



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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 February 2026

First Reading Eccl 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. (R.)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord

of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37 (or longer form Mt 5:17-37)

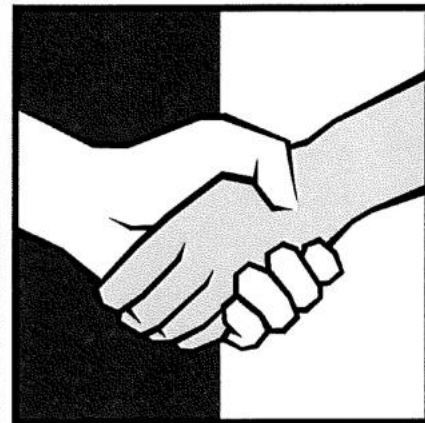
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of prophetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.

By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH

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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 Feb 21 & Feb 22, 2026

6pm	Sr Bing	TBC
8am	Paul White	Sara White
11am	Mary-Ann Demase	Emma Christy

Recently Deceased: Helen Cardwell (Whitney Greco's Grandma)

Anniversaries: Leo Clurey, Jo Chilcott, Shirley Moylan, Nunziato (Nick) Vittorio, Domenic Demasi, Ray Wardle, Ester Romeo, Vincenzo Cavallaro

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

The Garabandal Prayer Group

will meet on

Monday February 16

at 1:30pm

in the Mary Mackillop room of the Parish Office (enter through the Office).



Project Compassion – This Weekend

This weekend we begin **Project Compassion**.

- **Caritas boxes and envelopes** will be available as you **walk back after receiving the Eucharist**.
- Please take a box or envelope home and support Caritas during Lent.
- Below you will find the **Parish QR Code for both St Brendan's Shepparton and St Mary's, Dookie**. This is for easy online giving and information.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of Caritas!

QR code for St Mary's, Dookie



QR code for St Brendan's



Pancakes will be available after all Masses, so stay and enjoy some fellowship.



ST BRENDANS CHURCH YOUTH GROUP



February 20

3:30 (For a 4pm start)–5.30pm
in the Pastoral Centre
(hall behind the Church)
Join us for food, games
and discussion

shepparton.ym@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Recessional Hymn during Lent

The Vatican II's document *Musica Sacram* (Sacred Music) and the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) indicate that silence is preferred at the end of the Mass, that the priest depart in silence emphasising the penitential tone of the season. Should a song be sung, let it be sober, simple and subdued which highlights prayer and penance.

Alpha Is Coming!

The Alpha Program is coming to
St Brendan's Parish
Centre from
Monday, February 23,
through to early May.



Alpha has been running around the world for nearly **40 years** and is a warm, welcoming program designed to explore faith in a relaxed, community setting.

Each session includes **a shared meal, a short video, and open discussion.**

Everyone is welcome—people from **all parishes** and all stages of faith are encouraged to come along.

If you would like to take part in the Alpha Program, please email the **St Brendan's Parish office** (shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au), and a member of the Alpha team will be in touch.

Lenten Groups

Our Lenten groups begin next week and will meet weekly until Easter. These groups are a wonderful opportunity to gather, share reflections, and prepare for Lent and Easter.



Parish Centre

Thursdays at 1.00pm, commencing February 19
Books available for \$10.00

Barb's Home

Unit 73/9 Batman Avenue, Shepparton
Tuesdays, 7.30pm–9.00pm,
commencing February 17

To join the Parish Centre group or purchase a book, please contact the parish office.

To join the group at Barb's home, please contact Barb on 0447 778 846.

Men's Group

Our first Men's Group was a wonderful beginning for 2026.



We will gather again on
Saturday, February 21 in the Parish Centre at 7.30am for
breakfast and a faith topic for discussion.

Please come along and join this great group of men.

Any questions, please contact Anthony on
5821 2633 on Tuesday's or Thursday's.

St Vincent de Paul St. Brendan's Conference

At our local Vinnies Conference we are always looking for new members.

You can join us as we assist our welfare clients each week.

It is a time commitment of 3 hours once a fortnight. You will always work with another member and we will support you in your training.

If you would like more information please call
Gerry on 0413400318
or Alison on 0419504082.

We'd be glad to show you how you can be involved in our good works!



Catholic Earthcare Australia

A Program of Caritas Australia

We are looking for new members

We meet monthly in the
Parish Centre MPJC

Third Thursday of each month at
5.00pm-6.00pm



If interested please contact: 0428 996 975

Our first meeting for 2026 is Thursday, February 19

You are invited to attend a talk by International speaker,
Charbel Raish, of Parousia Media:

No Greater Love - a Lenten Talk.

Sunday 15th February 7pm
Mathoura-Murray Shire War Memorial Hall
19 Lawrence Street
Mathoura NSW

Welcome to our new Notre Dame College 2026 Catholic Identity Trainees

Notre Dame College are
proud to introduce to
St Brendan's Parish our
new Catholic Identity
trainees - Molly Walters
and Blayne O'Brien.



As part of their roles Molly and Blayne will
be involved with different parish events such as
Youth Masses and Weekday Masses.

They will also work with Emma Christie to assist
with parish youth initiatives to help engage Notre
Dame students with our parish.
Please say hello to them if you see them around.

Brendan Lindsay
Deputy Principal – Catholic Identity

Ash Wednesday 2026

Parishes in Greater Shepparton

St Brendan's Shepparton

7 am & 9:15 am

St Mel's South Shepparton

**9:30 am (with St Mel's Primary
School Community) & 6 pm**

St Mary's Mooroopna

6 pm

St Malachy's Nagambie

**11:45 am (with St Joseph's Primary
School Community)**

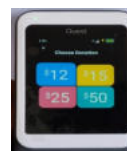
St Mary's Dookie

6 pm



Thank you for your support
of our Tap n Go.

We raised \$1,565 in January 2025
and \$1,523 in January 2026.



World Day of Prayer

This year the World Day of Prayer will be on
Friday, March 6 at 10.30am at St Mel's Church,
18 Hamilton St, Shepparton.

The theme is Nigeria and our guest
speaker will be Ify who has
moved to Australia from Nigeria.

All are welcome!

Morning tea
to follow.

Contact Sr Pam
Barlow
(0458 999108).



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