

Catholic Parishes of

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Welcome

Fr. Wilford Ramos Urmaza, RCJ

who is a bonafide member of the Congregation of the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus. Born on 25th of June 1986 in Quezon City Philippines, he is the fourth of the five children.

October 24, 2015, Wilford was Ordained to the Priesthood. As Priest, Fr. Wilford shared his wisdom and skills as Formator and Educator. He dedicated his time and energy teaching Theology in the Seminary until he expressed his availability and willingness to work for missions.

By invitation from the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Fr. Wilford set his foot on Australia on 19th of December 2021. He spent a year of service and exposure at the Holy Family Parish in Maidstone until he finally received his appointment as Assistant Priest of St. Anthony of Padua & St. Bernard on 3rd of May 2023.



1 September – 4 October

Each year, the Universal Catholic Church joins with other Christian denominations to celebrate the Season of Creation, a special time of prayer and action for our common home. The theme this year is "Living Water". In his message for the 11th World Day of Prayer for the Season of Creation, Pope Leo focuses on the connection between armed conflict and environmental degradation.

On Monday 7 September everyone is warmly invited to join with members of the St Brendan's Earthcare Committee who will be leading an Ecological Walk through the Australian Botanic Gardens, Shepparton between 4pm-4.30pm.



Join Us in Worship

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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Office Hours - Mon-Fri | 9AM-2PM
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St Mary's, Dookie | Sunday Mass 10am



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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

Parish Notices



We ask for your prayers for the eternal repose of:

Recently Deceased: Gavin O'Sullivan

Death Anniversaries: Bryan McNamara, Wilga Konig



All Sacristans and friends who help around the Church are invited to join for a cuppa on the second Saturday of each month at Parklake, Shepparton. Next gathering: Saturday, 12 September, 10.00am. Enquiries: Kath 0409 003 420

Thank you for using our
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August 2025: \$2,084; August 2026: \$2,159



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL – RETREAT DAY

Saturday 19 September 2026 | St Brendan's, Shepparton

9:30am cuppa | 10:00am–3:30pm

Venue: Pastoral Centre, Knight St

Lunch: Bring a plate to share | All welcome

Contact: Brigita 0412 042 196 | Mary 0427 190 282



The St Vincent de Paul Society St. Brendan's

Conference is seeking a new Treasurer. The position will involve basic IT skills and bookkeeping. Perhaps up to 5 hours per week.

Training and support will be provided.

Ring Gerry Goonan on 0413400318.



VOICE FOR SILENT PEOPLE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, 12 September, 6pm Mass & Sunday 13 September, 8am and 11am Masses

Walnuts \$10 per kg; Handmade Soap \$3 each; Also a variety of Baked Goods

Enquires: Celie 0488 583 112



An Update from Butembo, D.R. Congo (August 2026)

The Ebola virus is very serious. Sr Agnes has lost two work colleagues so is very stressed and worried about the situation at the hospital in Butembo.

There are currently six children living in the house under the care of Anne-Marie. She continues to face health challenges but is managing. Grace and Rose are both doing well at secondary school. Grace is studying Science and Humanities so that he can go on to do medicine. Rose is studying Commerce and Computer subjects so that she can become an accountant.

Emmanuela lives with the sisters, in Luofu, which is 142 km from Butembo but a difficult drive. Luofu has been declared a Red Zone for Ebola so Emmanuela has been relocated to stay with an aunt and has not been able to return home at this stage. She is well but has had her life and schooling interrupted. We continue to support Amani and Jonas with school fees.

There has been serious flooding in many parts of DRC with ½ to 1 metre of water flowing down streets and through homes in several places. Travel and communication have been hampered by Ebola and the floods so life continues to be difficult and precarious for Sr Agnes, Anne-Marie and the children.

Some good news is that the two older girls who originally lived in the house are both now married. One of them continues to run the sewing business and one has just given birth to triplets! The babies are well.

Please support our stall so that we can continue to provide funds for food, school fees, books, uniforms and medical bills for the children.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA NEPAL APPEAL The Caritas network is working alongside affected communities and local authorities to assess needs and ensure assistance reaches those most impacted. We are asking Australians to stand with the people of Nepal during this devastating time. You can support the Appeal at www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

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Enquiries: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
Contact: 5821 2633
Applications close: 24 September 2026



Praying with Pope Francis for our Common Home: Prayer and Reflection Resource

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/mission-and-pastoral-life/laudato-si-action>

The Diocese reminds you of two prayer and reflection resources available the diocesan website. The first, based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, offers inspiration and encouragement.

The second book, based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Deum* offers prayers for our world and its leaders and the conversion of heart and action necessary to respond to issues that affect us all.

**First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9**

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Responsorial Psalm

*O that today you would
listen to his voice*

Harden not your hearts.
Come, ring out our joy to the
Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving
thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
(R)

Come in; let us bow and bend
low;
let us kneel before the God who
made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his
pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
(R).

O that today you would listen to
his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at
Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the
desert
when your fathers put me to the
test;
when they tried me, though
they saw my work.' (R)

MASS TIME CHANGE - THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

9.30am (instead of usual 9.15am) due to Sacramental Programme Celebration Mass

All welcome

Looking at the Readings

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities. © Dianne Bergant CSA

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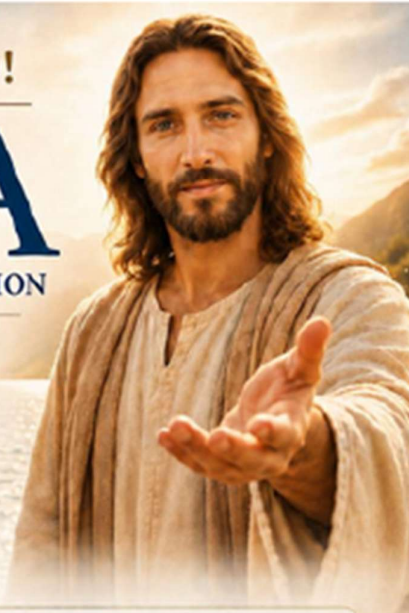
RCIA

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OF ADULTS

A Journey of Faith

Are you curious about the Catholic faith?
Would you like to know more about God,
prayer, and the Church?

You are warmly invited to join us
for these 3 enquiry nights.



**8
OCTOBER**

THE IMAGE OF GOD

Discover what it means to be created in God's image and likeness and how it shapes our dignity, purpose, and relationship with Him.



**15
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**PRAYER:
WHAT IS IT? HOW DO WE PRAY?**

Learn about prayer as a personal relationship with God and explore practical ways to pray in daily life.



**22
OCTOBER**

WHAT IS CHURCH?

Explore the identity, mission, and role of the Church as the People of God and the Body of Christ.

TIME
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

VENUE
Morrison, Peter Jeffrey Center
121 Knight St, Shepparton

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE:
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Come and see.
(John 1:39)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO JOURNEYING
WITH YOU IN FAITH.



Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,
You entrusted Your Son Jesus, the
Child of Mary, to the care of Joseph,
an earthly Father. Bless all Fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience; support
them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to You for love
and salvation, through Jesus Christ,
our Rock and Defender,
in union with the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
St. Joseph,
Pray for all of our Fathers.
Amen.

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