

WELCOME TO

ST BRENDAN'S

CATHOLIC PARISH

St Brendan's Parish is a Child Safe community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

10 November 2024

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever 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. The Lord 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 Heb 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

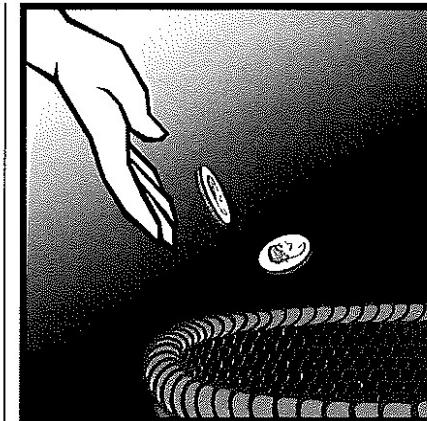
Gospel Mk 12:38-44

or (shorter form Mk 12:41-44)

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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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 November 16 & 17, 2024

6pm	NDC YOUTH MASS
8am	B. O'Hara P. Guthrie
11am	L. Schenker M. Amankwaah

Anniversaries: Marie Wardle, Luke De Lai.

Recently Deceased: Faith Hicks.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, November 13

at 1.30 pm in the MacKillop Room.

All are welcome—come and join us.

Enquiries to Lorelei Goodall

5798 5331.



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THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we also have the following speakers joining us to share a few words:

Celie Kelly, 6pm Mass,
Saturday, November 9.

Damien Sullivan, 8am Mass,
Sunday, November 10.

Jean Marie Mupenda, 11am
Mass,
Sunday, November 10.

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am



Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm,
Saturday 8.30am, Sunday 5.30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

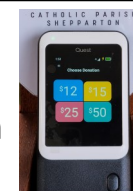
Rosary— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Thursdays 7pm to 8pm and

Fridays 5pm to 6pm

Thank you to all who contributed to our October collection of \$1,503 through Tap N Go.



Cleaning the Church

More volunteers are needed to assist with general cleaning of the Church such as dusting and tending to flowers. You would be put on a roster periodically and work with others. Support is offered.

Sacristans

More sacristans are needed to assist with the preparation of liturgies at St Brendan's Catholic Church. This is a great service to our parishioners and priests with the celebration of Sunday and weekday Masses. It is also a great service to families and the wider community in joyful and sad times, including Baptisms, funerals, weddings and other special Sacramental celebrations. Training and support are offered. You would be placed on a roster on rotation for two weeks and work with others, so it is possible to work around other commitments you may have in any given week.

Please reach out to Mary-Ann Demase
on 0409 393 067 or via email
maryanndemase56@gmail.com
if you can assist
or have questions.

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH YOUTH MASS

Saturday the 16th of November 2024

6pm

YEARS 7-12 STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR
FOOD AND GAMES IN THE
MONSIGNOR PETER JEFFREY CENTRE
AFTER MASS

RSVP TO ELLA.BATHMAN@NOTREDAME.VIC.EDU.AU
BY WEDNESDAY 13TH OF NOVEMBER FOR CATERING
PURPOSES

Men's group

Our next men's group meeting is on
Saturday, November 16, in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30am.

We will meet for breakfast and a faith topic for reflection, the fellowship we share is so important in strengthening our faith in a God who is present to us every minute of every day. Usually, one member of the group will share a faith topic which will connect us to the very diverse range of ideas and experiences within the group. We learn to respect the difference and honor each individual person as created and loved by God. Please come along and join in the group. It is a wonderful way to start your weekend.

Anthony can be contacted on 5821 2633
Tuesdays or Thursdays.



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SPECIAL BLESSING OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS



To recognise this precious Sacrament of Baptism, we are having a special blessing during the **11am Mass on Sunday, November 17.** We invite all those families who have baptised their children in the last 12 months, no matter in which Parish they had their Baptism.

St Brendan's Friendship Group

will meet for lunch:

12:30 pm, Sunday November 17
Pizza Plus Restaurant
204 Corio Street, Shepparton



EVERYONE IS WELCOME! RSVP to Pat Simpson 0423 343 711 (leave message)

Altar server training



Altar server training for children will take place on
Saturday, November 16, from 4pm until 5pm in St Brendan's Church.

A party will follow with food and drinks from 5pm on the parish lawns.

All are then invited to stay for the **Youth-led Mass at 6pm.**

To RSVP please email Fr Jackson via jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or call the Parish Office on 5821 2633. Parents will need to touch base with Fr Jackson and those conducting the training on the day.

Greater Shepparton Heritage Open Days

As part of the Greater Shepparton Open Days, St Brendan's Catholic Church will be open,
Saturday, November 30, 12pm to 1pm.
All Welcome!



CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW IN STOCK IN THE PIETY STORE

Packs of 8
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We are **seeking volunteers** from all different nationalities to participate in the **Feast of Christ the King at the weekend Masses on Saturday, November 23, at 6pm, and Sunday, November 24 at 8am and 11am.** Volunteers will be asked to carry a flag and, if willing to read the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Kathy Hunt on 0416 058 431.



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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, 10 November**, commencing at 11.30am. It will be followed by Mass in Italian celebrated by Fr Rene. 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.

Il pellegrinaggio al sacrario militare italiano di Murchison per la “Giornata del Ricordo” quest’anno si terrà domenica 10 novembre.

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

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

Vi aspettiamo numerosi a questo unico evento.

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

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

Advent Reflection Group

Advent this year begins on **Sunday, December 1.**

Each year we are asked to take time to reflect and prepare for the great feast of Christmas. As human beings our record is not great in changing our perception or understanding of an event that happened so long ago. We need to take opportunities to deepen and grow our understanding of Gods great plan for humanity, the miracle of the incarnation, God becoming man, entering the human experience. We have a couple of groups meeting during Advent, using a reflection booklet called “The Light” from the Wollongong diocese, please let us know if you would like to join a group. Or, you may choose to use this resource for your existing group.

Please contact Anthony on 5821 2633 Tuesday or Thursday, or email shepparton.pastoral@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Dear Staff and Community of St. Brendan’s School, Shepparton,

Announcement of New Principal

I’m pleased to announce that Joel Brian has been appointed as the new Principal of St. Brendan’s, Shepparton, beginning in 2025. This decision has been approved by Bishop Shane Mackinlay. Joel’s background in education and leadership is formed by his strong commitment to Catholic values and his dedication to creating a faith-filled environment that reflects Gospel values. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a clear focus on student-centred learning, continuous improvement, and professional development. Joel holds a Bachelor of Education and is advancing his expertise with a Master’s in Instructional Leadership.



Joel’s leadership roles have been varied and impactful, including positions as Deputy Principal, Learner Diversity Leader, and Team Leader. These roles have given him a strong foundation to support our community’s needs, emphasising both academic and spiritual growth. Joel’s focus on fostering a positive, Gospel-centred environment is central to his approach. His past work in curriculum development and Catholic identity-building will bring a strong sense of purpose and direction to St Brendan’s. Joel has also shown a clear commitment to inclusivity, working thoughtfully to support students with diverse needs. Additionally, he brings practical experience in managing school resources, budgets, and infrastructure projects, ensuring a supportive and well-equipped learning environment.

With Joel’s strategic use of data-driven approaches and emphasis on child safety, I am confident he will continue to lead St Brendan’s towards success.

Please join me in welcoming Joel to our community. We look forward to supporting him in this role and to the continued success of St. Brendan’s School under his leadership.

Peace and blessings,

Kate Fogarty
Executive Director, Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited.

A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



God of Compassion,

We remember with gratitude and love
all the people we have known and
who you have called home to yourself.

In this month of the holy souls
we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses
who have shaped us, inspired us, loved us and forgiven us.
We pray especially for our deceased family members,
knowing that they also pray for us.

We hold out to you
the millions who are dying because of war, famine,
disease and climate change.
We pray for refugees who die in search of safety.

May our sorrow encourage us to work for a more just world
where every life is treated with equal dignity.

Living and dead, we are all your family.
May your perpetual light shine on us all.

Amen.

Written by Michael McGirr