

Catholic Parishes of

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 23 AUGUST 2026

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

St Brendan's Sacramental Program



This Saturday 22, August at the 6pm Mass & Sunday 23, August, at the 11am Mass we will celebrate Sacramental Masses.

The following children will be receiving their First Holy Communion and celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- James Buniel
- Lacey Grant
- Calyx Benemerito
- Willow Busa
- Ethan Camm
- Ethan Demase
- Thomas Minogue
- Molly Moroney
- James Tierny - O'Hara
- Nate Betson
- Charlotte Ellis
- Harlen Bovalino
- Nixon Bovalino
- Alexsa Longley
- Esekwesili Ozoh

- Jayden Avramopoulos
- Seth Baksh
- Maurisse Bernaldez
- Max Corboy
- Johanna Fernandes
- Sasmita Perera
- Ava Basile
- Isabella Beckingham
- Darcy Emmi
- Joseph Schroeders
- William Kapazira
- Jeffrey Garikuni
- Jordan Garikuni
- Yolanda Garikuni
- Rafa Kitto

- Alyssa Lombardozzi
- Mateo Scarcella
- Rocco Scarcella
- Zara Scarcella
- Jordan Scarcella
- Zara Singh
- Samuel Torres-Diaz
- Harry Vourgaslis
- Leyla Vourgaslis
- Ivy Kadamani
- Pearl Kadamani

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



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



We ask for your prayers for the eternal repose of:

Recently Deceased: Margaret Cross

Death Anniversaries: Dr Mark Roche, James Clurey,
Robert Crew, Orazio Garufi (one month mind),
Giuseppina Di Paolo



Parish office closed on Tuesday 25 August

This is due to staff attending an Administration Conference in Bendigo.
We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



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.vy@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



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, by **Tuesday 1 September** on 0403 876 578.

A Letter from Bishop René Ramirez, RCJ

18 August 2026

To the People of God of St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton; St Mel's Parish, Shepparton South, St Mary's Parish, Mooropna; St Mary's Parish, Dookie; and St Malachy's Parish, Nagambie,

Many of you might be aware that at the 9:30am Mass at St Mel's Parish on Sunday, Fr Ronald Masilang RCJ, your Parish Priest and Administrator, announced that he will be finishing his duties across the parishes of Shepparton South, Shepparton, Mooropna, Nagambie and Dookie at the end of the month. Fr Ronald had informed me of his intentions in the first week of August, and we agreed to announce this in due course, with proper context. He has since shared the news earlier than we had planned. It was my intention to inform you in a timely manner, so I am writing now to apprise you of the full picture.

Fr Ronald began as Parish Priest of St Mel's Shepparton South, St Mary's Mooropna and St Malachy's Nagambie in June 2025, and became Administrator of St Brendan's Shepparton and St Mary's Dookie in October 2025. It was my original intention to offer him further support to continue in the Shepparton cluster, however he has chosen to return to the Philippines and I must respect his freedom in this decision. I thank him for his commitment and leadership in guiding you in worship and the sacraments over these months during his time in the diocese.

I acknowledge that the last several months have been an unsettled time for the five parishes. I wish to publicly recognise the extensive work undertaken by Fr Brian Boyle while Diocesan Administrator, who endeavoured to work through a number of challenging situations in the cluster.

I am currently working closely with the Rogationist fathers to appoint a new Administrator to the cluster. In the meantime, a supply priest from one of the Rogationist communities in Melbourne will come to help. Fr Ruel, Fr Addin and Fr John Paul will continue to support the parishes as before.

I ask for your patience, charity and understanding as we work together to address this current situation. As we come from the recent Solemnity of the Assumption, I entrust all of you, Fr Ronald, and all our clergy to the intercession of Our Lady.

With every blessing in Christ,



✠ Most Rev René Ramirez, RCJ



First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,

I remove you from your post,

and the same day I call on my servant

Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,

gird him with your sash,

entrust him with your authority;

and he shall be a father

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem

and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David

on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,

should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg

into a firm place;

he will become a throne of glory

for his father's house.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which

I will build my Church;

the gates of hell will not hold

out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

(R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

(R.)

3. The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

(R.)

Are You Still Available for Your Rostered Ministry?



October | November | December

If you are currently rostered for a ministry and are still able to fulfil your usual duties, no action is required.

If your circumstances have changed and you need to make a change to your roster, please let the Parish Office know by **Thursday, September 3.**

The following Ministries are rostered:

- Minister of Communion
- Reader
- Commentator
- Offertory
- Communion to the Sick and Housebound
- Greeters and Ushers



Thank you for your time and effort in being part of these important roles within our Parish.

Profit and Loss

St Brendan's Catholic Church Shepparton
For the year ended 30 June 2026

Account	2026	2025
Income		
Sundry Income	97,676.00	105,935.54
Religious Ceremonies	42,215.00	52,450.00
Special Collections	13,389.25	5,754.49
Collections	300,582.15	305,597.80
Clergy Supply Income	5,331.60	668.49
Total Income	459,194.00	470,406.32
Operating Expenses		
Clergy Expenses	93,224.23	75,466.07
Salary & Wages	139,148.40	145,349.55
Pastoral Expenses	11,743.14	8,627.02
General Administration of Parish	68,909.69	60,705.50
General Property Costs	53,323.37	74,081.35
Diocesan Levies	22,298.96	21,909.84
Capital Repairs - Church, Land & Surrounds	7,770.00	73,270.00
Debutante Ball Expenses	150.00	0.00
Total Operating Expenses	396,567.79	459,409.33

Feasts of Feasts

- St Bartholomew, Apostle, 24 August
- Our Lady of Czestochowa, 26 August
- St Monica, mother of St Augustine, 27 August
- St Augustine, bishop and doctor, 28 August
- Passion of St John the Baptist, 29 August



Congratulations to Fr Ruel Desamparado, RCJ on the 17th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on 22 August.

We thank God for the gift of his priestly ministry and pray for many more blessed years of service.

COMING SOON

VOICE FOR SILENT PEOPLE

FUNDRAISING FOR ORPHANED CHILDREN
IN D.R. CONGO

Saturday, September 12th, 6pm Mass

Sunday, September 13th,
8am and 11am Masses

WALNUTS
\$10 per kg

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