



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.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

19 October 2025

First Reading Ex 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

*(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and
coming
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by

God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives
of our heart.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9am - 2pm

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

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 Oct 25 & 26, 2025

6pm	TBC	TBC
8am	Vince Rando	Lyndel Annett
11am	Rett Aiken	Mavis Amankwaah

Recently Deceased: Cath Hassall, Peter Lincoln

Anniversaries: Pasquale and Maria De Maria, Frank De Maria, Joan Kelly, Mary Kinna

The GARABANDAL PRAYER GROUP

will meet Monday,
October 20 at 1.30pm
in the Mary Mackillop
room of the Parish Office
(enter through the office).



Charismatic Prayer Group

*Wednesday, October 22 at 1.30 pm
in the MacKillop Room.*

All are welcome—
come and join us.

Enquiries to: Lorelei Goodall
5798 5331.



The Parish Bereavement Teams
of St Mary's, Dookie and
St Brendan's, Shepparton
invite all parishioners to our
annual **Remembrance Mass**

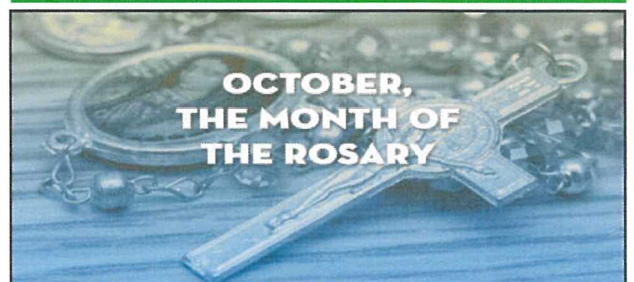
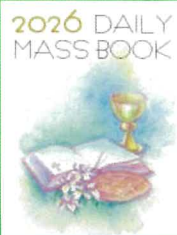


to be held at **7.30pm on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at
St Brendan's Catholic Church, Shepparton.**

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.

2026 Daily Mass Book
Available in the
Piety store for
\$35 dollars each



Please Pray for Our Year 12 Students at Notre Dame College

Last week, we celebrated the Valedictory (Graduation) Ceremony for the Class of 2025 at Notre Dame College. As their chaplain, I felt quite emotional farewelling them - yet deeply proud of the fine young men and women they have become. I must admit; it felt a bit like a proud dad moment!

We are truly blessed at St Brendan's Parish to share such a close bond with the College - both through our proximity and the many students and families who are part of our parish life. I reminded them that St Brendan's will always be home, and I hope they carry a little of our parish spirit with them, alongside the values and faith they have nurtured at Notre Dame.

May I invite you, our parishioners, to keep our Year 12 students, the Class of 2025, in your prayers. Many have now finished school but are still undertaking exams. Please remember them *intentionally* in your prayers - that they may continue to shine the light of Christ, and as their school motto reminds them: *to see, seek and respond* to God's love in all they do.

Fr Adi Indra
College Chaplain

TIME FOR TRAINING

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS TRAINING

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH are required to attend:
**THURSDAY OCTOBER 30 from 5:45pm to 6:45pm at
St Brendan's Church, Shepparton.**

Kathy Hunt will be offering face to face training.
Attendances at this training will ensure you are all up to
date with mandatory training for all volunteers.
Thank you!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY October 19, 2025

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be
'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite
you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia.

**For this weekend's Masses, the second collection
will be dedicated to World Mission Sunday.**

catholicmission.org.au/mission



FRIENDSHIP GROUP LUNCH



**Sunday, October 19
12:30 PM
Aussie Hotel
73 Fryers Street**

All welcome!
Please contact Pat Simpson
0423 343 711 (leave a message)

Mass for the Commemoration of All Souls

All Souls Day will be observed on
Sunday, November 2, 2025.
A special Mass will be held at the
Shepparton Cemetery at 5:00 PM to commemorate
and pray for all the faithful departed.

Save the date:
Date - Sunday, November 2, 2025
Time - 5:00 PM
Venue - Shepparton Cemetery, 5 Rudd Road

Further details will be
shared in upcoming parish
bulletins of location
at cemetery.
B.Y.O chair.



St Brendan's Parish Melbourne Cup Sweep Fundraiser 2025

Purchase tickets throughout October to go in the draw.

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

Tickets can be purchased:

- Before, during or after each Mass
- Sold at the Parish Office
- EFT Transfer:

St Brendan's Parish

BSB: 083 543

Account Number:

48359-3006

Reference: CUP (Name)

Funds raised go towards cleaning the high arches and fans in the Church.



1st Place = \$300.00

2nd Place = \$125.00

3rd Place = \$50.00

Last Place = \$25.00

Please Note:

There will be no refunds for scratching's.

Remember to write your name and number only on both sides of the ticket.

A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



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Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)



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Children's Liturgy of the Word



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 October 2025 - Year C

"God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him."

Something to Think About

When do you find time to pray? In the morning or the evening? Have you ever felt too tired to pray?

The Story

In today's story, Jesus tells us how important it is to keep on praying. The judge in the story gets tired of the widow who keeps nagging him, and eventually helps her. The message is this: if even the uncaring judge can respond to the persistent woman, God will surely respond to our efforts in prayer because God is full of patience, love and compassion.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (18:1-8)

Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up:

"In a town there was once a judge who didn't fear God or care about people.
In that same town there was a widow who kept going to the judge and saying,

'Make sure that I get fair treatment in court.'

For a while the judge refused to do anything.

Finally, he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about people, I will help this widow because she keeps on bothering me. If I don't help her, she will wear me out.'"

The Lord said:

"Think about what that crooked judge said. Won't God protect his chosen ones who pray to him day and night? Won't he be concerned for them? He will surely hurry and help them.
But when the Son of Man comes, will he find on this earth anyone with faith?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Group Discussion

Talk with the children about the importance of prayer in the lives of Christians. Share with them some of your own favourite prayers. Invite the children to name some things for which they would like to pray now. Spend some time in silent prayer and / or pray aloud together now.

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray that our leaders will be people of prayer. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for peace and safety for all people. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for children who are in any kind of trouble. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for our families and friends. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will be patient in prayer and never give up. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 6: We pray for our own needs. *(Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions).* Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear God,
We know that we can talk to you in
prayer at any time of the day or
night. Thank you for always being
there to help us.
Amen.

Video (optional)

Click to watch the video: [Five Finger Prayer](#)

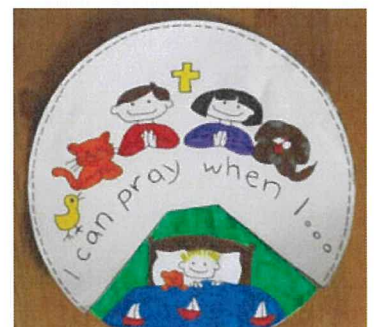


Group Activity (optional)

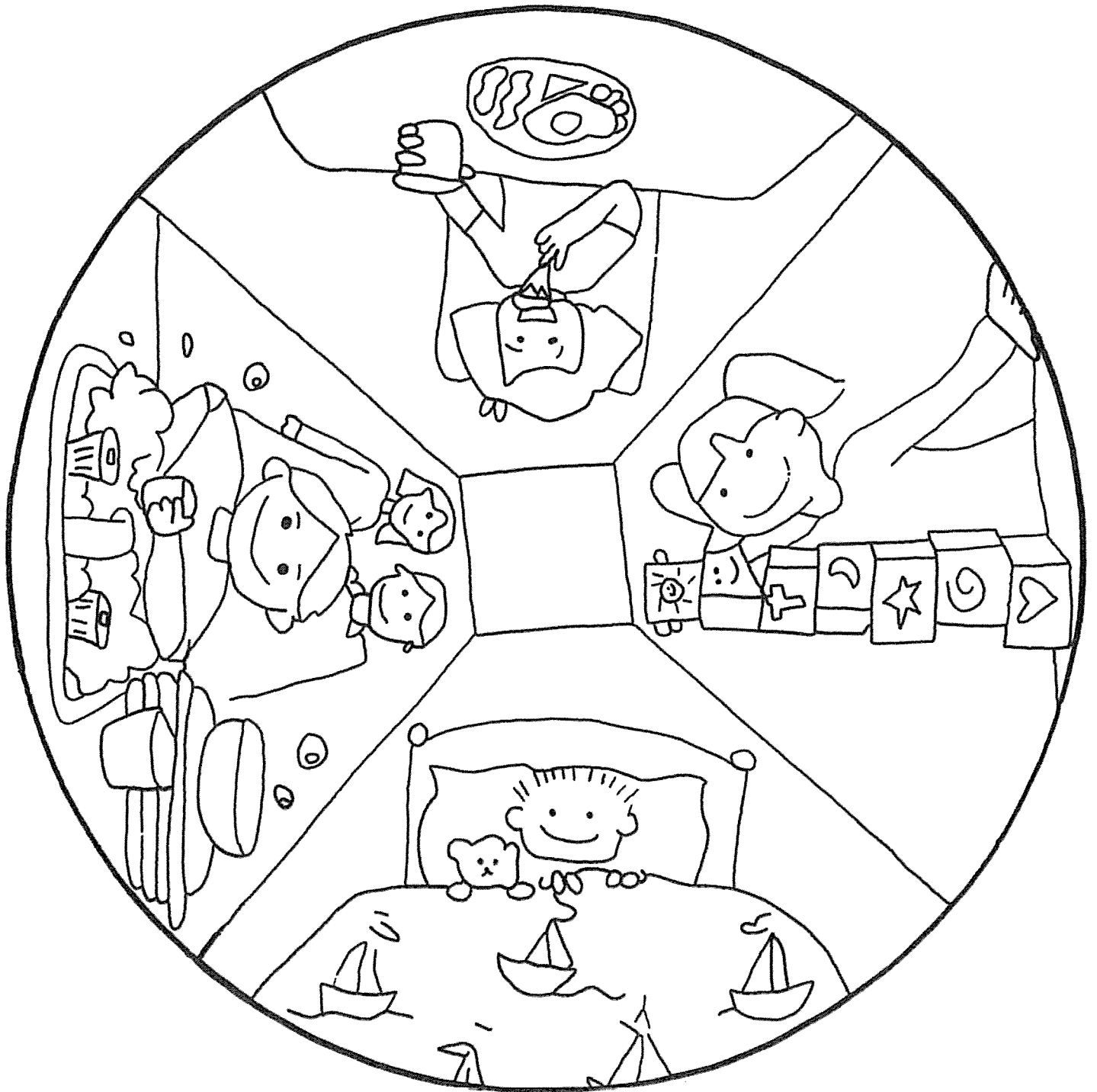
I CAN PRAY THROUGHOUT THE DAY

You will need: set of 2 templates for each child, cardboard, metal split pins, coloured markers, glue.

1. Invite children to colour in the templates.
2. Stick each template to a piece of card for strength, then cut out.
3. Place the "I can pray when I" template on top of the full circle template. Make a small hole through the middle of them both and stick a metal split pin through.
4. Children can turn the top piece to reveal the different times of the day that they can pray.







LET US PRAY

DRAW YOURSELF PRAYING

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO PRAY?



HANDS JOINED or OPEN



EYES OPEN or CLOSED

WHEN DO YOU LIKE TO PRAY?



MEALTIME or BEDTIME



STANDING or KNEELING



God!

Thank you,

Help me, God...

Bless us, O Lord

Along the track

Time for Tomatoes

It's that time again, time to put in this year's crop of tomatoes. For some reason I didn't have much luck with them last year but here's to a better harvest this year.

What would we do without the humble tomato? It comes in so many shapes and sizes, so many varieties, so many taste sensations, so many ways to use it. I read that the common cultivated tomato is the world's highest-value and most widely grown vegetable crop. When I was in boarding school many years ago, a generous farmer donated a truck load of tomatoes. Day after day for the next weeks we had them for breakfast, for lunch (two courses), for dinner in every way imaginable. One wit joked that we would get them for sweets next. We did!

The tomato arrived in Spain and Europe after a long journey in the ships of the early explorers, all the way from the Aztecs and other parts of South America. This humble vegetable was initially treated with suspicion, considered poisonous, then just a decoration, and now it is enjoyed in so many dishes cross the world, another gift of God's unfolding creation. I wonder who it was who was game enough to taste the first one!

The humble tomato is an interesting example of creation and the ingenuity of those who have made it such a versatile companion in our diet. It began life, scientists tell us about seven thousand years ago as not much more than a berry and look at how many shapes, sizes, colours and tastes it offers now. Domesticating this little berry took persistence and ingenuity, weeding, feeding, cross pollinating, not giving in to failure until this fruit is grown in just about every country in the world. It is a reminder that we have a part in the ongoing act of creation even now. And thank God for that!

The tomato is not just a great vegetable, it also calls us to be part of the unfolding creative enterprise as well. Around the same time each year we till the soil and enrich it, plant the seeds and begin the wait. Everyone seems to have expert advice on how to grow tomatoes! There is a time for everything, Scripture reminds us. *I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.* Ecclesiastes 3

So we give thanks for this staple of our diet, for its variety and the joy it brings. We give thanks to those who planted the tomatoes and tended to them in the summer months. And when it is time to make use of their plenty; the ripe ones and green ones, the small and the large, we gather to bottle them, dry them, make salsas, pickles and sauces. Many people who gather together at this time to process this vegetable can attest to the wonderful sense of community that process brings. We give thanks for the joy of the humble tomato.

We give thanks for its steady evolution, for its versatility and flavour, the fruits of God's unfolding creation and our part in it. Thank God for their abundance and their variety and how they bring us together. We can take so much for granted, ignoring the wonder and beauty of creation around us. We see it in the beautiful vistas and the stunning sunrises or sunsets and let the other wonders pass us by, and we miss the humble, the ordinary which are also signs of God's grandeur and love. As Jesus said, 'unless we become like little children...' So perhaps that means looking at the world through their eyes, allowing ourselves to be amazed and thankful for the little things of life.

God of the Harvest,
You entrusted us with the care of your ongoing creation,
We give thanks for its wonder and its variety.
Every creature, every plant, every rock and grain of sand proclaims Your glory.
We give thanks for the joy of the harvest, for the taste of all that we have grown,
For how it brings us together
God of the harvest,
Deepen our awareness of our connectedness with all Your creation, help us to care for it and use it wisely

How do I show my appreciation for the wonders of creation?

Regards
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