

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.

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**16 October 2022**

## 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.*

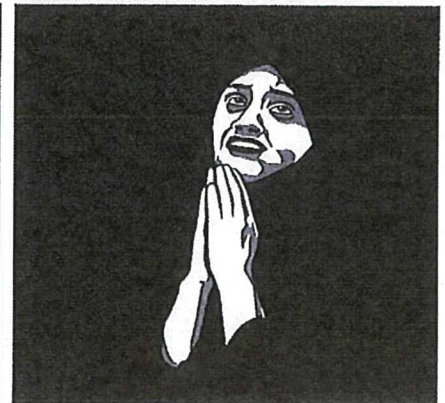
*Alleluia!*

## 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.

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# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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*Christ in community ...  
the heart of our faith*

**Recently Deceased:** Giovanna Conte, Reginald Mehmet, Fr. Jim Mulroney, James Kennedy, Maggie Bennett, Kit Nelson

**Anniversaries:** Leone Baker, Kevin Keenan, John Howlett, Antonio Sfirro, Matteo Sfirro, Maureen Hickey, Angel Trapani, Giuseppe Petito, Denis Ryan, Giovanna Rocchetti Fontana

## 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.

## Who wrote St. Matthew's Gospel? (and other Question's)

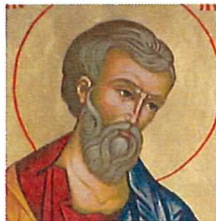
Readers, Commentators and all Parishioners are again urged to attend the 2nd of 3 Scripture presentations on Matthews's Gospel.

Tuesday October 18, 7.30pm—8.40pm

Maria Weatherill, is our main presenter on the structure of Matthew's Gospel.

Fr. Joe Taylor will present Matthew's Genealogy

Where: St Brendan's, MPJC, 121 Knight St, Shepparton  
Join us for a cuppa at the conclusion of the evenings.



## Readers & Commentators 22 & 23 October 2022

6pm	D. Tarquini	B. Lindsay
8am	D. Teitzel	D. Keenan
11am	M. Taverner	M. Sarkady



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA program is the Parish formation offered to adults seeking to become Catholic.

Next information Session: Thursday 20 October, 7.30pm

Notre Dame College, 139 Knight Street, Shepparton

Contact Anthony 5821 2633 / [anthonypastoral@bigpond.com](mailto:anthonypastoral@bigpond.com)

## Blessing of Married Couples:

A special blessing for all married couples will be at all Masses on October 29 & 30.

*Thankyou for all who contributed to the Priest Retirement Foundation Collection, we received \$1379.95*

## POSITION AVAILABLE

St Brendan's Parish

121 Knight Street, Shepparton

Maintenance / Garden Officer, Wednesdays

Permanent Part Time, 4 hrs/week, (8am—12 noon)

Please contact Diane for more information and role description. Office Phone: 5821 2633

Monday-Friday 9am—2pm or email [shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

Applications close 21st October 2022

## St Brendan's Friendship Group

We will meet again for lunch; 12.30pm, Sunday October 16 at the Vic Hotel, 272 Wyndham Street Shepparton.

Anyone new to the parish is most welcome to join in. All enquiries to Pat Simpson 5821 1269.

**October is the  
month of the  
Holy  
Rosary**



*Would you like to advertise your business in our bulletin? Please contact Diane on 5821 2633 or email: [shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)*



### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

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

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

**Rosary**— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

**Holy Hour**— Thursdays 7pm to 8pm

### Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.10am

← PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**— Fridays 5pm to 6pm



## 2022 – 2025 PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

In the well known 'Parable of the Sower' we read of the scattering of seed by the farmer.

Some seed falls on the path, some in rocky places and some, once grown, is caught in thorns and grows no further.

Some of the seed however falls on good soil which allows the farmer to reap a good harvest.

In our parish at St Brendan's we are fortunate to be a faith community who find ourselves in good soil.

We have planted many seeds in our rich history which has allowed for continually strong harvests. From our parish buildings and schools to the many ministries we support, there has been years of rich harvesting that has allowed thousands of people from many cultures to flourish in our community over these years.

As we look to the future however, we need to ensure we continue to fertilise our good soil to allow for further planting and to continue our practice of good harvesting.

In order to do this we need to call on all parishioners, both old and new to look at their financial pledge and confirm this pledge into the coming years.

Our NEW PROGRAMME will commence on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 but we welcome discussions anytime between now and then (and thereafter).

Our Planned Giving Team Members are Julie Kelly (Coordinator) Fr Joe Taylor, Fr Jackson Saunders, Peter Fitzpatrick, Brendan Lindsay and Diane Teitzel. Please feel free to speak to any one of our Team or call the Parish Office on 5821 2633.

## Melbourne Cup Sweep 2022

Our Annual Parish fundraiser is back,

To join in on the fun,

tickets are \$2 each, purchased by 27 October.

a) Place cash in an envelope in the office mail slot with your NAME and PHONE NUMBER

OR

b) Deposit money into the Parish Bank Account  
BSB: 083543, Acc: 483 593 006,  
Ref: Surname-Cup. Please then email:  
[shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)  
with your NAME and PHONE NUMBER



## Baptism Preparation Program For Primary Age Children (Year 3 and higher)

**A special Baptism Preparation Program is being held early 2023**

*Children must be baptised or welcomed into the Catholic Church prior to completing the sacramental program.*

*This will be the only opportunity for children to be baptised prior to the 2023 Sacramental Program beginning.*

**For more information or to enrol your child for Baptism please contact Laura before 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

[sacramental.coord@bigpond.com](mailto:sacramental.coord@bigpond.com) or  
phone 5821 2633 Wednesdays (9am-2pm)

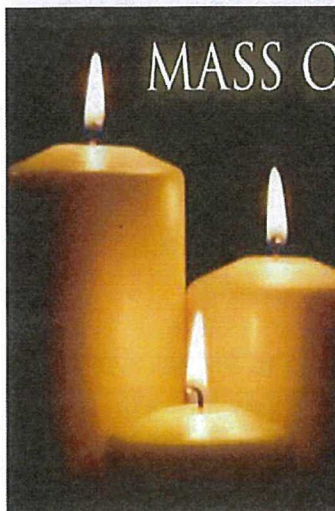


## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

St Brendan's Parish Bereavement Team invite all parishioners, families and friends to our Mass  
7.30pm, Thursday November 3

You will be invited to light a candle during the Mass for those who have passed, particularly in the past 2 years.

Join us for refreshments in the MPJC after Mass.

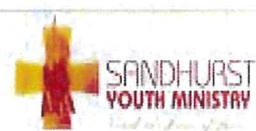


## Sandhurst World Youth Day 2022

Our Lady, Mother of God Church,

Wangaratta South

1pm – 9pm, Saturday  
November 19





## Study exploring beliefs of Australian Catholics:



Led by Stephen Bullivant from the University of Notre Dame Australia and St Mary's University, Twickenham, in the UK, and Philippa Martyr from the University of Western Australia, the study is being undertaken through an online anonymous questionnaire.

There is a study being done to further explore what ordinary Catholics across Australia think and believe, and how they feel about the Church and being Catholic.

Mainly check boxes with minimal writing involved.

Participants must be 18 years or older.

The survey is open until December 2022.

Visit: [https://notredame.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bdyxQ0e3lvj5qOa](https://notredame.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bdyxQ0e3lvj5qOa)

Cross out all letters that appear three times or more.  
Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the name of the popular prayer below.

H T G O C E J W  
S A P Q G K I T  
F O E A S B Q O  
K L T J T E U B  
E B C F U J C E  
Q G M E Y B W U  
U F S O C P Q S  
O R P K W E J T

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## FOOD FOR FAITH

### John Eldredge - Resilient: Restoring Your Weary Soul in These Turbulent Times,



John Eldredge is a bestselling author and counsellor. He is also president of Wild at Heart, a ministry devoted to helping people discover the heart of God and recover their own hearts in God's love. John and his wife, Stasi, live near Colorado Springs, Colorado.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kt6Rbl82rBk>



**The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry warmly invites all Catholics to 'Evangelise', a national, online conference to be held from October, 20-22.**

Live streamed from the Chancery from 6.00pm, Thursday 20 October. Includes a panel discussion with Bishop Shane, Dr Chris Cotter, Ruth Lawlor, Fr Novelito Lim and Loris Fletcher. Tickets are very accessible, \$25 pp or \$100 for groups. <https://nce.catholic.org.au>

## Crossword

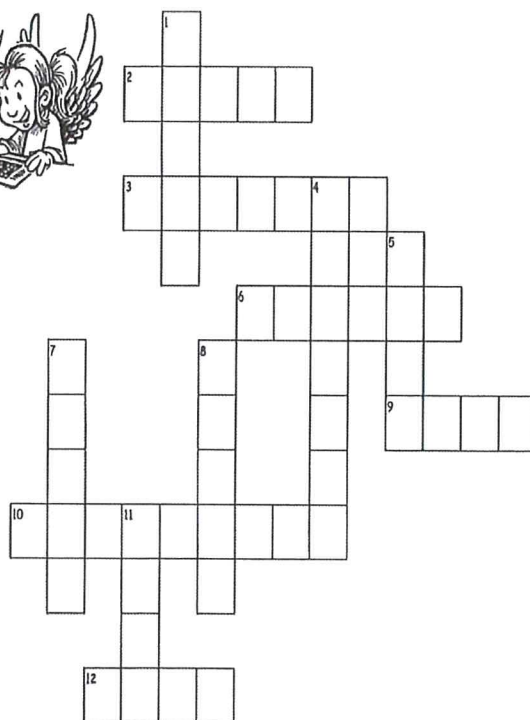


### Across

- 2: someone who passes judgement  
3: keep safe from harm  
6: selected  
9: speak to God  
10: worried  
12: to be afraid of something is to have \_ \_ \_ \_

### Down

- 1: rush  
4: bent, not straight  
5: to lend a hand  
7: a person whose husband or wife has died  
8: a tale  
11: to look after something or someone



## World Mission Day Appeal October 23



### Little Stories with lots of meanings..

- All the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them, that is trust.
- Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up, that is hope.



Missals now available in the Piety Store for \$45

## Can You Help?

Local parishioner (Nora McCarthy who is in her 60s) is seeking temporary accommodation for up to 8 weeks whilst her house is undergoing renovations. Will pay a weekly fee. Please contact the Parish office if you can assist. Thank you