

WELCOME TO

ST BRENDAN'S

CATHOLIC PARISH



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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

4 August 2024

First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4, 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. *(R.)*
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven,
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. *(R.)*
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. *(R.)*

Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were

taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you
wanted to eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal
life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering
you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set
his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from
heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread
from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'
Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

On a lighter note, a squad of 30 St Brendan's parishioners and friends



have been selected to represent Australia at the Paris Olympics taking place now. Please check out the display in the foyer of the Church where our parishioners have been photoshopped into Olympic heroes of different sports. Thanks to Grace Maher, teacher at St Luke's Primary School, for creating the display for us.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am

Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm,

Saturday 8.30am, Sunday 5.30pm

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 5pm to 6pm



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.

NOVENA

AUGUST 7 to AUGUST 15



To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Sandhurst St Brendan's Parish will be holding a novena.

The Masses will be held on the following days:

- ⇒ Wednesday, August 7, at 5.30pm (Vigil of Mary MacKillop)
- ⇒ Thursday, August 8, at 5.30pm (Solemnity of Mary MacKillop)
- ⇒ Friday, August 9, at 5.30pm
- ⇒ Saturday, August 10, at 6pm (Youth Mass)
- ⇒ Sunday, August 11, at 5:30pm (Syro Malabar/St Brendan's Parish community event)
- ⇒ Monday, August 12, at 5.30pm.
- ⇒ Tuesday, August 13, at 5.30pm.
- ⇒ Wednesday, August 14, at 5.30pm (Vigil of the Assumption)
- ⇒ Thursday, August 15, at 5.30pm (Solemnity of the Assumption)

Readers/Commentators

During the weekend, please sign up using the schedule in the foyer of the church to read or commentate at the above Masses.

Community Event – AUGUST 11

Please see separate notice for information about this wonderful opportunity to gather as a faith community.

Recently Deceased: Fay O'Connor, John Casey, Luigi Rimato

Anniversaries: Damian Segafredo, Owen Smith, Carmel Phelan, Angela Vittoria Mancini

Readers & Commentators August 10 & 11, 2024

6pm	YOUTH-LED MASS	
8am	L. Billings	D. Teitzel
11am	L. Schenker	M. Amankwaah

PARISH EVENT

SUNDAY AUGUST 11

Have you ever wondered what a Syro Malabar Mass looks like?

On Sunday, August 11, at 5:30pm as part of the Novena, the Syro Malabar community are inviting us to attend their Mass. The Mass will be said in English. We thank the Syro Malabar community for this kind invitation and hope to see many of you there.

After the Mass at 7pm we will gather as a faith community in the Mons Bones Hall to share food, laughter and spend time with each other. If you don't attend the Mass we are hoping you will join us for this gathering.

We are asking every family to **bring something to share for the meal**. BYO drinks. Coffee/Tea will be supplied.

Cuppa at Parklake - August 10

All Sacristans and ladies who help around the Church are invited to join in for a cuppa on Saturday, August 10, at the Parklake.

All enquiries to: Kath Smyth 0409 003 420.



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<https://www.catholicparish.app/subscription?id=0018w000004eUxHAAU&req=subscribe>

Formation/ Training session

for those who wish to become a
Lector or Commentator.

St Brendan's Church, Friday, August 9, 4pm—5pm.

Please RSVP to confirm you will be attending:
shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS A JOURNEY IN FAITH

If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic and wondering where to start our Parish RCIA process will begin on October 10.

I know this will be a big step for you to make contact with us, but know that you will be made most welcome and the whole Parish will be walking with you as you grow and learn about the great gift of faith.

I would be happy to speak with you and can be contacted on
58212633 on Tues or Thurs, or email

Shepparton.pastoral@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Anthony Kilmartin

MEN'S GROUP

Our men's group will meet again on **Saturday, August 10**, in the MPJC at 7.30am.

Fr Joe has recently returned from a trip to Northern Australia, where he spent some time in Aboriginal missions around Darwin as part of his Sabbatical leave. At our next meeting Fr Joe will share with us some of the experiences and insights he gained from this time.

If you have any questions please call Anthony 58212633 or email Shepparton.pastoral@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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COASIT AGED CARE

are looking for Italian and English-speaking volunteers in the Shepparton Tatura Mooroopna surrounding areas.



The volunteers will be visiting lonely, isolated people who would appreciate a friendly chat once a week for an hour or so.

If you would like to make a difference to an elderly persons' life please contact Josie Pellegrino on 0481 603 740 or email Josie on jpellegrino@coasit.com.au



Sacramental Program

We keep our Sacramental Candidates in our prayers as they are in their final weeks of preparing to receive Eucharist for the first time.

Upcoming Group Sessions

Sunday, August 11, 9:30am or 6pm

Monday, August 12, 6:30pm



Whole Group Practice

Tuesday, August 20, 6pm in the Church.

Child must be accompanied by an adult. Their sponsors are encouraged to come if they can.

YOUTH MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, AT 6 PM

YEARS 7—10 join us for food and games in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre after Mass.

RSVP by August 7 for catering purposes.

Email: Ella.bathman@notredame.vic.edu.au

Anointing Mass, 11am, Wednesday August 7

PLEASE NOTE there will be NO 9.15am Mass on Wednesday August 7



Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola—July 31

Isaac Demase SJ, a parishioner from St Brendan's shares with us a reflection on the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola. Refer this link <https://jisa.org.au/blog/2024/07/30/rediscover-or-remember-the-importance-of-place/>. Isaac is currently studying Theology and Philosophy at Boston College, and he will soon be ordained as a Deacon.

FAITH AND LIGHT COMMUNITY WILL NOT BE MEETING AS SCHEDULED THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 4.

VOCATIONS WEEK: *The need is great so let us heed the request of Jesus and "Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest" (Luke 10:2).*

Vocations week in Bendigo will be sponsored by the Serra Club of Bendigo at St Kilian's Church commencing on Monday, August 5, at 11.00 am with Holy Hour of Adoration, prayer, and Benediction, then Mass at 12.10pm held every day through to and including Friday, August 9. The intentions are for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



EMAIL FROM BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY - DATED JULY 31



I am very happy to advise you that a third Rogationist priest has been assigned to the Sandhurst Diocese. **Father Addin Doe RCJ** (pictured left) arrived in Australia this morning, and will commence as Assistant Priest at St Mary's Parish, Mooroopna, on 12 August. While residing in Mooroopna, he will be a member of the Rogationist community at St Mel's Parish, Shepparton South.

Father Addin was born in 1988 in Detusoko, Ende, Indonesia. His early education includes graduating from the minor seminary of St. Francis of Assisi in Sumba, NTT, Indonesia, before entering the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus Seminary in Maumere, Flores, NTT. He studied Philosophy at the Congregation of *Societas Verbi Divini* in Ledalero, Maumere, Indonesia, and completed his Postulancy and Novitiate in Silang, Cavite, Philippines.

Following his First Profession, Father Addin served as a brother assistant in the Rogationist Seminary Maumere, and later studied theology at Don Bosco School of Theology in Better Living, Parañaque, Philippines. After his ordination in 2022, he was entrusted with the responsibility of Treasurer in Maumere, Indonesia.

Father Addin enjoys staying active by playing football, going for jogs, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. He has a fondness for fruits, spicy food, and occasionally channels his culinary skills in the kitchen.

We look forward to welcoming Fr Addin to the Diocese, and I express my thanks to the Rogationist Congregation for this further commitment to ministry here.

Fr Joseph Thekkemury CMI

Bishop John Panamthottathil CMI has advised that he is appointing Fr Joseph Thekkemury CMI as a new Chaplain to the Syro-Malabar communities in Shepparton and Bendigo later this month. Fr Joseph ministered in the Archdiocese of Brisbane during 2011–2018, before returning to India for a few years. He will replace Fr Joseph Kunnackattu, who has been appointed to serve the Syro-Malabar community in Wellington, New Zealand.

We look forward to welcoming Fr Joseph, and I wish Fr Joseph Kunnackattu every blessing in his new ministry in New Zealand.

Fr Eugene McKinnon

At the conclusion of four months as Priest in Residence in the Parish of Beechworth, Fr Eugene McKinnon will return to Ballarat to commence his retirement after the weekend of 10/11 August. Following Fr Eugene's departure, Fr Dennis Crameri will celebrate Masses in Beechworth and Yackandandah on most Sundays, until other arrangements are made. Msgr Cris Manongas will continue as Parish Administrator.

I thank Fr Eugene for his generous ministry and personal involvement in the Diocese over these months, and wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement.

Fr Dean Bongat

We look forward to welcoming Fr Dean Bongat back from his sabbatical leave in the Philippines on 10 August. He has written expressing his appreciation for this time of renewal and reflection. I am particularly grateful to the various priests who have celebrated weekend Masses in Kerang, Cohuna and Pyramid Hill during Fr Dean's sabbatical leave.

Yours sincerely, *+Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst*

Friday September 6 - Celebration of the Season of Creation

Following last year's very successful event, Sandhurst Diocese will mark the Season of Creation 2024 with an outdoor Mass at 11am, celebrated by Bishop Shane, at Huntly Streamside Reserve, followed by a Picnic Lunch (either BYO or enjoy provided Sausage Sizzle). All parishioners are invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate this occasion.



The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:18-25)

**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 August 2024 - Year B

"Work for food that gives eternal life."

Something to Think About

What is the difference between a 'need' and a 'want'?
Can you name something that you 'need' in your life?
Can you name something that you 'want' in your life?

The Story

The message of this gospel story, is that God will provide everything we need – and more! Material things alone will not make us happy, but what God gives will satisfy us completely. God wants us to have faith and believe in Jesus.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

6:24-29

The people saw that Jesus and his disciples had left.
Then they got into the boats
and went to Capernaum to look for Jesus.

They found him on the west side of the lake and asked,
"Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you for certain
that you are not looking for me because you saw the miracles,
but because you ate all the food you wanted.

Don't work for food that spoils.

Work for food that gives eternal life.

The Son of Man will give you this food,
because God the Father has given him the right to do so."

"What exactly does God want us to do?" the people asked.

Jesus answered, "God wants you to have faith in the one he sent."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [Walk By Faith](#)



Group Discussion

The gospel story concludes with a question, 'What exactly does God want us to do?'

What does God want you to do? What does God want your family to do? What does God want the world family to do?

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 protect the needs of all people. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those people who are travelling today. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that our faith in Jesus will grow. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for those people who work hard so that we have food to eat. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we show our love for God by the kind things we do for others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

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

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear God,
Help us to remember that you will
give us everything we need.
Thank you for all the good things
you have given us.
Amen.

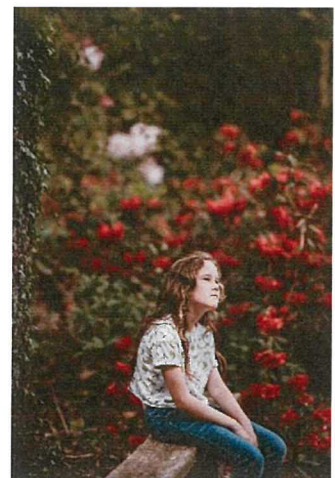
Group Activity

WANTS or NEEDS

You will need: worksheet for each child, pens or markers

God gives us everything we need.

1. Think about the difference between wants and needs as you complete the activity sheet.
2. Older children may like to draw some more examples of wants and needs on the back of the activity sheet.



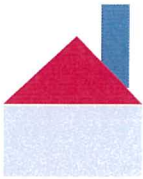
Wants or Needs

We need some things to survive!

Some things are nice to have, and we really want them, but we don't need them.

Look at the pictures below and write down whether you think each one is a 'need' or a 'want'.

House



Ice cream



Ring



Teddy bear



Lipstick



Medicine



Chocolate



Dinner



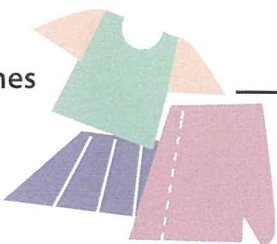
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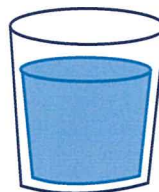
Necklace



Clothes



Water



HAVE A LOOK-FOR-JESUS TREASURE HUNT

Find a cross or image of Jesus
or you can draw one yourself.

Put it in a little box and ask mum or dad
to hide it. Now, see if you can find it!
YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS.



**THE PEOPLE SAW THAT JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES
HAD LEFT. THEY WENT TO LOOK FOR JESUS!**

**WHY DO WE
LOOK FOR
JESUS?**

- BECAUSE HE IS A FRIEND WHO LOVES US
- BECAUSE HE CAN HELP US AND GUIDE US
- BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE CLOSE TO HIM
- ALL OF THESE!