

WELCOME TO

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH



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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

8 October 2023

First Reading Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. *(R.)*
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. *(R.)*
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!*

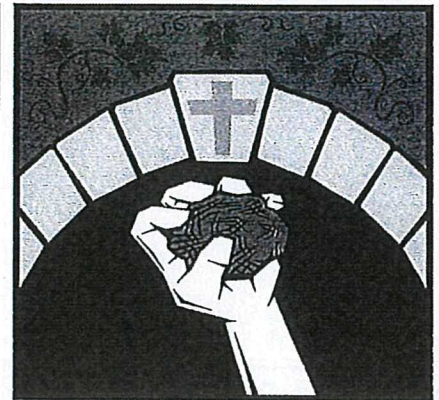
Gospel Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

*It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?*

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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

Recently Deceased: Michelle Beer, Jane Sullivan

Anniversary: Greg Appleton, Kevin Keenan,
 Maggie Bennet, Len O'Sullivan

Readers & Commentators October 14 & 15, 2023

6pm	C. Villani	C. Segrave
8am	M. Keenan	D. Keenan
11am	M-A. Demase	J. Pilkington

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.

Due to the Sacramental Masses, there will not be a Childrens Liturgy held this Sunday October 8. It will resume the following week.

2023 Sacramental Program

This Sunday, October 8, 11.00am —We congratulate these children who will be celebrating their Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Isaac Altman	Arron Altman
Alexandra Amadei	Benjamin Cannon
Will Collins	Bernard Davis
Anabelle Draper	Thea Girvan
Lillian Heaton	Caitlin Heaton
Thea Kelly	Etuale (Bernard) Malolo
Amazingrace Malolo	Leighsha McCabe
Abel Morey	Samrawit Morey
Jaxon Napier	Zachariah Nicholas
Owen Sargeant	Natasha Schroeders
Andreas Singh	

We will also be having a celebration Mass with our Sacrament Candidates on **Wednesday October 25 at 9:30am.** (note time change).



Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst Liturgical Ministry Seminar Wednesday 18 October 2023 St Brendan's Parish, 121 Knight St, Shepparton

- 5:30pm Registration, Finger food & drinks
- 6:00pm Keynote on Pope Francis' *Desiderio Desideravi*:
 Apostolic Letter on the Liturgical Formation of the People of God (2022)
- 6:40pm Q & A on *Desiderio Desideravi*:
- 7:00pm Tea/Coffee
- 7:20pm 3 Workshop Options
 1; Ministers of the Word 2; Ministers of Communion 3;
 Liturgical Musicians
- 8:20pm Concluding Prayer and Evaluations

WORKSHOP 1. FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD

WORKSHOP 2. FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORKSHOP 3. FOR LITURGICAL MUSICIANS

** Registration only available for 1 workshop per person.

REGISTRATION BY TRY BOOKING:

For catering and resource provision,

Shepparton registrations due by Friday, October 13, 2023;

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJJVO>



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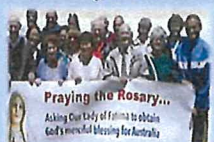


Annual Public Rosary

All are welcome to attend this prayerful and social gathering. **Saturday October 14, 2023.**
 10.30am, St Brendan's Parish Church Gardens.
 (If wet weather: we will move to the Church)

Followed by a cuppa in the Noel Daly Centre (behind MPJC). N.D Centre will be open prior to Rosary, please bring a plate to share while socialising. **PETITIONS:** Prayers and thanksgivings to Our Lady will be forwarded by ANF to Fatima in Portugal.

BYO: Chair/Rug/Cushion/Hat and Spectacles for your comfort.



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

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

Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm, Saturday 8.30am, Sunday 5.30pm

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

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

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

Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 8, 4.00pm

We invite everyone and their pets to join us in the Parish garden for our annual Blessing of the Animals which *will take place at our newly blessed statue of St. Francis of Assisi.*

As patron Saint of Animals, the feast of St Francis is celebrated on October 4. All animals need to be on leads, in cages or carriers.

We would love to see you with or without pets. BYO hats, water and seating.



Introduction to Mark's Gospel: Maria Weatherill and Fr Joe will present an overview of Mark's Gospel at St Brendan's MPJC. **7.30pm—8.30pm, Tuesdays October 10 & 17.** This will be a rich background for our Sundays of Year B. It will be helpful for our readers and musicians.



FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PARISH

The PPC and other interested parishioners met on Tuesday August 15 to review the current vision statement and logo to reflect the St Brendan's Parish now and into the future.

It was decided at the meeting that we would review the vision statement and use the new statement as the basis for our new logo going forward. The existing vision statement is:

"St Brendan's Parish Family seeks to be a welcoming community, challenged to live out Gospel values through relevant liturgy, supportive ministry and ongoing faith development."

Over the coming weeks we will be seeking feedback on each section of the vision statement to inform our ongoing conversations.

The next meeting will be held on **October 11 at 7.00pm.** All are welcome to attend.



Our next **Men's group** gathering will be at St Mary's Parish, Mooroopna on **Saturday, October 14.**

We will gather for Mass at 7.30am to commemorate the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop which is on the October 17, and then enjoy a lovely breakfast in the Marian centre afterwards. Please join us, if you need transport let Anthony know on 5821 2633 on Tuesdays or Thursdays.



Understanding Dementia, 10am—12pm, Wednesday, October 11, at 481 Wyndham Street, Shepparton. Contact 0408 301 800 or email vic.booking@dementia.org.au
Cost: Free with ample parking



An **altar serving training session** will be held for new and existing servers at St Brendan's Catholic Church on **Saturday, October 21,** from 4pm until 5.30pm.

We invite any school student, who has received their Sacraments to be part of this gathering. Our aim of this initiative is to encourage more school aged students to serve at Mass with the assistance of experienced altar servers. I invite you to encourage your children and grandchildren to support this initiative.

The gathering will include practical training for altar serving between 4pm and 5pm, followed by pizzas at 5pm.

The gathering will conclude at 5.30pm.

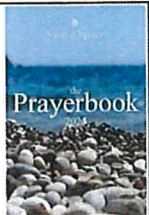
Please RSVP your availability to Fr Jackson on 5821 2633 or email

jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Many thanks. God bless, Fr Jackson.



Sacred Space 2024: The prayer book is an invaluable aid to daily prayer and daily reflection. It is based on a simple daily prayer drawn from Scripture and inspired by the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.



Each day of Sacred Space: The prayer book includes Scripture reading and points of reflection, as well as a weekly topic enhanced by six steps of prayer and reflection; the Presence of God, Freedom, Consciousness, The Word, Conversation and Conclusion. This book begins at the beginning of Advent. Please let Anthony know if you would like a copy for \$30.00. Payment can be made at the Parish office. **Orders will be placed Tuesday October 31.**

St Brendan's Parish **FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will meet again for lunch: 12.30pm, Sunday **October 15** at the Shepparton Club, 455 Wyndham Street, Shepparton. All newcomers Welcome! Enquiries to Pat on 0423 343 711 (leave a message).



Each **Thursday, 6pm - 7pm** in the MPJC. All young adults, aged between 18 - 35 are very welcome to join us.



Wednesday, October 25, morning Mass will start at 9.30am on this day only to celebrate our Sacramental Candidates.

Marian Festival at Sacred Heart Cathedral

October 15, 2023 Please join us at the Annual Marian Festival at Sacred Heart Cathedral to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and entrust our diocese, our nation and the world to the protection of her Immaculate Heart. The Festival will be led by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson, beginning with Mass at 11am and continuing with devotions throughout the afternoon. For more information go to www.bendigofatima.com or call Wilma on 5439 6283.



Upcoming Calendar of Events



Sunday, October 8: Sacramental Mass, 11.00am
Blessing of Animals, 4.00pm

Friday, Saturday & Sunday October 13-15:
Sacramental Masses, 6.30pm, 6.00pm and 11.00am

Saturday, October 14:
Public Rosary in the Church gardens.

Wednesday, October 18: MPJC, Liturgical Seminar, 5.30—8.30pm.

Saturday October 21: Altar Servers Training, 4pm—5.30pm

Wednesday, November 1: Anointing Mass, 11.00am

Wednesday, November 8: Bereavement Mass, 7.30pm

Saturday, November 11: Youth Mass, 6pm



Catholic Women's League

are hosting a Day Retreat at St Mary's Church, Mooroopna on Wednesday, October 18, commencing with Mass at 10am and concluding at approx. 3pm.

The Retreat will be conducted by the Diocesan Spiritual Director, Fr Peter Ferwerda. All ladies are invited (you don't need to be a member). BYO lunch.

Charismatic Prayer Group

All are welcome to join us at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. On the following Thursdays: October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23 with our last meeting being on December 14.



St Malachy's Nagambie 150th Celebrations

St Malachy's Church Nagambie invites you to the celebration of our 150th Year Commemorating the past moving forward in faith. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay DD, Bishop of Sandhurst, at St Malachy's, Nagambie.

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 10am

After which will be the re-naming of the former presbytery to the Kearns Centre followed by light refreshments at St Joseph's School. Please RSVP by November 1 to Wendy Keenan on 0459 595 908.

COMMUNITY OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD

Saturday, October 14, 11:30am Mass
Celebrated by Fr Jackson St Mary's, Mooroopna
Adoration 3.00 - 4.00pm ALL WELCOME



Melbourne Cup Sweep 2023

Our annual Parish fundraiser is back. To join in on the fun, tickets are \$2 each—purchase by October 27, 2023.

- 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 Acc
BSB: 083 543, ACC: 483 593 006,
REF: Surname-Cup Please then email:
shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
with your NAME and PHONE NUMBER.



*October
is the month
of the Rosary*



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



St. Brendan's
Catholic Church

The RCIA process began this week where we held the first of our 3 enquiry nights. We had many questions of what it could mean to your life to join the Catholic faith.

The meetings are held in the Parish centre behind St Brendan's Church at 7.30pm.

There will be two more inquiry nights:

Thursday, October 12, and Thursday, October 19.

If this is something which interests you or someone you know, please come along and join us.

For any questions regarding the RCIA process, please call Anthony on 5821 2633 Tuesdays or Thursdays, or e-mail anthony.pastoral@bigpond.com

Mackillop Faith & Light group are looking for a shop in the CBD to hold their Christmas market. If you know someone who could help, please contact Denise on 0432 054 003.



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Along the track

The Light Within

There are some people who light up our lives. They are good to be around, we spark up when we see them and they can make a dismal day seem so much brighter. And they don't seem aware of it. It is not a deliberate tactic or strategy – it is just who they are. On the other hand, there are those who can drag any day down, they can make us feel dismal, guilty even. We are not all built the same way, not all bright and breezy personalities and we all go through tough times, times that make us sad or depressed but, even in those times, our inner light can shine. “Let your light shine before others” Jesus tells us, not in some boastful bragging fashion but so that others may get a glimpse of God through you.

One such person was Charles de Foucauld (1858 - 1916). He was French aristocrat who inherited a fortune, abandoned his Catholic faith and, like St Augustine, embarked on a pretty dissolute life. He trained as a soldier and served in Morocco and Algeria, but there he wrote “Islam shook me profoundly, the sight of their faith, of these people living in God's constant presence, afforded me a glimpse into something greater and truer than earthly preoccupations.”*

He gave up everything and worked as a handyman in Jerusalem. Living and working there eventually lead him to become a Trappist monk. Trappists stayed in their monasteries and observed a very strict regime of prayer and silence and a way of life based on the rule of St Benedict. After some years he left that monastery and built his own, the Fraternity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, at Beni Abbes, an oasis on the Moroccan border. His dream was that this community would witness to the example of Jesus who reached out to and was welcoming of everyone. The house was open to all, regardless of their nationality, race or religion: He wrote:

He wrote: “Above all, always see Jesus in every person, and consequently treat each one not only as an equal and as a brother or sister, but also with great humility, respect and selfless generosity.”*
'I want all the people here, Christian, Muslim, Jew or non-believer, to see me as their brother, a universal brother. They have started calling my house the 'fraternity' which makes me very happy.' Letter to Marie de Bondy, January 7th 1902

In the last 15 years of his life, de Foucauld went further into the deserts working among the Muslim Tuareg population living the “ministry of presence”, by seeking to meet people and cultures where he found them. Although he received large numbers of guests to the monastery, he was unable to attract any followers to join his fraternity. He made no converts. He had to give up his ambitions. By worldly standards, his experiment was a failure. And yet his witness endured. Last year he was declared to be a Saint. Many today regard him as one of the great spiritual figures of the 20th century, a prophet whose message speaks more clearly to the challenges of our time than it did in his own.

He had hoped to create a Christian community but came to realise that what mattered was friendship, conversations, preferably on a one-to-one basis, rather than conversions. ‘The good you do depends not on what you say or do but on what you are’ he wrote.* He was a friendly presence, a "universal brother" eager to learn about his neighbours' culture. He ended up as a solitary priest in remotest Algeria, where he was shot dead by raiding tribesmen in 1916. Although he died in obscurity, his message that the Gospel is best ‘shown’ rather than ‘told’ has since inspired a growing number of followers, including two religious orders.

St Charles de Foucauld reminded us that the Gospel is best seen in action rather than in just words. Love one another, even your enemy or those who may persecute you, forgive others, don't judge others, welcome the poor, be present to each other, especially the lonely, the sick and the outcast. These were dangerous ideas in Jesus' time, forbidden even but ultimately these are the ideas that might well save the soul of our times.

Charles de Foucauld let his light shine in the unlikeliest of places and in the unlikeliest of ways. While he was considered a failure by some at the time, he left an enduring legacy. He is an example of those who light up our lives.

*from *Seeds of the Desert: the Legacy of Charles de Foucauld*. by René Voillaume,

Regards
Jim Quillinan

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Liturgical Ministry Seminars



- Our Lady's Church,
Wangaratta South
Saturday 14 October 2023,
10:30 am - 2 pm



- St Brendan's Church,
Shepparton
Wednesday 18 October 2023,
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Plenary Keynote Presentation

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* (2022) on Liturgical Formation of the People of God invites renewed reflection on the preparation and celebration of the Church's liturgy. In this keynote address, Prof. Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy will provide an overview of Pope Francis' letter and suggest some implications for liturgical ministries.

This will be followed by a choice of 3 workshop options:

1. Ministry of the Word - Dr Chris Cotter; 2. Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion - Ms Lyn Breen; and 3. Ministry of Liturgical Music - Dr Paul Taylor; that will explore areas of affirmation, challenge and invitation in these ministries.



Professor Clare Johnson



Dr Paul Taylor



Dr Chris Cotter



Ms Lyn Breen

SEMINAR 1

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2023 - WANGARATTA SOUTH

Our Lady's Parish Church, 102 Murdoch Rd, Wangaratta South

TIME: 10:30 a.m.	Morning tea and registration
11:00 a.m.	Keynote on <i>Desiderio Desideravi</i> : Apostolic Letter on the Liturgical Formation of the People of God (2022)
11:40 a.m.	Q & A on <i>Desiderio Desideravi</i> :
12 noon	Lunch (finger food and lunch)
12:45 p.m.	3 Workshop Options <i>1; Ministers of the Word 2; Ministers of Communion 3; Ministers of Music</i>
1:45 p.m.	Concluding Prayer and Evaluations

SEMINAR 2

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2023 - SHEPPARTON

St Brendan's Parish, 121 Knight St, Shepparton

TIME: 5:30 p.m.	Refreshments (finger food and drinks) and registration
6:00 p.m.	Keynote on Pope Francis' <i>Desiderio Desideravi</i> : Apostolic Letter on the Liturgical Formation of the People of God (2022)
6:40 p.m.	Q & A on <i>Desiderio Desideravi</i> :
7:00 p.m.	Tea/Coffee
7:20 p.m.	3 Workshop Options <i>1; Ministers of the Word 2; Ministers of Communion 3; Liturgical Musicians</i>
8:20 p.m.	Concluding Prayer and Evaluations

WORKSHOP 1. FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD In this workshop Dr Chris Cotter, Director of the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Life Office will explore the scripture readings for the forthcoming Season of Advent (Year B) and start of the Church's new Lectionary cycle. Drawing upon relevant guidance in Pope Francis' letter and other resources, Chris will work with current and prospective Ministers of the Word and suggest ways they might help bring the word alive through their liturgical ministry in their local communities.

WORKSHOP 2. FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION In this workshop, Lyn Breen, formerly Faith Formation Coordinator for the Diocese of Sandhurst will explore the implications in *Desiderio Desideravi* for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion within Mass taking into account diocesan guidelines regarding the Ministry of Communion Under Both Kinds.

WORKSHOP 3. FOR LITURGICAL MUSICIANS In this workshop, Paul Taylor, Assistant Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy and Director of Music at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo will work the liturgical musicians in drawing forth implications from *Desiderio Desideravi* for the art of liturgical music ministry, particularly for keyboard players and Cantors/leaders of song.

REGISTRATION BY TRY BOOKING: For catering and resource provision,

Wangarratta registrations due by Wed 11 Oct 2023; <https://www.trybooking.com/CJJVX>

Shepparton registrations due by Fri 13 Oct 2023; <https://www.trybooking.com/CJJVO>

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Day	Title	Presenter
Monday 16 October 7pm – 8.30pm	The Women in the Gospel of Matthew <i>Bookings close: Friday 13 October at 5pm</i>	Dr Rosemary Canavan
Tuesday 17 October 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Basic Listening Skills for Pastoral Ministry <i>Bookings close: Friday 13 October at 5pm</i>	Rev. Dr Jake Mudge
Wednesday 18 October 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Reading the Old Testament: Why and How? <i>Bookings close: Monday 16 October at 5pm</i>	Rev. Dr Kris Sonek OP
Thursday 19 October 7.30pm – 9pm	Lectio Divina <i>Bookings close: Tuesday 17 October at 5pm</i>	Rev. Assoc. Prof. John Dupuche
Monday 23 October 4pm – 5pm	Meditation in the Classroom <i>Bookings close: Friday 20 October at 5pm</i>	Dr Christopher Morris
Tuesday 24 October 7.30pm – 9pm	The Eucharistic Hymns of Thomas Aquinas <i>Bookings close: Friday 20 October at 5pm</i>	Rev. Dr Joseph Vnuk OP
Wednesday 25 October 7pm – 9pm	Religious Education for Today: Why and How? <i>Bookings close: Monday 23 October at 5pm</i>	Dr Rina Madden
Thursday 26 October 7pm – 8.30pm	A Plenary Council and A Global Synod: What Next for Australian Catholics? <i>Bookings close: Tuesday 24 October at 5pm</i>	Very Rev. Kevin Lenehan
Thursday 26 October 7.30pm – 9pm	The Cry for a New Spirituality <i>Bookings close: Tuesday 24 October at 5pm</i>	Rev. Assoc. Prof. John Dupuche
Monday 30 October 4pm – 5pm	Scripture Meditation (<i>lectio divina</i>) in the Classroom <i>Bookings close: Friday 27 October at 5pm</i>	Dr Christopher Morris
Monday 30 October 7pm – 8.30pm	An Introduction to AI and Transhumanism ... for Christians <i>Bookings close: Friday 27 October at 5pm</i>	Rev. Dr Christopher Mulherin
Tuesday 31 October 7.30pm – 9pm	Sisters and Brothers All <i>Bookings close: Friday 27 October at 5pm</i>	Dr Frances Baker RSM
Wednesday 1 November 7.30pm – 9pm	Four Male Characters in John: A Journey into Relationship with the Divine Other <i>Bookings close: Monday 30 October at 5pm</i>	Dr Paul Creevey FMS
Thursday 2 November 7pm – 8.30pm	Levinas, Ethics, and Our Responsibility for the Other: Some Implications for Education <i>Bookings close: Tuesday 31 October at 5pm</i>	Prof. Jānis Ozoliņš