deceased: Jan Neessen

Death Anniversaries: Angela Mancini,

Veronica Wesols, Maria Giuliani



Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, 4 August

We will reopen as normal on Wednesday, 5 August.

Thank you for your understanding.



Anointing Mass

Wednesday, August 5 at 11am

Join us for a cuppa in the Pastoral Centre following Mass.



Pray for Vocations National Vocations Awareness Week (3-9 August)

Serra Club Mass for Vocations and Our Priests

Friday, 7 August at 7:00pm at St Brendan's Church, Shepparton.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 4:45pm and continue until just before Mass.

Please join us for a cuppa in the Parish Centre following Mass.



Men's Group

Saturday, 8 August for breakfast at 7:30am

Pastoral Centre (Behind St Brendan's Catholic Church)



All Sacristans and ladies who help around the Church are invited to join for a cuppa on the second Saturday of each month at Parklake, Shepparton.

Next gathering: Saturday, 8 August, 10.00am

Enquiries: Kath 0409 003 420



Community of the Sons and Daughters of God

Holy Mass on Saturday, 8 August at 11:00am and Adoration at 2pm.

St Brendan's Catholic Church, Shepparton

All are welcome.

Catechesis Classes

Deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith through presentations by a local theology teacher.

Fortnightly on Tuesdays

Next class: Tuesday, 11 August

Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Pastoral Centre (behind St Brendan's Church)

All are welcome.



Save the Date: 10th Anniversary of the Annual Public Rosary

Saturday, 10 October at 10:30am

St Brendan's Parish Garden

More details to follow

Enquiries to Maureen on 0403 876 578



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, as soon as possible, on 0403 876 578.



First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;

though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,

and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,

your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant

out of the favours promised to David.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35. 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children

Responsorial Psalm

*(R.) The hand of the Lord
feeds us:
he answers all our needs.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

(R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you, and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.
(R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways, and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts.
(R.)

OPENING RELECTION

Bishop René Ramirez RCJ



SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE
Growing as Communities of Mission
Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton 21 & 22 August

Sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Everyone from across the Diocese is strongly encouraged to join us at this Formation Institute - Friday 21 August and Saturday 22 August - Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton

Two inspiring days exploring "Gospel, Mission, and Pastoral Outreach". Hear Bishop René Ramirez RCJ open and conclude the gathering, engage with keynote presentations and choose from a wide range of practical seminars.

You are encouraged to attend both Friday and Saturday, but welcome to join us on either day.

Registrations close 14 August.



REGISTER FOR FRIDAY

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REGISTER FOR SATURDAY

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Celebrating 40 Years of Priesthood
– Fr Tony Hill

We congratulate Fr Tony Hill on
40 years of faithful priestly ministry.



Reflecting on his years of service, Fr Tony shares that
"the best part of priesthood is the people"
— a beautiful reminder of the deep connection between
priests and the communities they serve.

Throughout his ministry across the Diocese of Sandhurst,
Fr Tony has touched the lives of many through his
pastoral care, compassion, and dedication to sharing
Christ's love.

We give thanks for Fr Tony's years of service and pray for
God's continued blessings upon him.

Image and information adapted from
Sandpiper e-News, Diocese of Sandhurst (17 July 2026).

Prayer for the **NEW BISHOP OF SANDHURST**

Almighty Father, knower of all hearts, grant that
our brother, René, your servant, who is chosen for the office
of Bishop of Sandhurst, may be a true shepherd
of the flock entrusted to his care.

Pour out now upon this chosen one that power which comes
from you, the Holy Spirit, whom you gave to your beloved
Son, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, that same
Spirit which Christ bestowed on his own apostles.

May this chosen one, René, fulfil the ministry of shepherd
of your people of our Diocese.

May he please you by the sincerity of his service, the purity
of his heart, the humility of his interactions, the simplicity
of his demeanour. May he direct by word and example the
people of Sandhurst entrusted to his care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever, Amen.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patroness of our Diocese,
Pray for us.

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