



Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

1 March 2026

First Reading Gn 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who
revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

SAVE THE DATE

On the Solemnity of St Patrick,
a Mass will be celebrated on
TUESDAY MARCH 17 at
6pm at St Brendan's.

During this Mass we will also be
honouring the Jubilee Migrant Cross that is
arriving in Shepparton shortly.

We ask everyone to bring a plate
(with food) to share following the
celebration at the
St Brendan's Pastoral Centre.

Please join us in wishing a
very happy birthday to
Dorothy Blackmore,

who recently
celebrated
her 100th birthday.

Happy 100th
Birthday Dorothy!



Reflection by Greg Sunter

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is.

During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.

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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 Mar 7 & Mar 8, 2026

6pm	Fran Smullen	Danica Daunt
8am	Lyndell Annett	Di Teitzel
11am	Rett Aitken	Mavis Amankwaah

Anniversaries: Angela Rizzeri

We warmly invite our parish community to join us in welcoming our Sacramental families at the Enrolment Masses this weekend.



Schedule for the First Friday of March FRIDAY MARCH 6

4.45pm - 5.45pm - Adoration

6pm - Stations of the Cross

7pm - Serra Club Mass

Bulletin Email Notification

We are currently experiencing technical difficulties with our parish email subscription system. In particular, some email providers (including Hotmail, Outlook and Live accounts) may not be receiving the bulletin.

If you have subscribed to receive the parish bulletin by email and do not receive it by **5.00pm on Fridays**, please assume there may be a technical issue.

If this occurs, you can visit our parish website to read the bulletin, as it is uploaded there each week.

<https://www.catholicparish.app/shepparton>

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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)

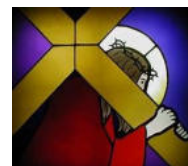
Rosary— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Thursdays 7pm to 8pm and

Fridays 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Calling All Actors and Actresses!



We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Good Friday "Stations of the Cross"

re-enactment on Friday, April 3 at 8pm.

If you're interested in acting, helping, or assisting with the Stations, please contact Dale Wright at 0408 216 522.

You can also speak with Dale after the 11 am Mass on Sundays if you'd like to get involved.

Lenten Groups

Our Lenten Groups have begun. If you would like to join please see below details. 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

Barb's Home

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

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.



Lenten Reminder

During Lent, on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**, Catholics observe fasting for ages 18 to 59, and abstinence from meat for those aged 14 and over.

Mass will begin at 9:30am on Friday, March 6

This is to accommodate St Brendan's Primary School for their Opening School Mass.

We warmly welcome the St Brendan's school community to this special celebration.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent 28 February – 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning your parish's QR code.



See QR code below for both St Brendan's or St Mary's, Dookie.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

**Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite
Against Poverty this Lent.**

QR code for St Brendan's



QR code for St Mary's, Dookie



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Parish Finance Committee held its first meeting for 2026 on February 17.

This is a summary of how our finances are tracking for the **first seven (7) months of the financial year:**

-Thanksgiving Program (that is those parishioners who partake in regular donations via cash, Direct Debit and also Credit Card):

\$131K (Last Year \$126K)

-Second Collection (this is the loose coin donations collected during Mass):

\$36K (Last Year \$38K)

-Tap N Go Terminals located within the church

\$12K (Last Year \$10K)

Thanks to your continued generosity!!!

With expenses running lower than last year **so far**, we have an operating surplus of \$76K.

In the coming weeks, we will clean the Rose coloured stain-glass circular window (up in the choir loft). Also after Easter, painting works will commence in the Sacristy Room, the room behind it (commonly known as the Flower Room) and the hallway that leads into both. It definitely needs a freshen up and a new coat of paint.

We would like to **SINCERELY THANK** the Syro-Malabar Community for their monetary contribution towards the above works.

And finally, Fr Ronald would like to establish a Fundraising Committee to lead special projects such as raffles and other creative fundraising initiatives. If you are interested in leading or assisting with these efforts, please speak with Fr Ronald or contact the Parish Office.

Your support and involvement would be greatly appreciated.

NEW ROSTERS for the months of April, May, June 2026

Please let the Parish Office know by

Thursday, March 12, if you would like any changes to your current roster.

If we don't hear from you, we will assume your availability remains the same.

The following Ministries are rostered:

- Minister of Communion
- Reader
- Commentator
- Offertory
- Communion to the Sick and Housebound
- Greeters and Ushers



We thank everyone for their time and effort in being part of these important roles within our Parish.

World Day of Prayer 2026

The 2026 Country of focus is Nigeria

The World Day of Prayer for the
Dookie area churches
will be hosted by

**St Mary's Church, Dookie on
Friday, March 6 at 7:30pm.**

Our Guest speaker
is Fr Martins Aloga
Light supper will follow.

For more information, please email
dookie@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

In the Shepparton area, the World Day of Prayer
service will be held at

**St Mel's Church, Shepparton
on Friday, March 6 at 10:30am.**

Guest speaker is Ify, who has moved to
Australia from Nigeria Morning tea will follow,
and all are welcome!

For Shepparton enquiries, contact
Sr Pam Barlow on 0458 999 108.



AFL Tipping Comp

The new footy season is upon us and
this is the time
to join us in our
annual tipping fundraiser.
All you need is an email
address and access to the internet and you can tip
from home, work, or indeed, anywhere in the world!



The details are:

**Website: tipping.afl.com.au
Comp Name: Shepparton Parish
Invite Code: 8J5CTLFN
Cost: \$40**

The winner gets parish bragging rights and
\$320 at the end of the season.
Join now and invite all your family and friends.
But be quick...kick-off is on Thursday, March 5! C'mon!

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!



Upcoming Formation Training for All Five Parishes

Altar Server Training

 Saturday, March 21 & Saturday, March 28, 2026

 10:00am – 1:00pm

 St Mel's Church

Please RSVP for catering purposes to St Mel's Parish by

Tuesday, March 17 via email at

sheppartonsouth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans Formation

 Saturday, March 28, 2026

 10:30am – 2:00pm

 St Brendan's Pastoral Centre

Please RSVP for catering purposes to St Brendan's Parish by

Tuesday, March 17 on (03) 5821 2633 via email at

shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Snacks and lunch will be provided for both formation trainings.

ST BRENDANS CHURCH YOUTH GROUP



March 6

**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

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**Stations of the Cross will be held at St Brendan's Church each
Friday at 6pm, commencing February 27 until March 27.**