



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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

28 September 2025

First Reading Am 6:1, 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the
mountain of Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like
David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing
themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not
care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

*(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!
or*

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim
to be saintly and religious, filled with faith
and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good
fight of the faith and win for yourself the
eternal life to which you were called when
you made your profession and spoke up for
the truth in front of many witnesses. Now,
before God the source of all life and before
Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for
the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to
you the duty of doing all that you have been
told, with no faults or failures, until the
Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,

the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is
able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power.
Amen.

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 16:19-31

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things
came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you
are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a
rich man who used to dress in purple and
fine linen and feast magnificently every day.
And at his gate there lay a poor man called
Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed
to fill himself with the scraps that fell from
the rich man's table. Dogs even came and
licked his sores. Now the poor man died and
was carried away by angels to the bosom
of Abraham. The rich man also died and
was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and
saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus
in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father
Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip
the tip of his finger in water and cool my
tongue, for I am in agony in these flames."
"My son," Abraham replied "remember that
during your life good things came your way,
just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.
Now he is being comforted here while you
are in agony. But that is not all: between us
and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop
anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our
side to yours, and to stop any crossing from
your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you
then to send Lazarus to my father's house,
since I have five brothers, to give them
warning, so that they do not come to this
place of torment too." "They have Moses
and the prophets," said Abraham "let them
listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham,"
said the rich man "but if someone comes to
them from the dead, they will repent." Then
Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen
either to Moses or to the prophets, they will
not be convinced even if someone should
rise from the dead."

Who would this be?



Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the Old Testament, it is made very
clear that how well the people are living in
relationship with God is measured by how
well the very least in the society are being
treated. Time and again, God makes plain
to the people, through the prophets, that
what they are expected to do is live in
right relationship with one another and
with God. The cyclic rise and fall in
fortune of the people of Israel is a direct
result of the way in which they treat the
poor and lowly of the society. When all in
the society are properly cared for, Israel
flourishes; but when the widows and
orphans and other marginalised people
are neglected and even rejected, then
trouble befalls Israel. Today's first
reading, from the prophet Amos, is an
example of this cycle and an example of
the role the prophets played in calling the
people back to faithfulness with God and
faithfulness with one another. Amos
berates those who luxuriate in comfort
whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel
passage. The rich man lives in
extravagant luxury but ignores the plight
of Lazarus who is starving at his door.
(This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus
raised from the dead.) Both men die and,
as Jesus taught over and over again, the
poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the
kingdom of God but the rich man, who
ignored his neighbour, is trapped in
Hades. When the rich man asks that
Lazarus be sent back to life to warn
others of the fate that awaits them,
Abraham reminds him that the people of
Israel have had a long line of prophets
calling them back to faithfulness but their
message has been ignored.

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH

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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 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

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.

ANNOINTING MASS

Wednesday, October 1 at 11am.



Daylight saving begins on

Saturday, October 5 at 2 am.

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.



Readers & Commentators Oct 4 & 5, 2025

6pm	Anthony Kilmartin	Damien Sullivan
8am	Di Teitzel	David Keenan
11am	Jean Marie Mupenda	John Pilkington

Recently Deceased: Graeme Quinlan, Joan Gibbons

Anniversaries: Kim Smyth, Bruno Care, Maurice Boschetti, Marita Taverner

Serra Club

Friday, October 3 at 6pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commences at 5pm and continues until the beginning of Mass. Cuppa in the MPJC afterwards. All welcome!



MASS TIME CHANGES (to take effect as of Sunday 5 October)

After consultation with a number of parishioners from St Malachy's (Nagambie), St Mary's (Dookie) and St Mary's (Mooroopna) it has been decided upon the following Mass time changes:

-St Malachy's (Nagambie) from 9am to NEW TIME of 8.45am on Sundays

-St Mary's (Dookie) from 9.30am to NEW TIME of 10am on Sundays

-St Mary's (Mooroopna) from 10am to NEW TIME of 10.30am on Sundays

The reasons for these changes have been based upon three (3) main considerations:

1. To give our priests safe travel time between the Parish Churches
2. For our priests to spend sufficient time encountering and getting to know parishioners after Mass
3. In order for our priests not to rush through the celebration of Mass

Thank you for your support and understanding and we hope that together we can positively embrace these changes for the greater good of our communities.



FAREWELL FR JOE!

**Thank you and congratulations to Fr Joe for
13 wonderful years at St Brendan's Parish.**



The above photo, (from the bulletin front page), was printed in *The Advocate* on Thursday, May 9 in 1974.

Rev. Joseph Taylor was serving at Yarrowonga as a deacon and was ordained on May 18, 1974.

During his time here,
he has celebrated:

-104 weddings

-742 baptisms

-334 funerals

**An incredible record
of service.**



**A big thank you to everyone who has donated —
whether your time, contributions, or gifts —
to our luncheon celebrating all that Fr Joe has done for us.**

**Thank you again, Fr Joe!
Farewell but see you soon!**



Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

ENQUIRY NIGHT

Thursday, 9 October

7.30pm start

121 Knight Street, St Brendan's Pastoral Centre (behind the Church)

RSVP: Anthony Kilmartin 5821 2633



FOCUS | How the church and our faith lead us to a relationship with God, through joining a community of faith.

Rosters for Ministries

The rosters for October, November and December have been emailed out this week. If you haven't received your copy, please contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633 during the hours of 9am to 2pm, Monday to Friday.



Thank you for your time, as always!

Diocesan Formation Gathering: October 11 2025

You are warmly invited to the Diocesan Formation Gathering at Notre Dame College, Shepparton. This diocesan-wide event aims to enrich our capacity to build community and foster a sense of belonging in parishes. The day will feature a keynote address, interparish conversations, six practical workshops to choose from, prayer, and time to reconnect with others from across the Diocese.

Bring a group from your parish and join the conversation! You are encouraged to register by 30 September, 2025. To learn more about initiatives in the Dioceses to support the Sandhurst Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals visit our website:

<https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/mission-and-pastoral-life/formation-for-mission>

Our next Men's group meeting is on Saturday, October 4, at 7.30am in the Pastoral Centre.

We share breakfast and then we will share a reflection on the Gospel.

All welcome!

Anthony



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 4, at 4.30pm

We invite everyone and their pets to join us in the Parish garden for our annual Blessing of the Animals which **will take place at our statue of St. Francis of Assisi.**

As patron Saint of Animals, the feast of St Francis is celebrated on October 4.

All animals need to be on leads, in cages or carriers.

We would love to see you with or without pets.

BYO hats, water and seating.

Blessing
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ANIMALS



PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

The amount collected for the Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal was \$2,265.80.

Thank you to everyone for your generous support.

Save the Date - Annual Public Rosary

Saturday October 11, 10.30am
St Brendan's Parish Gardens



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