



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

10 May 2026

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my
prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved
by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

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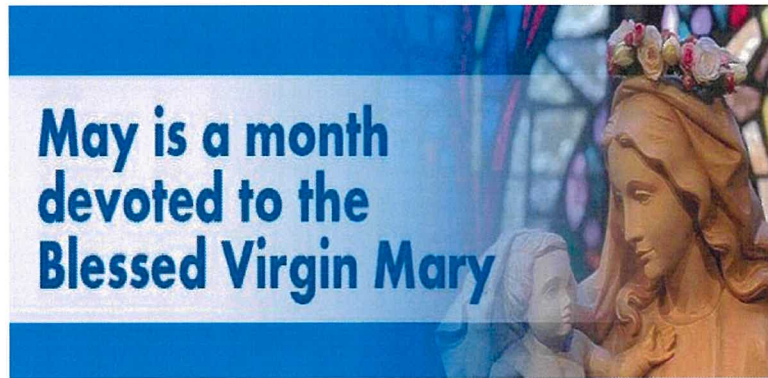
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
 We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.

Readers & Commentators May 16 & 17, 2026

6pm	Helen Graczyk	David Tarquini
8am	Les Billings	Vince Rando
11am	Michael Frizzell	John Pilkington

Anniversaries:
 Neville Mason, Neil Allowings, Vincenzo Conte, Judy Burns



May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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During the month of May, at all **weekday Masses only**, parishioners are warmly invited to bring fresh flowers as an offering to the Blessed Virgin Mary. These will be presented before the final blessing.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, and those who share or have shared the gift of mothering, whether now or in the past this Sunday, May 10!



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 10 am

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



**Holy Hour
 14 MAY
 cancelled**

On Thursday, May 14, Holy Hour will be cancelled as the Syro-Malabar community will be celebrating a Holy Day of Obligation Mass from 6pm to 8pm that day.
Thank you for your understanding.

**Laudato Si' Week
 17 -24 May
 One Week. One Action.
 A Global Catholic Response!**

**Catholic Earthcare
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A Mother's Day Prayer

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;

May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;

May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict;

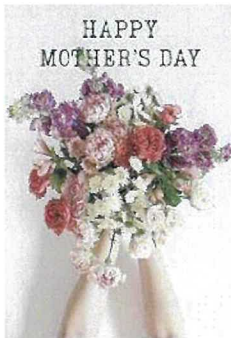
May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

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Feast of St. Brendan

YOU ARE ALL INVITED
TO CELEBRATE OUR
PATRONAL FEAST OF
SAINT BRENDAN.

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH 2026 AT 11 AM

MASS FOLLOWED BY BARBEQUE LUNCH
AT THE SACRED HEART HALL

Come and experience the grace of this sacred feast
- a time of reflection, unity, and spiritual renewal.

Bring your family and friends to share in fellowship.
Let us entrust ourselves, our work, and our hopes to St Brendan's
loving intercession.

Please bring a plate of food to share.
Donations will be gratefully received to cover costs.

Sandhurst Youth Ministry Partnership Consultation

Friday, May 15

12:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Pastoral Centre at St Brendan's
Church, Shepparton



For those located in:

Shepparton, Nathalia, Kyabram, Kialla, Tatura,
Rushworth, Nagambie, Euroa, Cobram,
Numurkah and Dookie.

A gathering of leaders from the Sandhurst Youth Ministry Partnership (Chancery, Catholic Education, Priests, parishes and schools) to connect, establish a common vision for mission and be co-responsible for Youth Ministry in their local context.

If you are interested in accompanying young people (16 – 35 years old) on their faith journey, you are invited to participate.

Contact claire.spinelli@sandhurst.catholic.org.au for more information or to express your interest in attending.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you are able to help out during the St Brendan's Feast Day celebrations on Sunday May 17

Please contact Bozena 0426 867 647

Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal

The situation in Lebanon remains extremely fragile – over 1.1 million people displaced nationwide.

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2026 National Count of Attendance

Each parish is asked to participate in the 2026 National Count of Attendance, conducted by the National Centre for Pastoral Research on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The Count will take place over four consecutive weekends in May 2026 (2-3, 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24 May). All people present are to be counted.

Attendance numbers only

1. Weekend 1 – count of all persons.
2. Weekend 2 – count of all persons.

Demographic information collection

3. Weekend 3 – count of males and females
4. Weekend 4 – count by five age groups (0-17, 18-29, 30-49, 50-69 and 70+)

We ask for your cooperation and understanding during the National Count of Attendance and appreciate your patience as this important work is completed.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SANDHURST

'Pentecost'

Be refreshed in the Holy Spirit

Charismatic Mass celebrated by Fr Arun Korlakanti
Spiritual Chaplain CCR Sandhurst

Saturday, May 23, 2026
9.30am cuppa, 10.00am-3.30pm
St Brendan's Knight St, Shepparton
at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share

All welcome

An offering will be taken up

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Call for Committee Members – 2027 Debutante Balls

St Brendan's Parish is seeking a small organizing committee of **approximately four people** to coordinate the **2027 Debutante Balls**, which were previously organised by Notre Dame College.

If you are interested in being involved please contact Diane at the St Brendan's Parish Office on 5821 2633 to register your interest.

Please note: Without a committee in place, the 2027 Debutante Balls will unfortunately not proceed.

*Your support would
be greatly appreciated!*



Save the date!

Installation Mass: Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ
Thursday, July 30 at 11am
2026 Sacred Heart Cathedral.
All welcome.

PRIMARY SCHOOL YOUTH MASS

May 23 | 6pm

**Primary School Age Children
are invited to attend and
assist in Mass.**



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