

Catholic Parishes of

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 9 AUGUST, 2026

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

Looking at the Readings

We have not seen God. Not even Abraham, Moses, Elijah or the Apostles have seen God. Yet the Apostles had come close because in seeing Christ the Lord they have "seen" an image of God. We do see a lot of images of God in Artworks, Poems, Stories, Songs and human experiences. Most of these images have been inspired by sacred scripture and meditation on the Word of God. We hear how Elijah, who wanted to see God, was told to leave the cave and stand at its entrance on the mountain and God would pass by. Elijah saw God not in the terrific forces of nature but in the silence of a gentle breeze. Those terrific forces of nature: storms, earthquakes, wildfires floods and droughts are sometimes described by insurance companies and the like as Acts of God. But God was not in the storm, the earthquake or the fire. The Apostles in the boat were terrified by the fierce storm on the lake but also terrified by Jesus walking on the lake and calming the storm. We need to recognise Jesus, Father and Spirit in the ordinary and quiet moments of our lives. It is in the ordinary that God performs extraordinary actions. It is doing ordinary things extraordinary well we fulfil God's call to service. (Spiritual "Little Way" of Thérèse of Lisieux.)

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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
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Parish Notices



Our Parish Office will
be closed on
Monday, 10 August and
Tuesday, 11 August.



Vocations Awareness Week
2 August – 9 August



Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
– Saturday, 8 August



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
Registrations close Tuesday, 14 August



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Lantern Making
Come along and help/learn how to make lanterns for the Misa De Gallo
Saturday, 15 August
10am to 12pm
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 12:30
The Aussie Hotel (73 Fryers Street, Shepparton)
Any enquiries to Pat (0423343711. Leave a message)



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)



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, as soon as possible, on 0403 876 578.

We ask for your prayers for the eternal repose of:

Recently Deceased: Matteo Del Mastio, Sandra Cox, Lewis Michel.

Death Anniversaries: Owen Smith, Maria Cortese, Rocco Cucinotta (one month's mind), Brendan Faulkner, Monsignor Bones.



First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered, 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, show us your
mercy and love,
and grant us your
salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

(R.)

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

(R.)

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him, and peace shall follow his steps.

(R.)

Thank
you

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July contributions



July 2025

\$1,573

vs

July 2026

\$1,724

*Your generosity supports our
parish community!*

AFL TIPPING UPDATE



With only three rounds left to complete the season, the Preston family appear to have a great position to secure a fair chunk of the prize money in our tipping comp.

Margie is on 135 and has led for most of the season.

She currently sits two clear of her husband Leon (133).

One point further back and still with the leader in their sights are Marlene Coppinger, Mary-Ann Demase and Peter Chakley.

Fr. Joe sits comfortably in the top ten in ninth position (129) as Carlton keeps climbing up the ladder in the second half of the season.

→ Want to read the full letter?
Printed copies of Most Rev. René Ramirez
RCJ's Pastoral Letter are available at the
back of the Church this weekend
(8/9 August).



A Pastoral Letter for the National Vocations Awareness Week 2026

"The Harvest is Abundant"
Pray the Lord of the Harvest

An Excerpt from Most Rev. René Ramirez RCJ
Bishop of Sandhurst

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ.

This week, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week, from 2-9 August, culminating in the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, our nation's first saint. It is a time when we are invited to reflect on God's call in our lives, to pray for vocations, and to encourage one another — especially our young people — to listen generously to the voice of the Lord.

While this week shines a particular light on priestly and religious vocations, it also reminds us that every Christian has a vocation. Through Baptism, each of us is called to holiness and to participate in Christ's mission according to the unique path God has prepared for us. Yet, among all the invitations the Church offers during this week, there is one that comes not from a programme or initiative, but from the lips of Jesus Himself.

In the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, we read:

"Jesus went about all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with compassion for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest.'"

(Matthew 9:35-38)

It is striking that before Jesus sends the Apostles into mission, He first commands His disciples to pray.

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