



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

3 May 2026

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

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

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. *(R.)*
2. For 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.)*
3. 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.)*

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth, and the life, says
the Lord;*

*no one comes to the Father, except
through me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

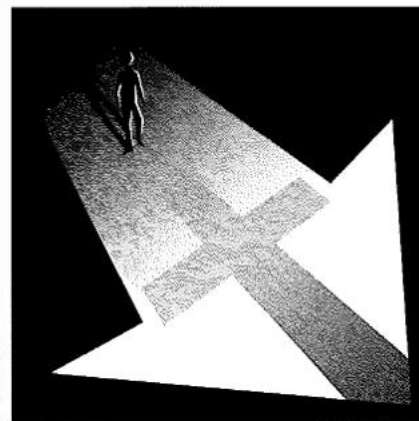
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from
myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no
other reason.
'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH

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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 May 9 & 10, 2026

6pm	Damien Sullivan	Fran Smullen
8am	Di Teitzel	David Keenan
11am	Bettina De Guzman	Jean Marie Mupenda

Recently Deceased: Wendy Klein

Anniversaries: Joe Conti (one month anniversary)

Our Parish Office will be closed on

Monday May, 4 and

Tuesday May, 5.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



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



2026 National Count of Attendance

Each parish is asked to participate in the 2026 National Count of Attendance, conducted by the National Centre for Pastoral Research on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

The Count will take place over four consecutive weekends in May 2026 (2–3, 9–10, 16–17 and 23–24 May).

All people present are to be counted.

Attendance numbers only

1. Weekend 1 – count of all persons.
2. Weekend 2 – count of all persons.

Demographic information collection

3. Weekend 3 – count of males and females
4. Weekend 4 – count by five age groups (0-17, 18-29, 30-49, 50-69 and 70+)

We ask for your cooperation and understanding during the National Count of Attendance and appreciate your patience as this important work is completed.



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.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

*If you are able to help out during the St Brendan's Feast Day celebrations
on Sunday May 17*

Please contact Bozena 0426 867 647

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary



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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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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 **May 9.**

Enquiries: Kath
0409 003 420



Sandhurst Youth Ministry Partnership Consultation

A gathering of leaders from the
Sandhurst Youth Ministry Partnership
(Chancery, Catholic Education, Priests,
parishes and schools) to connect,
establish a common vision for mission and
be co-responsible for Youth Ministry in their local
context. If you are interested in accompanying
young people (16 – 35 years old) on their faith
journey, you are invited to participate.

Contact : claire.spinelli@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
for more information or to express
your interest in attending.

Holy Hour 14 MAY cancelled



On Thursday, May 14, Holy Hour will be cancelled
as the Syro-Malabar community will be celebrating a
Holy Day of Obligation Mass from 6pm to 8pm that day.
Thank you for your understanding.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SANDHURST

'Pentecost'

Be refreshed in the Holy Spirit

Charismatic Mass celebrated by

Fr Arun Korlakanti

Spiritual Chaplain CCR Sandhurst

Saturday 23rd May 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

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PARISH QR CODE

This is for anyone who would like to make a one-off or regular donation to our parish.

It can be found on the parish website
catholicparish.app/shepparton under the
DONATE TAB.

Thank you for your generosity.



The Popes monthly intention for May, 2026

-That everyone might have food

-Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



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St Brendan's Church

CHRISTMAS IN JULY TRIVIA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 17

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Sacred Heart Hall, Notre Dame College