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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A — *19 February 2023*

First Reading Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
   all my being, bless his holy name.
   My soul, give thanks to the Lord
   and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
   who heals every one of your ills,
   who redeems your life from the grave,
   who crowns you with love and
   compassion. (R.)

3. The Lord is compassion and love,
   slow to anger and rich in mercy.
   He does not treat us according to our sins
   nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

4. As far as the east is from the west
   so far does he remove our sins.
   As a father has compassion on his sons,
   the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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Parish Pastoral Council:

- Fr Joe Taylor
- Fr Jackson Saunders
- Tiffany Chandler (Chairperson),
- Sr Agnes Murphy
- John Cortese
- Paula Stevenson
- David Keenan
- Anthony Kilmartin
- Loretta Shannon
- Megan O'Connor
- Breanna Levesque

PPC – Meeting was held on Wednesday 15th February.

Items that were discussed:

- St Brendan's Feast Day Celebrations: 21st May, 2023
- St Francis of Assisi Statue Installation
- Increasing Parish community involvement and inclusivity
- Diocesan Assembly
- NCLS survey results
- The idea of a quarterly Parish Newsletter.

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9am - 2pm

Christ in community ...
the heart of our faith

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Rachele

Anniversaries:

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.

Pancakes will be available after each Mass this weekend, February 18 & 19.

St Brendan's Friendship Group

We will meet again for lunch; 12.30pm, **Sunday February 19 at the Sherbourne Hotel,** 109 Wyndham Street, Shepparton (*change of venue*). Anyone new to the parish is most welcome to join in.
All enquiries to Pat Simpson 5821 1269.

Syro Malabar Ash Monday Mass:

Monday 20th February, 6pm

Ash Wednesday Mass Times:

Wednesday 22nd Feb
7.00 am
9.15 am
6.00 pm
St Mary's Dookie: 7pm

GARABANDAL PRAYER GROUP

Monday, February 20, from 1.30pm in the Mary MacKillop room of the MPJC. Enter through the office. Newcomers are very welcome!

Readers & Commentators 25 & 26 February 2023

6pm	M. Johnson	T. Chandler
8am	B. Sullivan	A. Collier
11am	P. White	S. White

Lenten Meditation Group

Each Thursday during Lent from 7.15am—7.45am
Commencing February 23, in the MPJC

The Season of Lent begins this coming week with Ash Wednesday. As such, the Parish is offering an opportunity to participate in a Lenten reflection group.

We are planning a Zoom meeting each Wednesday starting, February 22, at 7.00pm.

If you would like to be a part of this group just call the office with your email address and a link will be sent to you along with a reflection group booklet to follow.

The other option is a meeting at 8 Norton Ave on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. Once again please ring the office to book a place and receive your booklet.

Our Church offers us a great chance to prepare our hearts for Lent, for each year we are asked to renew again our understanding of the mysteries of the Easter story.

The mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, is very difficult to grasp, we need grace to deepen and explore God's action in the Easter mystery.

Reflection, prayer and quiet time are the places that the Holy Spirit can enter our hearts opening new understandings, which deepen and grow our faith.

Please call Anthony with any questions on Tuesday or Thursday: 5821 2633 or e-mail anthonypastoral@bigpond.com

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & **11am** PRAYING with CHILDREN SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday 8.30am *Syro Malabar Rite,* Sunday 5.30pm *Syro Malabar Rite*

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

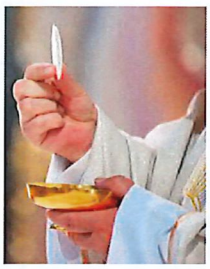
Reconciliation Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

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 :

Mondays 2pm to 3pm, Thursdays 7pm to 8pm, Fridays 5pm to 6pm

CALLING ALL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION for FORMATION SESSIONS IN THE CHURCH



All Ministers of Communion, including those who distribute Communion at Mass and take Communion to the sick or elderly, are asked to please attend one of the upcoming formation sessions at St Brendan's Church.

A formation session will be offered on: Thursday, February 23, from 5.45pm—6.45pm and another will be available on Saturday, March 4, from 11am—12pm.

The formation session will provide an opportunity to reflect on this important ministry and its theological significance. The practicalities of serving as a Minister of Communion at Mass will also be discussed and there will be an opportunity for discussion/ input from all in attendance.

It is essential that all Ministers of Communion please attend one of these sessions.

We thank you for all your dedication to this ministry.

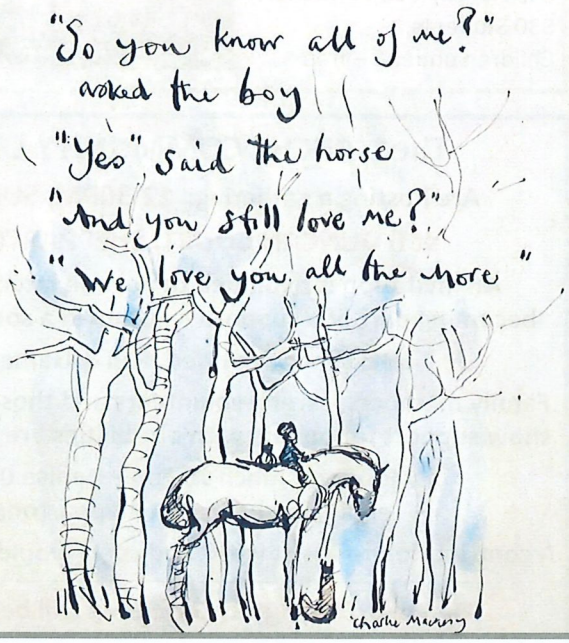
God bless, Fr Joe and Fr Jackson

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

7.30—9.00pm,
Tuesday Feb **28**
in the MPJC. (week 3 of 3)
Supper afterwards

Maria Weatherill: Jesus as the teacher in Matthew. Fr Joe: Jesus as the Healer

Please keep an eye out for our RCIA participants at weekend Masses, you will see them presenting for the Scrutinies throughout lent.
Kelly Smyth, Louis Schenker, Karlene Kirby and Ethan Jones.



FOOD FOR FAITH

This Buddhist man shares his understanding of his inner workings, his desire to be alone but his need to connect with the world, its sufferings and joys. He longs to wake up to see all that his life is, and can be. This is not easy, silence and quiet time is necessary to allow the deep voice of God to speak the truth to us, to give us hope even though our reality might be in turmoil. His greatest fear is not death but to not have lived fully before death comes. Wisdom comes from many different sources, God's wisdom is not restricted by our ideas of where wisdom comes from.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkHypImEY84

ALPHA IN THE CATHOLIC CONTEXT 2023

Alpha is a program designed to encounter Jesus in an environment which includes hospitality.
If you are interested in joining parishioners who have delivered the Alpha program over the past 2 years and have Monday nights free between February and May 2023—please call Marie Fontana on 0435 899 830 for further information.

St Brendan's invites you to **Alpha in the Catholic Context 2023!**

- Do you have someone you love who needs Jesus in their lives and you are willing to journey with them in this discovery?
- Do you know someone who is seeking more in their life?

If your answer is **"Yes"** Alpha Program might be a program for them, with you as their support.

Program Commences 27 February 2023 at 6:20pm
With the meal served at 6:30pm

Childcare is provided free of charge with children also fed! Breaks for school holidays

The Alpha program is a place where we meet to share in fellowship, a meal and explore Jesus in our lives. Open to anyone who feels they could use a refresh or have someone you care about who could see Alpha opening up a path for them.

Any questions please contact **Marie Fontana 0435 899 830** or **Sr Agnes Murphy 0428 996 975**

Summer 2023

AUSTRALIA

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE (Germany)

ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH,
121 Knight Street, Shepparton

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 8pm – 10pm
(15mins interval — doors open from 7pm)

Classical music the world over .... performing

VIVALDI THE FOUR SEASONS

MOZART Divertimento F Major KV 138 »Salzburg Symphony«

PAGANINI »Moses-Variations« for Violoncello and Orchestra - played on one string

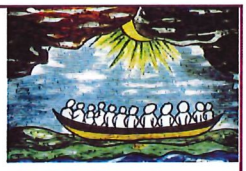
and more!!! Tickets can be purchased at:

Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre (SAM Building) 5832 9330

OR at the door of the church (1 hour prior) to the Concert from 7pm (CASH SALES ONLY).

Ticket Cost:
$40 Adults, $35 Pensioner
$30 Students,
Children under 6 – free

Our **FAITH & LIGHT** community gathered last Sunday. They were happy to be back. Thank you to those who support us during the year. We are looking for donations of suitcases and coat hangers please.



Blessings, Denise 0432 054 003

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and ***For All Future Generations***.
With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations***.

Caritas AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION

The L'ARCHE COMMUNITY OF SHEPPARTON

Are hosting a gathering: 12.30PM, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19

at 8 DUNCAN COURT, SHEPPARTON

An invitation is extended to anyone interested in becoming part of a supportive group in a social setting.

BBQ Lunch provided, Fun & Games

Family members, carers, volunteers and those seeking to show support for people with disabilities are encouraged to come along.

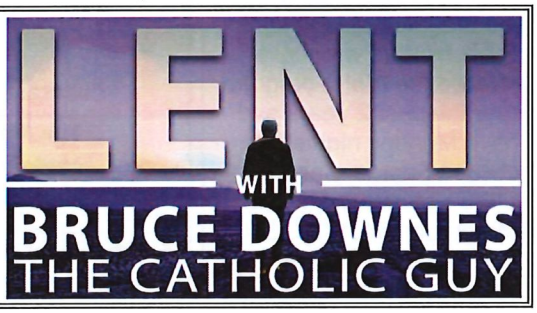
RSVP for lunch 16 Feb—Denise 0432 054 003 or email: larcheprojectshepparton@outlook.com

A contribution to assist with food costs would be appreciated on the day.

Our next Community Gathering will be on Sunday March 26

L'ARCHE®

The first meeting of the new **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** was a great success.
The group meets weekly 6pm—7pm on Thursdays in the MacKillop room of the Parish office (behind St Brendan's Church). The group gathers to reflect on the readings at Mass for the coming Sunday.
There's also time for prayer, fellowship and a question box.
No RSVP needed, simply join us.
For any questions please speak with Mason Crosier 0403 824 346, Berni Sullivan or Fr Jackson.

Combined Churches Prayer Event: The first gathering for the year will be held: **7pm, Saturday, February 25,** at Mt Major, Major TV Road, Dookie. Gates open at 6.30pm –7pm. Gates will be closed while we meet. So, we need to be there before 7pm.

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful.
This program is FREE and you can sign up here:
https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23