



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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

14 June 2026

First Reading Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm

PPs 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

*(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the

death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

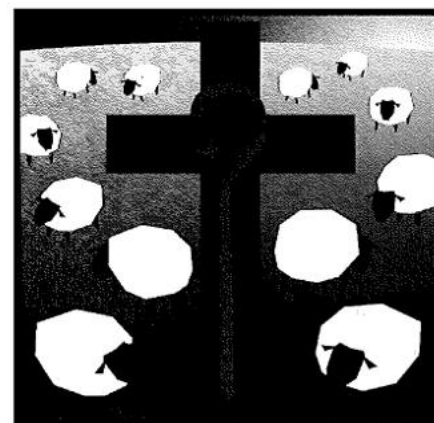
When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

The portrait of Jesus that is painted by the gospel of Matthew is as the one who has come to fulfil the Jewish tradition. This is sometimes incorrectly interpreted as being anti-Jewish but that is not the case at all. The community for whom Matthew was writing were Jewish Christians and they saw the pathway taught by Jesus as the best way to live out the Jewish tradition. It is in this context that today's gospel passage must be considered. The way the commissioning of the Twelve begins is very significant: 'When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.' This is the gospel writer describing the people of Israel as a whole – harassed and dejected and without a shepherd. For the Matthew community, Jesus was that shepherd the Jews needed. But Jesus also knew that one person alone could not bring about the change within Judaism that was required. He chose the Twelve and named them as apostles (those who are sent) to continue the work that he had begun.

The gospel writer describes Jesus as giving the apostles 'authority' over unclean spirits. For the Matthew community, authority was a defining question. They had recently been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and the authority of Jesus had been called into doubt. Yet, for this community, real authority lay with Jesus and those whom he sent out to do his work. Throughout this gospel, Jesus is described as exhibiting 'authority' so as to reaffirm to the original community that they were right in choosing to follow the way of Jesus and not bend to the authority of the Jewish leaders who were oppressing them.



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*Gathered in Faith,
Growing in Love, Serving the Community*

Anniversaries: Maureen O'Keeffe, Frank Minogue



CHRISTMAS IN JULY TRIVIA NIGHT

JULY 17 | 6-9PM

Entry: \$10 per person (CASH ONLY)
6- 8 per table

BYO drinks and nibbles and coins for extra games and challenges!

All proceeds support our parish youth programs

EMAIL TO BOOK A TABLE
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Sacred Heart Hall, Notre Dame College

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

Readers & Commentators June 20 & 21, 2026

6pm	Sr Bing	Chris Segrave
8am	Sara White	Paul White
11am	Jean Marie Mupenda	Michael Frizzell

LUNCH AT THE PEPPERMILL

St Brendan's Friendship Group will meet again for lunch on **SUNDAY 21 JUNE** at 12.30PM at the Peppermill Inn, 7900 Goulburn Valley Highway.

Newcomers are most welcome to come along to meet some friendly parishioners.

Contact PAT on 0423 343 711 (please leave a message).

Commissioning and Renewal of Commitment of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



This weekend at the 8:00am and 11:00am Masses, we will commission and renew the commitment of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

UPDATE: PAINTING WORKS IN THE CHURCH

During the week of **Monday 15 June to Friday 19 June**, painters will be returning to complete work in the **Flower Room and the Sacristy** (the two rooms located at the back of the church).

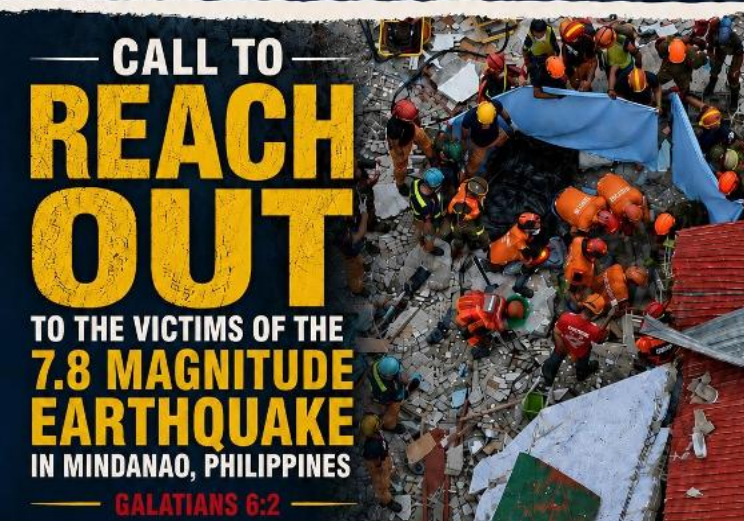
For safety reasons, these areas will be **closed and out of bounds** during this time, while the work is in progress.

Please note that **weekday Masses and Eucharistic Adoration will continue as normal and will not be affected.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



PARISHES OF
**ST. BRENDAN'S, ST. MEL'S, ST. MALACHY'S,
ST. MARY'S MOOROPNA & ST. MARY'S DOOKIE**



Deanery Forums Round 2 –

Registration now open building on the hopes and challenges shared at Round 1, people involved in parish leadership and ministry are warmly invited to the next round of Deanery Forums this June.

Registrations are now open.

Goulburn Valley Deanery Forum – Round 2

Tuesday 23 June 2026,

10 am – 3 pm

**Quality Hotel Parklake,
Shepparton**

Scan QR code for
further information.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for *June*

- **For the values of sports**

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

World Refugee Day 2026 – A Million Stories

Each year on 20 June, the world celebrates World Refugee Day (WRD). Designated by the United Nations, WRD honours refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and promotes solidarity with them in pursuit of a “world where refugees are welcomed.”

Pope Leo XIV invites us to unite in prayer and action to respond to the urgent challenges faced by displaced people amid war, climate crises, and economic inequality. We are encouraged us to welcome, promote, accompany, and integrate those who knock on our doors.

Garabandal Prayer Group

**Monday, June 15
at 1:30 PM**

**MacKillop Room,
Parish Office**



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St. Mel's Parish
invites you to
COME
and
CELEBRATE
with us the Feast of
**ST. ANTHONY
OF PADUA**

 **21st June 2026**
(Sunday)

 Holy Mass at 10:00am

 **St. Mel's Parish Church**
18 Hamilton St., Shepparton

Procession of the Statue and
Distribution of the Bread of
St. Anthony will follow right
after the Holy Mass.

EVERYONE is invited for
LUNCH & PROGRAM
at St. Mel's Parish Hall,
35 Hamilton St., Shepparton

\$10/adult

\$5/child

St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.

RETREAT by Paul White

Inner peace in friendship with Jesus
(based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola)

WHEN: Mondays 6 July to 27 July

TIMES: 1.30pm - 3pm
OR 7pm - 9pm

VENUE: Pastoral Centre,
St Brendan's Parish
(directly behind the church)



COST: \$40 (covers the cost of the retreat
book if required.)

REGISTRATION:
by Sun 28 June

ENQUIRIES: Paul White - 0437 290 950

**INFORMATION SESSION EXPLAINING THE
NATURE OF THE RETREAT WILL BE OFFERED ON
SUNDAY 14 JUNE @ 2pm in the Pastoral Centre.**