



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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

18 January 2026

First Reading Is 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

*(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

St Brendan's Church will be closed to the public on Monday, January 19, for cleaning of the fans and high areas. Thank you for your understanding!

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group

Our monthly lunch will resume on Sunday, February 15.

Details will be provided closer to the date.

We hope to see you all there – new comers are very welcome!

Enquiries: Pat – 0423 343 711

Parish cuppas after Thursday Mass will not be held again until **Thursday, February 5**

All are welcome!



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Strangely, despite being in Ordinary Time again, the lectionary temporarily departs from the gospel of Matthew and today's reading is from the gospel of John. Given that last week's reading was the Matthean account of the baptism of Christ we must assume that there is a deliberate purpose in the choice of reading for today. Indeed, the three readings for today give a very specific slant to the baptism and mission of Jesus. The readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Corinthians emphasise that God's salvation is for all the world, not just the people of Israel. We find this also in the gospel when John the Baptist declares, 'there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world'. It is the sin 'of the world' that Jesus takes away; that is, all humankind. This was a tough concept for the Jews whose relationship with God was grounded in the concept of being the 'chosen people'; a people set apart. It continues to be a difficult concept for many Christian people today who struggle with the notion that God's love and mercy are so extravagant that they are poured out for absolutely anyone and everyone. Some Christians like to maintain an 'us and them' approach to their faith and think that if you're not one of 'us' then salvation will be denied by God.

The role of John the Baptist in this passage is to be a witness; to point to Jesus and say 'He is the one!' Lots of us need the affirmation and direction provided by another person before we are ready to commit to a new direction in our lives. John gives the crowd confidence and effectively hands over to Jesus the authority that the crowd had perceived in him.

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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 24 & 25

6pm	Sr Bing	Chris Segrave
8am	Berni Sullivan	Vince Rando
11am	Mavis Amankwaah	Angel Vales

Anniversaries: Aldo Landini, Frank Kreuger, Leonardo Pastucci, Christopher Caserta, Bill Eagle.

Feast of the Presentation of our Lord

We cordially invite you to come and celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord and pray for our priests, for seminarians and for vocations.

WHEN: 3 February 2026 (Tuesday)

7:00PM - Holy Rosary

7:30PM - Holy Mass with the Blessing of Candles

WHERE: 70 Tank Corner East Road, Lemnos



Please bring your candles to be blessed, a plate to share and a chair. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Baptisms

Families wishing to have their children baptised can do so on the following days:



2nd Sunday of the month – St Mel's, Shepparton South

3rd Sunday of the month – St Mary's, Mooroopna

4th Sunday of the month – St Brendan's, Shepparton

St Mary's, Dookie and St Malachy's, Nagambie – by request

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 Monday, January 19, at 1.30pm in the Mary Mackillop room of the Parish Office (enter through the office).



6-8 pm JAN 23 Aged 18-35

All Young Adults are invited to join for a discussion in the Pastoral Centre (hall behind the church) and join us for dinner afterwards



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Magellan Lunch Gathering

Magellan will be meeting for lunch at **The Aussie on Thursday, 22 January at 12:00 pm.**

All ladies are welcome, whether or not you were part of Magellan.

For enquiries, please contact **Jenny Doherty** on **0438 211 895.**