

Catholic Parishes of

St. Brendan's, Shepparton & St. Mary's, Dookie

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 18 OCTOBER 2026

Our Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18 OCTOBER 2026

Celebrating 100 years, with the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV: "One in Christ, United in Mission."

During the weekend Masses on 17 and 18 October, the second collection will be taken up for World Mission Sunday.



Source: Catholic Mission – World Mission Month 2026.
www.catholicmission.org.au/worldmissionmonth

Join Us in Worship

St Brendan's, Shepparton

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Syro Malabar Rite

Wednesday 6pm

Saturday 8.30am

Sunday 5.30pm

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 7pm - 8pm

Fridays 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Rosary

Following weekday Masses and after 8am Mass on Sunday

Confession

Saturday 9.45am - 10.30am



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St Mary's, Dookie | Sunday Mass 10am



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Our Priests

Assistant Priest | Fr Ruel Desamparado, RCJ

Assistant Priest | Fr John Paul Pasala

Assistant Priest | Fr Addin Doe, RCJ

Assistant Priest | Fr Wilford Urmaza, RCJ



First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

(R.)

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

(R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

(R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

(R.)

Parish Notices



RCIA

Kylie Mitchell and Mal Lewis have faithfully completed their RCIA journey with their sponsors Mary-Ann Demase and Geoff Woodhouse. This weekend they will receive the sacraments of Initiation. Kylie will be Baptised with water and the Holy Spirit, Confirmed and receive Christ for the first time in the Eucharist. Mal will be Confirmed into the Catholic Church and receive Christ for the first time in the Eucharist. St Brendan's parish welcomes them with great joy. Please keep them in your prayers and make them welcome



ST BRENDAN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group will meet for lunch on Sunday 18 October at 12.30pm at the Shepparton Club, Wyndham Street. ALL WELCOME! Contact: Pat -0423 343 711 (please leave a message).



GARABANDAL PRAYER GROUP

Monday, 19 October at 1:30pm
Mackillop Room of the Parish Office



DEANERY FORUM ROUND 3

You are invited to join Bishop René for Deanery Forum 3 as it explores the work of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council through the lens of draft Diocesan Provisional Statutes for each. This is especially important for Priests, and PPC/PFC members. Parish staff, ministry coordinators and engaged parishioners will also find this focus very relevant. After you register using details below, you will receive the Forum papers via email.

20 October - Goulburn Valley Deanery -
MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution), Kialla. Register at
Trybooking via the following
10am - 3pm
Link or QR Code: <https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNH>



REMEMBRANCE MASS

The Parish Bereavement Teams invite all parishioners to our annual Remembrance Mass on **Thursday 5 November at 7pm.**

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.



HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour is cancelled on
Thursday 5 November due to the
Remembrance Mass at 7pm.



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Our Columban Art Calendars
are now available from the
Piety Store for \$10 each.

We ask for your prayers for the eternal repose of:

Recently Deceased: Bernadette Anne Duffy

Death Anniversaries: John Howlett, Kevin Keenan, Gilberto Fabbri, Joan Kelly, Mary Kinna.

All Souls Day

will be observed on
Monday, 2 November 2026.



9:15am Mass
St Brendan's Church



6:00pm Mass
Shepparton Cemetery

Please bring your own chair.



Location: 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.

All welcome.

National Carers' Week | 11-17 October 2026

This year's theme, "Care for a Carer," highlights the importance of recognising and supporting the more than three million Australians who provide unpaid care to family members and friends living with disability, illness, mental health or alcohol and drug issues, or who are frail aged.

The 2021 Census recorded 11,268 Catholics providing unpaid care in our Diocese. Many care out of family responsibility, often limiting their work hours and facing financial hardship or poverty. Caring can also significantly affect their own health, mental health and wellbeing.

To develop carer skills or access support, visit Carer Gateway or contact Carers Victoria.

Follow us for all our updates.



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September contributions



September
2026
\$1,766

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September
2025
\$1,581

Your generosity supports our parish community!

FORMATION & TRAINING – LECTORS, COMMENTATORS & EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Existing Lectors, Commentators and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, along with anyone interested in joining these ministries, are invited to attend a formation and training session.

Date: Thursday 29 October

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: St Mel's Church,
Shepparton South

All are warmly welcome to attend.

MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP FUNDRAISER 2026

St Brendan's Parish Melbourne Cup Sweep is back for another year.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, with funds raised going towards cleaning the high window in the Choir Left. The cleaning will cost \$1,000, plus \$3000.00 for scaffolding to safely reach the window.

Tickets will be available before and after Masses 24 & 25 October, and 31 October & 1 November, as well as from the Parish Office or via EFT.



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