



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 Ascension of the Lord, Year A

17 May 2026

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

*(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blast of trumpets for the Lord.
or*

(R.) Alleluia.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

*I am with you always, until the end
of the world.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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May is a month
devoted to the
Blessed Virgin Mary

During the month of May,
at all weekday Masses only,
parishioners are warmly
invited to bring fresh flowers
as an offering to the
Blessed Virgin Mary.
These will be presented
before the final blessing.



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Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9am - 2pm

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 May 23 & 24, 2026

6pm	Sr Bing	Danica Daunt
8am	Paul White	Sara White
11am	Emma Christy	Mary-Ann Demase

Recently Deceased: Kerri Rosewall, Marlene Ewart, Carolina Carrafa

Anniversaries: Nola Appleton, Vincenzo Conte, Maria Zurawski

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



*Feast of
St. Brendan*

YOU ARE ALL INVITED
TO CELEBRATE OUR
PATRONAL FEAST OF
SAINT BRENDAN.

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH 2026 AT 11 AM

MASS FOLLOWED BY BARBEQUE LUNCH
AT THE SACRED HEART HALL

Come and experience the grace of this sacred feast
- a time of reflection, unity, and spiritual renewal.

Bring your family and friends to share in fellowship.
Let us entrust ourselves, our work, and our hopes to St Brendan's
loving intercession.

Please bring a plate of food to share.
Donations will be gratefully received to cover costs.

Thank you to all those who generously
contributed to our Tap & Go during April.

APRIL 2025 – \$1,926

APRIL 2026 – \$1,518

Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

SACRAMENTAL CHILDREN



will be celebrating their

FIRST
Reconciliation

OVER 2 WEEKENDS DURING THE
USUAL RECONCILIATION TIMES.



SATURDAY
16TH MAY
9:30-10:30AM



SATURDAY
23RD MAY
9:30-10:30AM



Please keep our children in your prayers
as they take this important step
in their faith journey.



SUNSET SESSION

Young Adults

ALL ABOUT THE PSALMS

FR BRIAN BOYLE

6-8 pm May 22 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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CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SANDHURST

'Pentecost'

Be refreshed in the Holy Spirit

Charismatic Mass celebrated by Fr Arun Korlakanti
Spiritual Chaplain CCR Sandhurst

Saturday, May 23, 2026
9.30am cuppa, 10.00am-3.30pm
St Brendan's Knight St, Shepparton
at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share
All welcome

An offering will be taken up

Contact:

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GARABANDAL PRAYER GROUP

Monday, May 18 at 1:30pm
Mackillop Room of the Parish Office
(enter through the Parish Office)



PRIMARY SCHOOL YOUTH MASS

May 23 | 6pm

**Primary School Age Children
are invited to attend and
assist in Mass.**



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Planned Giving Programme

Our new **Planned Giving envelope packs** are now ready for collection in the Narthex. This are for the next 6 months. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already joined our Planned Giving Programme — your generosity and commitment are truly appreciated and make a real difference in the life of our parish.

We warmly invite **all parishioners** to consider becoming part of this important programme. Your support helps sustain everything we do — from maintaining our parish facilities to supporting our mission and planning confidently for the future. With your participation, our finance team can budget more effectively and continue to grow and strengthen our parish community.

If you would like to learn more or join the programme, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office.



NATIONAL MASS COUNT – WEEK 3
(16–17 MAY)

This weekend marks Week 3 of the 2026
National Count of Attendance.

As part of this, our volunteers will be counting those present at
each Mass and, this week, also noting the
number of males and females in attendance.

We are grateful for your understanding and
patience during this time.

This important initiative helps the Church to
better know and serve its people, strengthening our mission
and planning for the future.

Thank you for your support and for being part
of our parish community.

JOIN OUR NEW
FUNDRAISING
Committee!

We're launching a dynamic Fundraising Committee
to bring fresh, creative ideas to life—from
fun raffles to innovative projects that will
strengthen and support our parish community.



BE PART OF
something
meaningful.



HELP CREATE
fun and engaging
events.



CONNECT WITH
others and make
a difference.



Please call St Brendan's Parish Office
on **58212633** between hours of
9am to 2pm or speak directly
with Fr Ronald.

Together,
we can make
great things happen!

Men's Group Breakfast

Friday, May 30

7:30AM

📍 St Mary's Mooroopna – Parish Centre
Come along for a great morning of friendship,
conversation, and community 😊

Little Red Skips



**Helping with all
your dirty needs**

Skip bins available in
2, 3, 5, 7+ metres

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12, 20, 32, 37 metres

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Numurkah Majellan Club

50th
Anniversary



May 31st

Mass 10:30 AM

Lunch 12 Noon



Where:

Numurkah Majellan Club
at St John's Church, Numurkah,
Then to the Shamrock



Pre lunch
nibbles



Dessert



Soft drink
provided

Meals at own cost

All are welcome to come!

RSVP by Friday, May 22

Call Jenny: 58621623

Call for Committee Members –
2027 Debutante Balls

St Brendan's Parish is seeking a small
organizing committee of
approximately four people to coordinate the
2027 Debutante Balls, which were
previously organised by Notre Dame College.

If you are interested in being involved please contact
Diane at the St Brendan's Parish
Office on 5821 2633 to register your interest.

Please note: Without a committee in place,
the 2027 Debutante Balls
will unfortunately not proceed.

*Your support would
be greatly appreciated!*

**Volunteers
needed**

Save the date!

Installation Mass: Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ
Thursday, July 30 at 11am
2026 Sacred Heart Cathedral.
All welcome.