



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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

21 September 2025

First Reading Am 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. see vv.1, 7

(R.) *Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*
or

(R.) *Alleluia!*

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:1-13

or (shorter form Lk 16:10-13)

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'



**The Parish Office will be closed on
Friday, September 26 due to the
Grand Final public holiday.**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

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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 Sept 27 & 28, 2025

6pm	Chris Segrave	Fran Smullen
8am	Vince Rando	Brock O'Hara
11am	Bettina De Guzman	Mary-Ann Demase

Recently Deceased: Carmel Richardson, Fr Alex Lim

Anniversaries: Margaret Macgill, Catherine Enriken,
Anastasia Giuliani, Dorothy Keating, Greg O'Brien, Peter Leahy

REINTRODUCTION OF THE CHALICE AT MASSES

As is now the pastoral practice in the neighbouring dioceses of Melbourne and Ballarat, communion will be offered to all people at all masses under both species of bread and wine, beginning next Sunday. We will need 2 (3 at the 11.00am) extra ministers of communion at Masses please. It will take a little while before our rosters can reflect this.

“Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is distributed under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the

Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clear expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the relationship between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Father's Kingdom”

General instruction of the Roman Missal.[105]



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 9.30am

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

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL for the Retired Priests of Sandhurst

There are currently 12 retired priests in our diocese. This appeal helps fund their housing, ongoing care, and everyday living expenses.

The Foundation relies on the generosity of both priests and parishioners throughout the Diocese. Your donations are essential and tax-deductible.

This is a valuable opportunity to thank God for the ministry and dedication of our priests, and to pray for both our active and retired clergy.

The second collection at all Masses this weekend (September 20 & 21) will go towards this annual Appeal.

- Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.
- If you require a receipt for donations over \$10, please use the envelopes provided

Thank you for your support.

Footy Tipping 2025 Winners

Come and join us for a celebration of footy and the presentation of the 2025 Footy Tipping Winners on

Friday, September 26

(Grand Final Holiday) at 10.00 am in the MPJ Centre (behind the church)

Morning tea will be provided.

All welcome!



Farewell FOR FR JOE

28 September

11am Mass at St Brendan's Catholic Church

12.45pm Luncheon at the Sacred Heart



For anyone who would like to contribute to a monetary gift for Fr Joe (by September 22), you can do so by either:

Sending cash into the Parish Office OR Bank transfer:

NAME: St Brendans Parish

BSB: 083-543

ACCOUNT: 48359-3006

REFERENCE: Farewell

St Mel's Majellan Club – Celebrating 60 Years of Togetherness

In 2025, we mark a remarkable milestone – 60 years of friendship, faith, and community at St Mel's Majellan Club.

We warmly invite all past and present members to join us in celebrating this special occasion at our **St Gerard Majella's Feast Day Mass.**

Date: Thursday, October 16

Time: 11.00 AM

Location: St Mel's Church,
18–22 Hamilton Street

Mass will be followed by a celebratory lunch at the GV Hotel at your own cost.

Please register your attendance before October 2 by contacting:

Lorraine Corish – 0412 848 548

Maree McKenna – 0409 956 464

We look forward to reconnecting and celebrating with you!



St Brendan's Parish Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you searching for more peace in your life,
do you feel something is missing in your life?
The RCIA process leads people through what the Catholic Church believes and teaches. Our focus is on how the Church and our faith lead us to a relationship with God, through joining a community of faith.

**The RCIA process begins on Thursday, October 9 at 7.30pm
in the St Brendan's Pastoral Centre,
with an enquiry night.**

The role of sharing our faith with others is central to our own faith. This sometimes happens through us asking a question, or listening as others ask questions.

The RCIA team of Mary-Anne Demase, Geoff Woodhouse, Sr Hartini and myself lead the process on behalf of our parish. Please keep us in your prayers and seek to be informed on what is happening in the RCIA process and who is involved.

Any questions can be directed to
Anthony on 5821 2633
Tuesday or Thursday.



Congratulations and
Happy anniversary to
Dale and Lorraine
Wright on
50 years of marriage
for September 20.



FRIENDSHIP GROUP LUNCH



**Sunday, September 21
12:30 PM
Shepparton Club
Wyndham Street**

All welcome!
Please contact Pat Simpson
0423 343 711 (leave a message)

Dear Monsignors, Fathers, and Council,
Committee and Staff members,
I wish to advise you of the sad news that Father Alex Mendez Lim passed away peacefully yesterday morning, Friday 5 September 2025, at Nazareth House in Ballarat. Some of you may remember that Fr Alex served in the diocese between 2004 and 2017 across the parishes of Kennington, Beechworth, Elmore and Rochester.

Fr Alex had spent the last few years
in hospital in Ballarat.
May he rest in peace.

Yours sincerely,
+Shane Mackinlay



Fr Brian Boyle

Diocesan Administrator



Today, the College of Consultors elected Very Rev. Dr Brian Boyle EV as Diocesan Administrator.

Fr Brian, Administrator of the Cathedral Cluster of parishes, will serve in this new role until the installation of the ninth bishop of Sandhurst, exercising the administrative authority of a bishop guided by the principle: "While the see is vacant, no innovation is to be made" (Canon 428 §1).

Having worked closely with Archbishop Shane Mackinlay for over twenty years in the Diocese of Sandhurst and at Catholic Theological College, Fr Brian is well-placed to "... remain faithful to the direction set by the former bishop", ensuring continuity across several key diocesan initiatives, including:

- The implementation of the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Goals
- The development of Cathedral Square
- The Formation Support Plan
- The diocesan pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Fr Brian brings a wealth of relevant experience to his new role – as a priest, an academic, an educator and fraternal leader. He holds a Licentiate and Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and served as Dean of Studies at Corpus Christi College, Carlton from 2015 to 2020. In Sandhurst, he has served as Episcopal Vicar for Education since 2014 and is a Member of Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd.

Fr Brian has been a pastoral leader to Sandhurst Clergy, having served as Director of Clergy Life and Ministry from 2017 to 2023. He was a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart before being incardinated into the Diocese of Sandhurst in 2012.



Delegate of the Diocesan Administrator

Fr Brian Boyle has appointed Fr Jake Mudge as his Delegate.

Fr Jake will, to assume administrative responsibilities during Fr Brian's pre-arranged annual leave from 6–10 October.

Source: Diocese of Sandhurst – Administrator Elected



THE PODCAST IS HERE!
CATCH THE FLAME!
Season 1: Episode 1

Join Fr Junray, Claire, and Jessan as we kick off the First Season of Catch the Flame Episode 1 - sharing stories, faith, and the spark behind the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

🎧 Tune in. Be inspired. Catch the flame.
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Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 24

at 1.30 pm in the
MacKillop Room.

All are welcome!

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