

Catholic Parishes of

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 30 AUGUST 2026

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

An update from Bishop René Ramirez, RCJ

As you may be aware, Fr Addin Doe RCJ has commenced his Annual Leave. During this time the point of reference for the parishes of the Shepparton cluster will temporarily be Fr. Ruel Desamparado RCJ.

I would also like to present Fr. Wilford Urmaza RCJ from St. Anthony's Parish in Melton South. Fr. Wilford has been working as assistant priest in the same parish for the last five years. He will temporarily assist Fr. Ruel, Fr. Addin and Fr John Paul Pasala in ministering to the Greater Shepparton Parish Cluster, while a more permanent solution is arranged.

I know that you will welcome Fr Wilford to the cluster, and I appreciate the collegiality you have shown me in working towards the longer-term stewardship of the parishes.



With every blessing in Christ, ✠ Most Rev René Ramirez, RCJ

Birthday Blessing for
August

At this weekend's Masses, as it is the last Sunday of the month, there will be a special blessing for all those who celebrated their birthdays in August.



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: Lois Della-Vedova

Death Anniversaries: Concettina Ganino



Expressions of Interest – Coach to Marian Festival
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.



Anointing Mass
Wednesday, 2 September at 11am

We warmly welcome Fr Wilford Urmaza as the celebrant.



Are you still available for your rostered ministry?

Please advise the Parish Office by Thursday, 3 September if you are no longer able to fulfil your ministry duties. If you are still able to fulfil your duties, no action is required.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our Parish ministries.



Serra Club Mass for Vocations and Our Priests

Friday, 4 September 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 Pastoral Centre following Mass.



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL – RETREAT DAY

Saturday 19 September 2026 | St Brendan's, Shepparton
9:30am cuppa | 10:00am–3:30pm
Venue: Pastoral Centre, Knight St
Lunch: Bring a plate to share | All welcome
Contact: Brigita 0412 042 196 | Mary 0427 190 282 | Denise 0407 506 813



AFL Tipping

....and the winners are: First place - Margie Preston(155- \$320), Second Place - Marlene Coppinger(154- \$100), Third Place - Mary-Ann Demase(152- \$80). Honourable mentions to Leon Preston, Brendan Smith, Damien Preston, and Peter Chalkley who were all hot on the heels of the placegetters. Fr. Joe finished on 148 in eleventh position. The parish wishes to thank all the participants in the tipping comp fundraiser this year. We invite all footy fans to join the comp in 2027. There will be a presentation ceremony and footy trivia morning tea on Friday, 25 September (Public Holiday) in the MPJC behind the church at 10.00 a.m. All are welcome - dress in your favourite footy colours!

Reflecting on the gospel

Today's gospel passage follows on directly from what we heard last week. Peter, the hero in last week's story, is rebuked in this week's gospel.

The foundation rock has become a stumbling block. It is good for us to know that none of us gets it right every time. Jesus' sharp response to Peter makes it clear that he is not looking forward to his looming destiny.

There are no easy heroics. It is as though he responds with gritted teeth.

He is to suffer grievously.

Yet his confidence in the Father's love enables him to see glory beyond the cross.

Then he throws out the terrifying challenge. Jesus' followers must also lose their life if they are to gain life.

They too must take up the dreaded cross.

There is no short-cut to glory.

But as disciples shoulder the cross and carry the burden of suffering, they experience a profound union with Christ who has been there before them.

The reader should try to use inclusive language, saying: "not God's way but a human way".

In the following paragraph, 'a man' can be read as 'someone'.



First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Responsorial Psalm

**My soul is thirsting for
you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you
I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without
water. (R.)

So I gaze on you in the
sanctuary
to see your strength and your
glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
(R.)

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my
hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a
banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with
joy. (R.)

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I
rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.
(R.)

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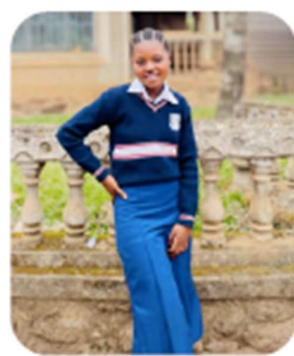
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Social Justice Sunday – 30 August

On Social Justice Sunday, 30 August, Australia's Bishops call us to respond to growing social division by building a "culture of encounter". Their 2026 Social Justice Statement, *Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division*, warns that hatred, racism, hostile public debate and violence are threatening the bonds that hold communities together. The Statement reflects on recent events, including the Bondi Beach attack and rising Islamophobia and racism, and offers practical ways to strengthen social cohesion through encounter, respect and solidarity.



**The St Vincent de Paul Society
St. Brendan's Conference is
seeking a new Treasurer.**

The position will involve basic IT skills and bookkeeping. Perhaps up to 5 hours per week. Training and support will be provided. Ring Gerry Goonan on 0413400318.

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