



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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

7 June 2026

First Reading Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v.12

*(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
or*

(R.) Alleluia!

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. *(R.)*
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. *(R.)*
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

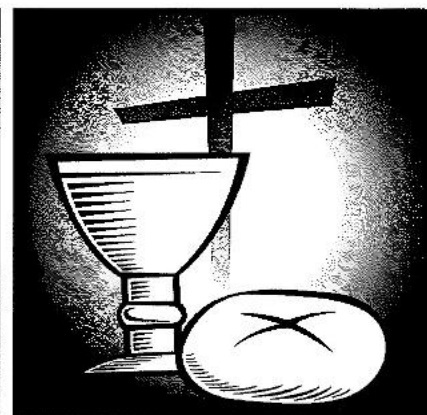
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his

flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:
'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink
my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from
heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live
for ever.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.

The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

Readers & Commentators

June 13 & 14, 2026

6pm David Tarquini & Helen Graczyk

8am David Keenan & Les Billings

11am Angel Vales & Bettina De Guzman



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Office Hours:
9am to 2pm/Monday to Friday

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



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

Anniversaries:

Brian Moroney, Pauline Restall
Corvan Townsend, Craig Scoresby-Thorpe,
Mary Catherine Boschetti, Cliff Ash

WINTER is coming

From June 1 help your community in need through the Winter Night Support Program.

How:



Grab takeaway containers from the Narthex



Fill with food e.g. soup, casseroles, stews, pasta, noodles etc.



Return them to the freezer in the flower room during Mass times or drop them to the Salvation Army, MEAC in Mooroopna, or South Shepp Community House.



Kathy Hunt
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All Sacristans and ladies who help around the Church

are invited to join us for

a cuppa

at Parklake on the



2nd Saturday of each month
at 10.00am,

including **SATURDAY JUNE 13.**



Enquiries: Kath
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MASS TIME CHANGE

Friday, June 12

9:30am start
(normally begins at 9:15am)

**to Celebrate the Solemnity of
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

School students from St Brendan's & St Luke's
Primary School will be attending

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY JUNE 8

This is due to the Public holiday.



SPECIAL MINISTERS COMMISSIONING & RENEWAL

Commissioning of new and renewal of existing
Special Ministers who attended the recent
Formation for Special Ministers to occur at this time.



14 JUNE



8:00AM MASS

11:00AM MASS

*Please keep our Special Ministers in your prayers as they
continue their ministry of service within our parish community.*

FAREWELL CUPPA
FOR

Sr Agnes

Thursday 18 June | 10am | Pastoral Centre

Join us as we thank her for her faithful service
and wish her every blessing.

FURNITURE TO GIVE AWAY

from the St Vincent de Paul
[St Brendan's Conference]

Call Gerry on 0413 400 318



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.

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.

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.

The focus is on clarity, shared priorities, practical action and
visible follow-through.

Participants can expect clear outcomes, agree next steps and
identify responsibilities and timelines.

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.



Garabandal Prayer Group

Monday, June 15
at 1:30 PM

MacKillop Room,
Parish Office

Enter through the Parish Office
All are welcome to attend



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