



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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

26 October 2025

First Reading Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's
supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves
God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the
clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes
notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers
judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the
earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a
libation, and the time has come for me to
be gone. I have fought the good fight to
the end; I have run the race to the finish;
I have kept the faith; all there is to come
now is the crown of righteousness reserved
for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge,

will give to me on that Day; and not only to
me but to all those who have longed for his
Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence,
there was not a single witness to support
me. Every one of them deserted me – may
they not be held accountable for it. But
the Lord stood by me and gave me power,
so that through me the whole message
might be proclaimed for all the pagans to
hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's
mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil
attempts on me, and bring me safely to his
heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever
and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the
world to himself;**

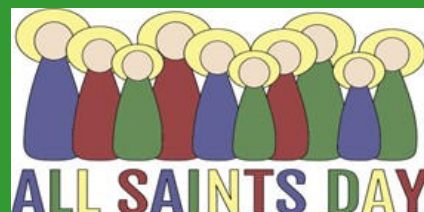
**and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some
people who prided themselves on being
virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two
men went up to the Temple to pray, one
a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The
Pharisee stood there and said this prayer
to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not
grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of
mankind, and particularly that I am not like
this tax collector here. I fast twice a week;
I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector
stood some distance away, not daring even
to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his
breast and said, "God, be merciful to me,
a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home
again at rights with God; the other did
not. For everyone who exalts himself will
be humbled, but the man who humbles
himself will be exalted.'



The Vigil Mass on

Saturday, November 1

at 6.00pm Mass will be celebrated as
the Mass for All Saints Day.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage flows on
directly from last week's gospel and
continues the teaching of Jesus about
prayer. Whereas the preceding passage
emphasised the need for persistence in
prayer, this passage is about the way in
which we come before God in prayer. It
is the tax collector, whose simple prayer
is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,'
who goes home at rights with God. In
this simple prayer, the tax collector
recognises that he is not in right
relationship with God and asks for
God's mercy. This is a hallmark of the
lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke:
they recognise their need and seek
God's forgiveness and mercy. The
model of faith that is depicted over and
over again in this gospel is the one who
recognises their need for God's loving
mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly
reminded that God's mercy, forgiveness
and abundant love are constantly out-
flowing towards us and all we have to
do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Humility is at the heart of this parable.
The Pharisee is representative of those
who are assured of their own rightness
but who rely on comparison with others
to make themselves feel righteous and
justified. The actions of this man were
not limited to Pharisees alone, nor are
they limited to a particular time and
place. This man's attitude of asserting
his own faithfulness and religious
observance by comparison with others
can be easily seen in the world today.
All faiths seem to be afflicted with these
characters who assure themselves of
their own 'goodness' by railing against
those who are different. But, as the
parable assures us, it is the humble
who are exalted by God.

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Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9am - 2pm

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am



Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm,

Saturday 8.30am & Sunday 5.30pm

St Mary's Dookie, Sunday 10 am

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 1 & 2, 2025

6pm	Danica Daunt	Fran Smullen
8am	Brock O'Hara	Di Teitzel
11am	Angel Vales	Louise Tumua-Malolo

Recently Deceased: Diego Scopelliti,

Gilberto Fabbri, Jean Fuleky (nee Beard)

Anniversaries: Adrian Smyth, Bruno Caré, Rosina Caré, Carmela Scarcella, Victorio Ciampone, Nicolina Ciampone, Maria Parlapiano, Anna O'Keeffe, Alf Townsend

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.

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.

2025 St Brendan's Parish Melbourne Cup Sweep Fundraiser

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Last chance to purchase tickets this weekend or you can purchase by EFT until WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29

EFT details:

St Brendan's Parish

BSB: 083 543

Account Number: 48359-3006

Reference: CUP (Name)



Funds raised go towards cleaning the high arches and fans in the Church.

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.

NOVEMBER MASSES

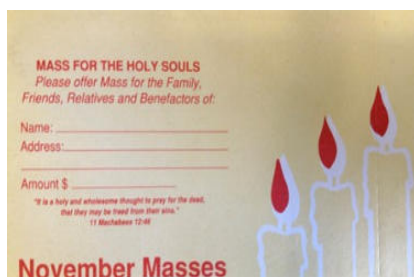
The month of November is annually dedicated to praying for
and remembering our dearly beloved departed loved ones.
Our faith professes that we believe in "the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body".
This hope-filled faith, founded on Christ's promise, assures 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."



Blessing of the birthday celebrants

Starting this weekend,
October, 2025, all birthday
celebrants of the month
will be given a special
blessing during
the weekend Masses.



A note of thanks from Fr Robert McCulloch from the Collumban Missions:

*You may recall Fr Robert McCulloch who
celebrated and concelebrated all the Masses at
St Brendan's on 23 and 24 August this year.
He has written back to us from Hyderabad in
Pakistan with a kind note of thanks.*

After two months delay, I send many thanks to
everyone in St Brendan's parish for their very
generous support for the various educational
and healthcare works that I am involved in
Hyderabad. The total was \$6,015.95
which includes collection cash and many
envelopes. I waited until Columban Mission
Centre in Essendon sent me the full tally
including donations that came later
through the mail or online banking.

You will be pleased to know that we have put all
the donations to work with good effect. I have
been writing letters of thanks to all the people
who gave their contact details and am enclosing
the local receipts from the various projects that
they nominated to receive their donations.
I remembered you all while celebrating Mass in
Hyderabad yesterday Mission Sunday.



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This year's Italian Remembrance Day Service at the Italian Chapel and Memorial,

located within the Murchison cemetery, will be held on **Sunday, November 9**, commencing at 11.30am.
It will be followed by Mass in Italian celebrated by Fr Ronald.

After the service we can gather in the Murchison Community Centre or the park near the river for a BYO picnic.

Please come along and support this unique event.

Attendees are advised to bring a chair, and lunch if you will remain for the picnic.

NB: This year there will be a bus to and from the event from Shepparton, if there is sufficient interest.
Please call the number below for more information.

Il pellegrinaggio al sacrario militare italiano di Murchison per la "Giornata del Ricordo" quest'anno si terrà domenica 9 novembre.

La funzione inizierà alle 11:30 am, e sarà seguita dalla Santa Messa in italiano celebrata da Padre Ronaldo.

Dopo la funzione ci riuniremo per il solito picnic al Murchison Community Centre, o all'aperto nel parco.

Vi aspettiamo numerosi a questo evento unico.

Ricordate di portare la propria sedia, ed il pranzo se rimarrete per il pomeriggio.

*NB: Quest'anno ci sarà un autobus da Shepparton per l'evento, andata e ritorno, se ci sono abbastanza persone interessate.
Telefonate al numero sottostante se siete interessati.*

*Per altre informazioni, telefonate a Maria Gardani Calandro: 0421 568 459,
(Corrispondente Consolare per Shepparton e la Goulburn Valley).*

**SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN &
VULNERABLE ADULTS TRAINING**

All Parish volunteers who have not completed
Safeguarding of Children & Vulnerable Adults
training within the **last two years**
are required to attend:

THURSDAY OCTOBER 30 from 5:45pm to 6:45pm
at St Brendan's Church, Shepparton.

Kathy Hunt will be offering face to face training.
Attendances at this training will ensure you are up
to date with the mandatory training required for all
volunteers as directed by
Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst.

Thank you!

Our next Men's Group meeting is set for
Saturday, November 1, at 7.30am in the
Pastoral Centre.

We will reflect on the Gospel from the
Sunday readings —
this is something so central to our faith;
it nourishes us beyond our present
understanding. We will share breakfast and conversation,
so please consider joining us for breakfast.

Any questions, please call Anthony on **5821 2633**
(Tuesday or Thursdays).



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