



# The Partnered Parishes of St Brendan's and Holy Rosary

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## PARISH BULLETIN

24th December 2023

### PARISHES PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Thang Vu

Parishes Secretary: Liz Fair (Tue Thurs Fri)

Parishes Assistant: Mary Nguyen (Thurs Friday)

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**Pastoral Carer:** Sr. Pat Dimeck (Tuesday & Wednesday)

### PARISH WEEKLY CALANDER

**Sunday 24th December**

**FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT**

**Monday 25th December**

**The NATIVITY of the LORD  
(Christmas)**

**Tuesday 26th December**

**St Stephen, the first martyr**  
Mass of the Feast, Gloria

**Wednesday 27th December**

**St John, apostle , evangelist**  
Mass of the Feast, Gloria

**Thursday 28th December**

**The Holy Innocents, martyr**  
Mass of the Feast, Gloria

**Friday 29th December**

**5th day in the Octave of the Nativ-  
ity of the Lord**  
Mass of the day, Gloria

**Saturday 30th December**

**6th day in the Octave of the Nativ-  
ity of the Lord**  
Mass of the day, Gloria

**Sunday 31st December**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph**  
Mass of the Feast, Gloria, creed

**SAT 30th Dec - No Mass at Holy**

### HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

22 Gower Street, Kensington Vic 3031

**Saturday: 5.30pm - see time table**

Mass 2024 Jan 6th & 20th

**Sunday: 9am**

**Wednesday & Friday 9:15am**

School: 03 9376 9455 (Christine Shaw)

<https://www.hrkensington.catholic.edu.au/>

### ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH

103 Wellington St, Flemington 3031

**Saturday: \*\*5.30pm\*\* - see time table**

Mass Dec 30th / 2024 Jan 13th & 27th

**Sunday: 10.30am**

**Tuesday & Thursday : 9:15am**

School: 03 9376 0249 (Kellie Noonan)

<https://www.sbflemington.catholic.edu.au/>

\*\*\* Please note - New Sat Evening Mass Times from Nov 23 \*\*\*

Mass will alternate between 2 churches each Sat at the same time 5.30pm

### Christmas Masses

Reconciliation Saturday 23rd St Brendan's 10am - 11am

Sunday 24th Dec  
**Christmas Eve -  
Holy Rosary**

— 6.00pm Carols  
6.30pm Mass

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**Christmas Eve -  
St Brendan's**

— 6.00pm Carols  
6.30pm Mass  
— 9.30pm Carols  
10.00pm Mass

Monday 25th Dec  
**Christmas Day -  
Holy Rosary**

— 9am Mass

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**Christmas Day -  
St Brendan's**

— 10.30am Mass

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Recent Deaths:** Brother Christian James Moe FSC

**RIP Anniversaries:** Anna Maria Nguyen, Stephen Fair

**For the Sick:** Ivy & Jim Fair and for those who care for the sick



\*\*\*\*\* **Important Notice - Roster Volunteer Roster** \*\*\*\*\*

**There is no Volunteer Roster during January**  
**for January READERS please volunteer before Mass on the day**  
**For February we will send out the roster via email**

\*\*\*\* **Ten Ton News** \*\*\*\*

**\$4,000** was raised for Holy Rosary this year. A heartfelt thank you to all who were involved in 2023. As we thank Maureen Tracey for the years of service we welcome Sharon O'Neill who will help organize TEN TON in 2024.

**The Big Draw** was last Sunday and the winner were -

**1st Prize** of \$1,000 Fr. Thang **2nd prize** \$350 Michael L & **3rd prize** \$150 Frances Haber

**Congratulations!!!!**

**TEN TON** costs \$5 per week or \$100 for 20 weeks followed by a Big Draw. If you wish to withdraw from TEN TON please contact the Parish Office Secretary and if you wish to join TEN TON for 2024 please leave your details with the Parish Office.

**Next MORNING TEA at Holy Rosary**

**Now - 4th Sunday of every month**  
**Sunday 25th February 25**

**Next MORNING TEA at St Brendan's**

**Sunday 18th February 24**  
**After 9.00am SUNDAY MASS**

**Supporting the Community**  
**'Canteen of Welcome'**

**Closed 23rd Dec & all of January**

We will see you back when we

REOPEN on

**3rd February 2024**

Saturdays - From 8am—10am

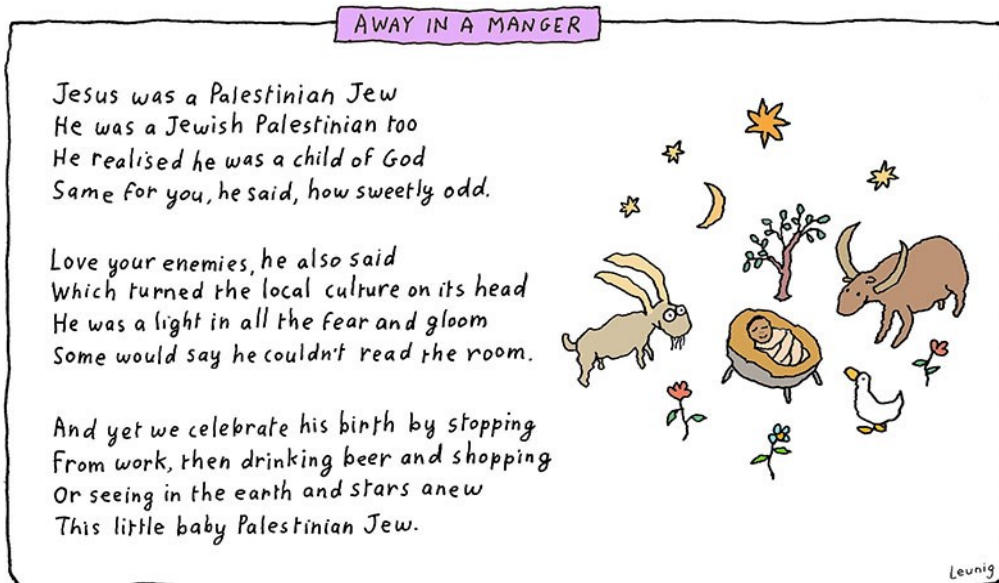


*We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love toward ourselves.  
God is love ... '1 John 4:16*

## Christmas Message 2023 from Fr Thang:

Dear friends,

As I prepared 2023 Christmas reflection for the Staff at St Aloysius a few weeks ago. With what has been happening in the Holy Land and Ukraine, **Leunig's Away in the Manger** can give us some pointers for thoughts and reflection.




Back to Flemken, I would like to thank the parish staff, Sr Pat Dimeck, all volunteers in varied ministries at St. Brendan's and Holy Rosary. Thanks for your commitment and dedication, and to your families for their support.

My prayer is that 2024 we, together, will begin a journey of discernment for the future of St Brendan's and Holy Rosary – Parishes in Partnership.

For all that has been in our parishes, we say 'thanks,'  
For those who have gone ahead of us, for their faith and their care, and the spirit they have left with us.

For all that will be in Flemington and Kensington, we courageously say 'yes,'  
For the possibilities that will present themselves, for the potential that will reveal itself.

**I wish each of you, those you love and those who visit our parishes the joy and peace of this Christmas.**

Saturday Night Mass 5.30pm			REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate	
DAY	DATE	CHURCH	<b>'Spirit Hovering'</b>	
Sat	6/01/2024	Holy Rosary	<p>St Luke's account of the Annunciation draws on the Jewish tradition describing creation: 'There was darkness over the deep and God's Spirit hovered over the water. God said: "Let there be light", and there was light.' (Genesis 1:2-3) St Luke depicts Mary hearing in the depths of her soul: 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.'</p> <p>The Holy Spirit hovers over this young Jewish woman so that the most stupendously creative act in human history can take place. With her consent, God assumes human nature to be gradually enfleshed, embodied, in Mary's womb. A naturally bewildered young woman was able to respond to God's will because she understood the imagery and the symbolism of the Genesis Story. We, in turn, need to read the Gospels in all their Jewishness so that we can understand when God's Holy Spirit hovers over our lives, asking us to fulfil some particular role in the Divine Plan.</p> <p>We could pause for a moment to ask whether <i>now</i> is the time for a Marian response: 'Be it done unto me according to your word.'</p> 	
Sat	13/01/2024	St Brendans		
Sat	20/01/2024	Holy Rosary		
Sat	27/01/2024	St Brendans		
Sat	3/02/2024	Holy Rosary		
Sat	10/02/2024	St Brendans		
Sat	17/02/2024	Holy Rosary		
Sat	24/02/2024	St Brendans		
Sat	2/03/2024	Holy Rosary		
Sat	9/03/2024	St Brendans		
Sat	16/03/2024	Holy Rosary		
Sat	23/03/2024	St Brendans		
Sat	30/03/2024	Holy Rosary		
Sat	6/04/2024	Holy Rosary		
Sat	13/04/2024	St Brendans		
Sat	20/04/2024	Holy Rosary		
Sat	27/04/2024	St Brendans		
Sat	4/05/2024	Holy Rosary		



May the star of Bethlehem which shone brightly over the first crib stand guard over our homes, our families and our friends filling them and all the earth with light and peace.

We thank you **O Christ**, and we bless you because by your holy birth you give hope to all the world. **Amen**

**'Jesus Christ loves you;  
he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.'** - Pope Francis