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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year A

28 December 2025

First Reading Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.

Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,

he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,

he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father,

he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,

do not despise him in your health and strength;

for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten

but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *(R.)*
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *(R.)*
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life. *(R.)*

Second Reading Col 3:12-21

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other,

and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:13-15.19-23

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. Here he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

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On behalf of our Parish Administrator, Fr Ronald, together with Fr Ruel and Fr Addin,

I thank, appreciate and applaud the 2025 Misa de Gallo team at St Brendan's. Since early in the year, they have worked tirelessly, navigating many challenges and uncertainties with generosity and faith. I am also grateful for their patience with me!

To the team members: Paul and Ally, Robyn, Tita Lady and Benita, Cynthia, Anna, and Sr Bing: *through your quiet perseverance and often unseen work, you have shown us the true spirit of discipleship in Christ:* faithfully showing up each day, even when it was challenging.

A special vote of thanks to our sacristans, especially Vince Rando and Carmel Ash.

I also thank all other liturgical ministers, musicians and volunteers. May God richly reward you all.

Fr Adi

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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.

Readers & Commentators Jan 3 & 4

6pm	Julie Kelly	Danica Daunt
8am	Berni Sullivan	Vince Rando
11am	Jean Marie Mupenda	Michael Frizzell

Recently Deceased: Rudolf Barzen

Anniversaries: Alice Stein, Bishop Joe Grech, John Mahony

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

We warmly acknowledge the 70th Wedding Anniversary of



Mario and Giuliana Bettanin,

whose marriage was celebrated on Boxing Day (December 26). They were married at St Brendan's Church.

Our Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1



Blessing of the birthday celebrants

This weekend is the last Sunday of the month, and we will be offering a special blessing for all parishioners celebrating birthdays in December.



SCHEDULE

26 December 2025 - 2 January 2026

St Brendan's Parish
Shepparton

26/12 NO 9:15 AM MASS

27/12 NO CONFESSIONS
6 PM VIGIL MASS

28/12 8 AM MASS
11 AM MASS

29/12 NO MASS
(MONDAY)

30/12 9:15 AM MASS

31/12 NO 9:15 AM MASS

1/1 10 AM MASS
MARY MOTHER OF GOD
NO 7 PM ADORATION

2/1 NO 9:15 AM MASS
NO 4:45 PM ADORATION
NO 7:15 PM SERRA CLUB
MASS