



St Brendan's & St Mary's Parishes are child safe communities. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Day

25 December

First Reading Is 52:7-10

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
"Your God is King!"

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-6 R.v.3

*(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 1:1-6

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

At various times in the past and in various
different ways, God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets; but in our own time,
the last days, he has spoken to us through
his Son, the Son that he has appointed to
inherit everything and through whom he
made everything there is. He is the radiant
light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his
nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful
command; and now that he has destroyed the
defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place
in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty.
So he is now as far above the angels as the title

which he has inherited is higher than their own
name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my
Son, today I have become your father, or: I will
be a father to him and he a son to me. Again,
when he brings the First-born into the world, he
says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord,
Today a great light has come
upon the earth.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 1:1-18

(or Shorter Form Jn 1:1-5. 9-14)

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we
saw his glory.*

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us.
And we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the
Father,
full of grace and truth.

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Dearest Parishioners and Friends: Greetings of peace and joy!

As we celebrate the birth of the
Child Jesus, accept our humble
prayer for you and your families:

"We pray that your simple yet
fervent preparation for Christmas
may open your hearts and minds to
the very message of love, peace and
joy which the Child Jesus brings.

May your welcoming of our
Saviour be a living testimony to the
faithfulness of God who wills to
save His people in love, through His
Word Incarnate. And as the song
goes, may you truly learn to "give
love on Christmas day;" a love that
comes, above all, from our
Emmanuel,
the God-With-Us.

May the Child Jesus born in the
manger of Bethlehem find a fitting
dwelling place in your hearts.
Amen."

Together with my brother priests,
Fr. Ruel, Fr. Addin and Fr. Adi, I
greet you all a Merry Christmas and
a Blessed New Year 2026!

*In Christ and Mary.
Fr. Ronaldo N. Masilang, RCJ*



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Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9am - 2pm

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am

Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm,

Saturday 8.30am & Sunday 5.30pm

St Mary's Dookie, Sunday 10 am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

Rosary— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Thursdays 7pm to 8pm and

Fridays 4.45pm - 5.45pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years.

We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.

Our Parish Office will be closed on

Thursday, December 25 &

Friday, December 26



There will be no 9:15am Mass at St Brendan's Parish on Friday, December 26.

We very much appreciate your donations to St Brendan's Parish through our CASH collections during our Masses however if you prefer to use your card, then please feel free to TAP n GO on our terminals provided.



Diocesan Formation Gathering 2026 - Save the Date! - 21/22 AUGUST

For diocesan and parish dates in 2026, check out the Diocesan Website online calendar - www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au (a useful tool for parish, group and individual schedule planning).

2026

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

For children in grade 3 and above

Enrolment Masses: FEB 28 to MARCH 1

Sacramental Weekend: AUGUST 22-23

For more information email:

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