

Catholic Parishes of

St. Brendan's, Shepparton & St. Mary's, Dookie

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 11 OCTOBER, 2026

OUR PRIESTS:

ASSISTANT PRIEST: FR RUEL DESAMPARADO, RCJ | ASSISTANT PRIEST: FR JOHN PAUL PASALA |
ASSISTANT PRIEST FR ADDIN DOE, RCJ | ASSISTANT PRIEST | FR WILFORD URMATA, RCJ

Our Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Parish Notices



MARRIED COUPLES BLESSING

This weekend, 10 & 11 October
At All Masses at St Brendan's,
married couples will be invited to
come forward for a special blessing.



PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

The Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal will be held this weekend, 10 & 11 October, supporting the retired priests of the Sandhurst Diocese.
The Diocese has 15 retired priests who rely on the support of the Diocese and the people of our local communities.
The second collection at all St Brendan's Masses, along with the single collection at Dookie this weekend, will go towards the Appeal.
All donations are tax-deductible.

MAJELLAN LUNCH

Thursday 15 October, 12.00pm at the Overlander.
All welcome.
Enquiries: Jenny Doherty 0438 211 895.

SACRISTANS & FRIENDS

All Sacristans, friends and those who help around the Church are warmly invited to join us for a cuppa.
Saturday 17 October – 10.00am at Parklake, Shepparton
Please note, we normally meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month. However, October's gathering will be on the 3rd Saturday due to the Public Rosary.
Enquiries: Kath 0409 003 420

ST BRENDAN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group will meet for lunch on Sunday 18 October at 12.30pm at the Shepparton Club, Wyndham Street.
ALL WELCOME!
Contact: Pat – 0423 343 711 (please leave a message).

DEANERY FORUM ROUND 3

You are invited to join Bishop René for Deanery Forum 3 as it explores the work of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council through the lens of draft Diocesan Provisional Statutes for each. This is especially important for Priests, and PPC/PFC members. Parish staff, ministry coordinators and engaged parishioners will also find this focus very relevant. After you register using details below, you will receive the Forum papers via email.

20 October - Goulburn Valley Deanery -
MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution), Kialla.
Register at Trybooking via the following
10am – 3pm
Link or QR Code:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNH>



MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP FUNDRAISER 2026

St Brendan's Parish Melbourne Cup Sweep is back for another year.
Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, with funds raised going towards cleaning the high window in the Choir Left. The cleaning will cost \$1,000, plus \$3000.00 for scaffolding to safely reach the window.
Tickets will be available before and after Masses 24 & 25 October, and 31 October & 1 November, as well as from the Parish Office or via EFT.



Join Us In Worship

St Brendan's, Shepparton

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm
Saturday 8am & 11am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 7pm - 8pm
Fridays 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Rosary

Following weekday Masses and after 8am Mass on Sunday

Confession

Saturday 9.45am-10.30am

Syro Malabar Rite

Wednesday 6pm
Saturday 8.30am
Sunday 5.30pm

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St Mary's, Dookie | Sunday Mass 10am



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First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the
hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

We ask for your prayers for the eternal repose of:

Death Anniversaries:

Greg Appleton, Matteo Donato Sfirro



Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the
pastures where he gives me
repose. Near restful waters he
leads me, to revive my drooping
spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right
path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness no evil, would I fear.
You are there with your crook
and your staff; with these you
give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet
for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with
oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and
kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I
dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'