



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.

## All Souls

2 November 2025

### First Reading Is 25:6-9

*The Lord God will destroy death for ever.*

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food.  
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 peoples 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.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14. R v.1. Alt. R v.13**

*(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.*  
or

*(R.) I believe that I shall see the good things  
of the Lord in the land of the living.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. (R.)
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's  
odness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

### Second Reading Rom 5:5-11

*Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from  
God's anger through him.*

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of  
God has been poured into our hearts by the  
Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were  
still helpless when at his appointed moment  
Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to  
die even for a good man – though of course

for someone really worthy, a man might be  
prepared to die – but what proves that God  
loves us is that Christ died for us while we  
were still sinners. Having died to make us  
righteous, is it likely that he would now fail  
to save us from God's anger? When we were  
reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we  
were still enemies; now that we have been  
reconciled, surely we may count on being  
saved by the life of his Son? Not merely  
because we have been reconciled but  
because we are filled with joyful trust in God,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom  
we have already gained our reconciliation.

### Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:39

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*This is the will of my Father, says  
the Lord,  
that I should lose nothing of all that  
he has given to me,  
and that I should raise it up on the  
last day.  
Alleluia!*

### Gospel Lk 7:11-17

*Young man, I tell you, arise.*

Jesus went to a town called Nain,  
accompanied by his disciples and a great  
number of people. When he was near the  
gate of the town it happened that a dead  
man was being carried out for burial, the  
only son of his mother, and she was a  
widow. And a considerable number of the  
townspeople were with her. When the Lord  
saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he  
said. Then he went up and put his hand on  
the bier and the bearers stood still, and he  
said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And  
the dead man sat up and began to talk, and  
Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was  
filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A  
great prophet has appeared among us; God  
has visited his people.' And this opinion of  
him spread throughout Judaea and all over  
the countryside.

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## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS [RCIA]

Our RCIA process is going well.  
We have 13 people attending at  
the moment, 10 of these have  
committed to the next stage  
which is The Rite of Acceptance.

The group is full of questions and  
are becoming happier to share  
with the group. Please keep them  
in your prayers, Leigh, Jason,  
Rosy, Ebony, Penny, Kylie,  
Nathan, Tyler, Ola, Filipino,  
Sharna, Daryl and Tali.

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All Sacristans and ladies who  
help around the church are  
invited to join us for a cuppa  
on

the 2nd Saturday  
of each month at 10am,  
including Saturday,  
November 8 .

Contact Kath on  
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## ST BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9am - 2pm

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am

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**Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm,**

**Saturday 8.30am & Sunday 5.30pm**

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St Mary's Dookie, Sunday 10 am

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### 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

### 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 Nov 8 & 9, 2025

6pm YOUTH MASS (Primary School Students)

8am Sara White Paul White

11am Bettina De Guzman Jean Marie Mupenda

### Recently Deceased: Eddie Curran

**Anniversaries:** Lou Stein, Kevin Stein, Gavin Connelly, John Hicks

### Mass for the Commemoration of All Souls

All Souls Day will be observed on **Sunday, November 2, 2025.**

A special Mass will be held at the Shepparton Cemetery at 5.00 PM to commemorate and pray for all the faithful departed.

**Date - Sunday, November 2, 2025**

**Time - 5:00 PM**

**Venue - Shepparton Cemetery,  
5 Rudd Road**



The Mass will be held in front of the large cross in the centre of the roundabout near *the Vaults*.

Parking is available inside the second (smaller) entrance off Rudd Road (just past the main entrance), or on the roadside nearby.

Those parking at the main entrance carpark (office area) can enjoy a short walk through the cemetery to reach the Mass location.

B.Y.O chair.

The Parish Bereavement Teams

of St Mary's, Dookie and  
St Brendan's, Shepparton

invite all parishioners to our

annual **Remembrance Mass** to be held at  
**7.30pm on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at  
St Brendan's Catholic Church, Shepparton.**

This is an opportunity to remember all our loved ones who have passed away during the last 12 months in particular, or at any time in the past.

A light supper will be served in the Pastoral Centre after the Mass.



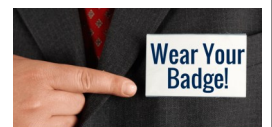
**There will be NO 9.15am MASS on Tuesday  
4 November due to the  
Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday.  
The PARISH OFFICE will also be CLOSED.**

### **REMINDER to WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE**

We ask if you have a Parish

Name Badge to please wear it when at Mass or Parish events.

If you would like to order a Name Badge please contact the Parish Office during office hours or email [shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au).



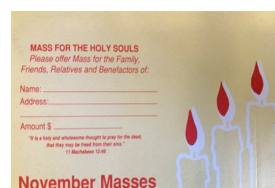
## NOVEMBER MASSES

The month of November is annually dedicated to praying for and remembering our dearly beloved departed loved ones. Our faith professes that we believe in "the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body".

This hope-filled faith, founded on Christ's promise, assures us that even death cannot separate us from our loved ones who have gone ahead of us. We, therefore, invite you to join us in honouring our dearly departed family members and friends by writing their names on "dedicated envelopes" which you can find on the doorways of the church. These envelopes, then, will be placed on a designated basket before the altar, where Masses will be offered for the eternal repose of their souls throughout the month of November 2025. These envelopes will be blessed with holy water after a "Prayer for the Departed" is said by the priest. Please note that the public announcements of the names of the departed written on the envelopes is not necessary for the efficacy of our prayers.

Furthermore, we encouraged you to place a donation of your discretion inside the said envelopes as we offer mass for your intentions. The proceeds of these November envelopes will go to the Rogationist Mission in Pasay, Philippines for the construction of a training and formation centre for the poor children, the youth and the parents living in the slums.

On other special occasions during the month of November, such as death anniversaries, birthdays, etc., we will still accept separate mass intentions which could be mentioned in our parish bulletin or Prayers of the Faithful.



As one community of believers, let us come together in honouring and praying for our departed loved ones: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

### PRIMARY SCHOOL Youth mass NOVEMBER 8 | 6-8PM

Primary school children are invited.  
Volunteers for reading, singing,  
offertory, etc. needed.  
After Mass: food and games  
afterwards, in the hall behind church.

### SERRA CLUB MASS

**FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025 @ 7.15PM**

We pray for vocations, our priests, and this month we especially pray for those priests who have served the Lord and have gone to their eternal reward in the past 12 months.

*Please note that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commences at 4.45pm (prior to the Mass).*

### ANOINTING MASS

**WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2025 @ 11AM**

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS** are Christmas Gifts with purpose! Every card helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty.

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*Each beatitude begins with the Greek word, makarios, which is usually translated "blessed" or "happy." "Blessed" is preferable because of its religious connotations – blessedness is a gift of God.*

**"Blessed (makarioi) are the poor (ptochoi) in spirit" (v. 3a).** God began the Ten Commandments with a grace note – a reminder that God brought the Israelites out of slavery. The first commandment, "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:2), is foundational in the sense that the person who is unfaithful to the first commandment will have little inclination to honour any commandment, but the person who is faithful to the first commandment will try to honour them all.

Ptochoi means abject poverty. True poverty is a cruel thing. It breaks people. They suffer. Confronted daily with their own helplessness, they know the difference that even a small act of mercy can make. Their ptochoi—poverty of spirit—has broken them, making them fertile soil to receive God's blessing.

**"Blessed are those who mourn" (v. 4a).** This beatitude finds its roots in Isaiah 61:1-2 where God anoints a person "to bind up the broken-hearted... (and) to comfort all who mourn." The setting was Jerusalem. The Jewish people had just returned from their lengthy exile. While God made it possible for them to rebuild Jerusalem, he had not made it easy. Local people opposed the rebuilding of the temple, and the project ground to a halt (Ezra 4; Nehemiah 4-5). The Jews were mourning the devastation – and the disobedience of the earlier generation that had brought about the destruction of Jerusalem and their long exile. The promise is that **"they shall be comforted"** (paraklethesontai) (v. 4b). This Greek word is related to the word parakletos (Holy Spirit) that is usually translated Counselor or Comforter in the Gospel of John (14:26). The Paraclete is a helper or comforter in times of need.

**"Blessed are the gentle" (v. 5a).** The Hebrew word translated "humble" in Psalm 37 (translated "meek" in many translations) is anawim. Anawim is used to describe Moses: "Now the man Moses was very anawim, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth" (Numbers 12:3). Moses demonstrates his anawim at the burning bush. He is afraid to look at God (Exodus 3:6). He protests, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh?" (Exodus 3:11). He says, "Behold, they will not believe me, nor listen to my voice" (Exodus 4:1). Finally, in desperation, he says, "O Lord, I am not eloquent, ...for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue" (Exodus 4:10).

**"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."** Hunger and thirst are compelling! A hungry person can think of little but food! A thirsty person can think of little but water! To hunger and thirst is to be totally focused. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness" (v. 6a). Blessed are those who are totally focused on righteousness! Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for personal holiness! Blessed are those who ache to live in a world where people live in right relationships! Blessed are those who long for the kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven!

**"Blessed are the merciful" (eleemones) (v. 7a).** The word translated "mercy" is eleemones, which begins with sympathy but then moves to action. Jesus pronounces a blessing on the person who feels the other person's pain and takes action to relieve it.

**"Blessed are the pure (katharoi) in heart" (v. 8a).** Katharos, the Greek word for purity. The opposite of the pure heart is the divided heart. A divided heart will try to serve two masters, only to end up hating the one and loving the other. Jesus warns, "You cannot serve both God and Mammon" (6:24). James says, "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded" (James 4:8).

**"Blessed are the peacemakers" (eirenopoioi—from eirene).** Eirene is the Greek word for peace, and Matthew recorded the Beatitudes in Greek. Jesus, however, spoke Aramaic, a form of Hebrew. The Hebrew word is shalom, and it is to that word that we go to understand this beatitude. Shalom is more than the absence of strife; it is the presence of harmony and brotherhood.

**"Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake" (v. 10a).** Jesus offers a blessing, not to all who are persecuted, but for "those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake." If we experience persecution, we must ask whether it is because we have been righteous or simply obnoxious. True righteousness invites persecution. Jesus says that such righteousness also ends in blessings.

**"Rejoice (chairō) and be exceedingly glad" (agalliao).** Chairō and agalliao are two words that mean rejoice. Agalliao is the stronger of the two and means "to leap for joy" or "to rejoice with song and dance." We could translate this verse, "Rejoice and leap for joy!" **"for great (polys—much or many) is your reward (misthos) in heaven" (v. 12b).**

*Prayer of the Heart: Loving Father, as we remember the souls of our faithful departed, may we realise that our final home is heaven. Give us the grace to be counted among your blessed ones even while here on earth.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen. – FRM*