

Catholic Parishes of

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR 4, A OCTOBER, 2126

OUR PRIESTS:

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

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

Parish Notices



FEAST OF ST FRANCIS & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday 4 October
This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. To mark the feast, we will hold a Blessing of the Animals at 4:00pm in the St Brendan's Church Garden. All are welcome to bring their beloved pets along for this special blessing.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday 7 October



ANointing MASS

Wednesday 7 October at 11am
All are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre afterwards for a cuppa.



RCIA

Are you curious about the Catholic Faith?
Do you know someone who might be?
Would you like to know more about God, Prayer and the Church?
Come and join us as we explore these together on Thursday 8, 15 and 22 October at 7:00pm in the Pastoral Centre (Behind the Church). This could be the start of your faith journey. If you decide becoming a Catholic is what God is asking of you, the journey will continue Thursday nights through to Easter 2027 (with a break over Christmas holidays).
Enquiries: Fr Addin and the RCIA team on 58212633



10TH ANNUAL PUBLIC ROSARY

Saturday, 10 October 2026 at 10.30am
St Brendan's Parish Church Gardens
All are welcome to join this prayerful and social gathering. The case of wet weather, the Rosary will be held in the Church. The Rosary will be followed by a cuppa in the Pastoral Centre. The Centre will be open prior to the Rosary. Please bring a plate to share while socialising. Petitions: Prayers and thanksgivings to Our Lady will be forwarded by ANF (Australia Needs Fatma) to Portugal. BYO: Chair, rug, cushion, hat, coat and spectacles for your comfort.
Enquiries: Maureen- 0403 876 578



MARIAN FESTIVAL

Sunday 11 October at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo
All are welcome to the 52nd Marian Festival dedicated to the immaculate Heart of Mary.



MARRIED COUPLES BLESSING

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



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 on 3 & 4 October, 24 & 25 October, and 31 October & 1 November, as well as from the Parish Office or via EFT.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

The Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal will hold next 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 Masses this weekend will go towards the Appeal. All donations are tax-deductible.



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



Join Us In Worship

St Brendan's, Shepparton

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm
Saturday 8am & 11am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 3.15am

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 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

*Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.*

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my
Father.
Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'