

Catholic Parishes of

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 12 JULY 2026

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

Reflecting on the Gospel

The teaching of Jesus is grounded firmly in the world that he and his listeners live. His parables are based on farming, fishing, the marketplace and family. He told stories about vineyards, wheat fields, the sea and human realities. Matthew Chapter 13 has seven parables. A parable can be a short metaphor (hidden treasure, a pearl a dragnet) or an extended story with a moral lesson. Rarely does he explain them or elaborate on the different scenarios that we have about the Sower and Seed today.

The longer form of today's Gospel (Matt 13:10-23) exposes the parable as an allegory - every part has a symbolic meaning; every scenario has a different application for the listener. The parable challenges us to see into our lives the way we receive God's word: not at all, initial enthusiasm but lose interest, distracted by the things around us or with understanding and right action.

This parable is a meditation on God's words and works, on our freedom and the choices we make, on our world of trails, tribulations and successes. It is a parable we can read and reread, study and pray.

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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

Assistant Priest | Fr Addin Doe, RCJ

Parish Notices



We ask for your prayers for the eternal repose of:

Recently Deceased: Orazio Garufi, Anthony Rooney,
Ernest 'Ern' Kilmartin

Death Anniversaries: Frank (Francis) Schoonderbeek



St Brendan's Parish Office Closed

Our Parish office will be closed on Tuesday 14 July.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Christmas in July Trivia Night

Friday 17 July from 6pm to 9pm
entry: \$10 per person (cash only)
6 to 8 per table
email to book a table
shepparton.ym@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Parish Friendship Group – Monthly Lunch

The St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group monthly lunch will be held on
Sunday, 19 July, at 12.30pm at Bami Restaurant,
57-59 Fryers Street, Shepparton.

Everyone is warmly welcome!

For more information, please contact Pat on 0423 343 711
(please leave a message).



Dr Chris Cotter



Leslie Cooper

Parish Visitation Program

Next weekend, we warmly welcome Dr Chris Cotter, Director of Mission and Pastoral Life for the Sandhurst Diocese, and Leslie Cooper, Executive Assistant to the Director of Mission and Pastoral Life, both from the Chancery Team, to St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton, and St Mary's Parish, Dookie.

Throughout the weekend, either Dr Chris Cotter or Leslie Cooper will be speaking at all weekend Masses across St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton, and at the 10.00am Sunday Mass at St Mary's Church, Dookie, about the Parish Visitation Program. They will provide an overview of what the program involves and what it means for our parishes.

Following each of these Masses, either Dr Chris Cotter or Leslie Cooper, or both, will be available to answer any questions and chat with parishioners.

A Few Reminders...

 Please note that Childrens Liturgy will not take place during the school holidays.
It will resume on Sunday 19 July at the 11am Mass.

 Expressions of Interest for Sandhurst pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul, South Korea, August 2027 close on 17 July. Head to our website for more information and fill out a no-obligation expression of interest.
sandhurstyouthministry@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

 Installation Mass of Bishop Rene Ramirez, RCJ
Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo
Thursday 30 July at 11am

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our updates.





First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Responsorial Psalm

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.
(R.)

2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth.
(R.)

3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.
(R.)

4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.
(R.)

OPENING RELECTION

Bishop René Ramirez RCJ



SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE
Growing as Communities of Mission
Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton 21 & 22 August

Sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Sandhurst Formation Institute 2026

Join people from all over the Diocese at the Sandhurst Formation Institute for two days to explore Gospel, Mission and Pastoral Outreach.

The First Direction of the Sandhurst Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals.

Opening Reflection and Closing with Bishop René Ramirez RCJ.

Keynotes on both Friday and Saturday:

- What is the Mission and What Does that Mean
- Growing as Communities of Mission.

There are many seminars to choose from, inter-parish dialogue, intergenerational dialogue and a special Youth Stream (16 – 35s).

Scan the QR code for more information or visit:

<https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3078-sandhurst-formation-institute-2026>



The Pope's Intentions for the month of July

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



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SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2026

10.00 A.M. MASS

TATURA SACRED HEART CHURCH

11.30 A.M. DOORS OPEN

TATURA ITALIAN SOCIAL CLUB

LUNCH 4 COURSE MEAL

ADULTS \$65 - YOUTH \$25 (15-19 YEARS)

CASH PAYMENTS AT DOOR

ENTERTAINMENT BY RICK BRUN
GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES/AUCTIONS!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR LUNCH

RSVP 21st July by phoning:

Pino Lagazzino 0427 677 943

Mary Zübec 0427 199 382

Frank De Palma 0427 552 686

Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989

All names required for Group Bookings!

Vegetarian/Gluten free options available.
Please advise when booking

Please note: The events listed above may be subject to change without notification.

