

Catholic Parishes of

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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Parish Notices



Birthday Blessing for September

At this weekend's Masses, as it is the last Sunday of the month, there will be a special blessing for all those who celebrated their birthdays in September.



MINISTRY ROSTERS

The ministry rosters for October, November and December have now been emailed out.

If you have not yet received your roster, or would like a printed copy, please contact the Parish Office or come into the office to request one.



SERRA CLUB

MASS FOR VOCATIONS & OUR PRIESTS

Friday, 2 October, the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, we will have Mass for vocations and our priests at 7.00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until just before Mass.

October is a special month in which we honour Our Lady, Mother of Vocations.

All are welcome to join us.

There will be a cuppa afterwards in the Parish Centre.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, 4 October at 4.00pm

St Brendan's Church Garden



PARISH VISITATION PROGRAM

Bishop René has advised that he will undertake the recently postponed Parish Visitation to Dookie, Mooropna, Nagambie, Shepparton & Shepparton South in late 2027.

The specific dates will be:

Thursday 2-Sunday 5 December 2027 –

Shepparton, Mooropna and Dookie

Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 December 2027 –

Shepparton South and Nagambie.



112th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES –

Sunday, 27 September 2026

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Even Just One of These Children."

To help celebrate this special day, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has developed online resources including liturgies for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews.

Resources available at:

<https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2026>

St Brendan's, Shepparton

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Syro Malabar Rite

Wednesday 6pm

Saturday 8.30am

Sunday 5.30pm

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



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Our Priests

Assistant Priest | Fr Ruel Desamparado, RCJ

Assistant Priest | Fr John Paul Pasala

Assistant Priest | Fr Addin Doe, RCJ

Assistant Priest | Fr Wilford Urmaza, RCJ



First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-5

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

We ask for your prayers for the eternal repose of:

Recently Deceased: Sister Eileen Casey, Moira Boschetti

Death Anniversaries: Marita Taverner, Graeme Quinlan,
Anastasia Giuliani, Fr Ted Burns

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Remember your mercies,
O Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

**Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.**

(R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

**In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.**

(R.)

3. The Lord is good and upright.

**He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.**

(R.)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’