

Catholic Parishes of

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 25 OCTOBER 2026

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



WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 – AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP RENÉ

An excerpt from a letter by Bishop René Ramirez RCJ

Dear young person,

Invitation to apply for the Sandhurst Pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027

It is with great joy that I invite you to join me on pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, from 30 July to 11 August 2027.

World Youth Day is an extraordinary opportunity to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, to celebrate our faith, encounter Jesus Christ, and be renewed in our call to live as missionary disciples. In Seoul, we will join millions of young Catholics from every corner of the globe under the theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

With every blessing and prayer,


✠ Most Reverend René Ramirez RCJ
Bishop of Sandhurst

Interested in applying? Please contact the Parish Office, and we will forward further information about the Sandhurst Pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027.

Applications close: 6 December 2026.

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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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

Parish Notices



STATIONS OF THE CROSS – ACTORS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested, please see Dale
after 11am Masses on Sundays.



BIRTHDAY BLESSING FOR OCTOBER

At this weekend's Masses, as it is the last Sunday of the month,
there will be a special blessing for all those who celebrated their birthdays in October.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL – THANK YOU

The St Vincent De Paul Poor box which is located at the rear of the Church, has been
cleared recently.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have donated.
Your generous contributions help the ongoing support for those in need, in Shepparton.



FORMATION & TRAINING –LECTORS, COMMENTATORS & EUCHARISTIC 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.

Thursday 29 October at 7.00pm
St Mel's Church, Shepparton South
All are warmly welcome to attend.



ALL SOULS DAY

Monday 2 November

9:15am Mass at St Brendan's Church

6pm Mass at Shepparton Cemetery

Please bring your own chair.

Location at the Cemetery: The Mass will be held in front of the large cross in the
centre of the roundabout near the Vaults.

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.

ITALIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Sunday 8 November 2026, at 11.30am,
at the Italian Chapel and Memorial, Murchison
Cemetery, followed by Mass at 12 noon.

We ask for your prayers for the eternal repose of:

Death Anniversaries: Kathleen Norden, Max Norden, Pauline Norden, Giuseppe Petito,
Victorio Ciampone, Nicolina Ciampone, Maria Parlapiano, Alf Townsend, Anna O'Keeffe



First Reading: Exodus 22:20-2

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I love you, Lord,
my strength

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take
refuge; my shield, my mighty help,
my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
(R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his
king and shown his love for his
anointed.
(R.)

"A prayer to the Holy Spirit"
O Come Holy Spirit fill me with the power of
healing of both mind and body. Cleanse me
from all my physical and emotional hurt.
Encourage me to endure the challenges of
life on a daily basis. In flame in me the power
to always believe in you.
Give me a mind to always think and reason
as a child of God. Be by my side in times of
trouble and despair. Comfort me when I
feel lost. Help me to feel your love and
saving grace always.
In your name. Amen

Prayer by Vanessa Madeira



WELCOME, JACQUI MASON 🌿

We're excited to welcome Jacqui to our parish team as our new Administration Support Staff member!

Jacqui will be joining us in the Parish Office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we can't wait for you all to meet her.

Jacqui is bubbly, approachable and will be a wonderful addition to our team. If you see her around the parish, please take a moment to say hello and make her feel welcome!

WORDS FROM JACQUI:

"I'm excited to be joining the team and look forward to getting to know everyone within the parish community.

Outside of work, I'm a mum of three, so life is always busy! I love spending time outdoors, catching up with friends and family, and making special memories with my husband and kids."

Welcome to the team, Jacqui! We're so happy to have you on board!



MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP FUNDRAISER 2026

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

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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