



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

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**PARISH BULLETIN** 14th April 2024

**PARISHES PASTORAL TEAM**

Parish Priest: Fr. Thang Vu  
 Parishes Secretary: Liz Fair (Tue Thurs Fri)  
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 Pastoral Carer: Sr. Pat Dimeck (Tuesday & Wednesday)

**PARISH WEEKLY CALANDER**

**3rd week of Easter**  
**Sunday 14th April**  
**3rd SUNDAY of EASTER**  
 10.30am Baptism St Brendan's -  
 Elliot Craig

**Monday 15th April**

**Tuesday 16th April**

**Wednesday 17th April**

**Thursday 18th April**  
 9.15am St Brendan's - Reconciliation  
 Commitment Mass

**Friday 19th April**

**Saturday 20th April**  
 5.30pm Mass at Holy Rosary  
 No Mass St Brendan's

**MORNING TEA at St Brendan's**

**A Thank you to former  
 St Brendan's principal  
 Peter Hayes**  
**Sunday 21st April 2024**

Join us for Cake and a Light Snack  
**After 10.30am SUNDAY MASS**

**TEN TON WINNER - WEEK 7**

**Shane Healey  
 Congratulations !!!**

*Ten Ton is a Fund Raiser  
 Holy Rosary Church.*

**Supporting the Community  
 St Brendan's Church**



**'Canteen of Welcome'  
 Every Saturday  
 From 8am - 10am**

Come and join Fr., parishioners, &  
 members of the community for a  
 coffee, breakfast, catch up, with  
 friendship and support.

**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

22 Gower Street, Kensington Vic 3031  
**Saturday: 5.30pm**  
**Next Sat Mass is 6th & 20th April**  
**Sunday: 9am**  
**Wednesday & Friday 9:15am**

**School: 03 9376 9455 (Christine Shaw)**  
<https://www.hr Kensington.catholic.edu.au/>



**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**RIP Anniversaries: Gina Infantino**  
**Sick: Brian Thomas**

**ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH**

103 Wellington St, Flemington 3031  
**Saturday: \*\*5.30pm\*\***  
**Next Sat Mass is 13th & 27th April**  
**Sunday: 10.30am**  
**Tuesday & Thursday : 9:15am**

**School: 03 9376 0249 (Kellie Noonan)**  
<https://www.sbflemington.catholic.edu.au/>

**Roster Volunteer Roster**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Holy Rosary</u> Lector / Commentator	<u>Holy Rosary</u> Minister of Communion
Sat 20th 7.30pm	Patricia Harwood / Maureen Treacy	Austin Borg
Sun 21st 9:00am	Johann Posso / Stephen Parnis	Lynette Walsh
<u>Date</u>	<u>St. Brendan's</u> Lector / Commentator	<u>St. Brendan's</u> Minister of Communion
Sat 20th 5:30pm	No Mass	No Mass
Sun 21st 10:30am	Patricia Glynn Clare Gruner Giuseppina Tafuro	Alan Gruner

**MONTHLY FINANCES -**

*Thank you! for all your continuing contributions to the church during these challenging times. **THANK YOU** -*

	<b>Holy Rosary</b>		<b>St Brendan's</b>
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,360.00	Thanksgiving	\$1,687.00
Presbytery	\$ 1,080.40	Presbytery	\$1,200.00
Loose	\$ 973.05	Loose	\$1,128.70

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit contribution please use account details -  
 BSB **083 347** Account No: **65326 1718** Name: **Church Account**

**Thank you Parishioners**

Thank you all parishioners for donations of Project Compassion we raised  
**\$1,258.35** and Good Friday appeal **\$955.60**

**Save the Date**

**St Brendan's Day Sunday 19th May**





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\*\*\*\*\* Special Collection \*\*\*\*\*

**Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal  
Sunday 21st April**

*Corpus Christi College & Catholic Theological College  
Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church*

Please donate to the Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal, donations will go to support the educational costs of seminarians of the regional seminary, Corpus Christi College.

Students come to the College from the dioceses of Victoria and Tasmania, and also from South Australia, Darwin and other parts of Australia. It is a thriving community of domestic and international students, discerning their call to a life of mission and service as Catholic priests.

More information at - <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>  
Donate on line - [Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal \(divinity.edu.au\)](https://divinity.edu.au/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/)

\*\*\*\* Feedback \*\*\*\*

**Easter Liturgy 2024**

We would love to hear from you with any feedback on the Easter Liturgy and Masses this year.

Please email to [flemken@cam.org.au](mailto:flemken@cam.org.au)  
Subject **EASTER**

Or drop in a note to the St Brendan's office or hand to Fr Thang after mass.

**REFLECTION by Greg Sunter**

**Gospel Reflection**

This week we again see something of the quirky nature of the selection of readings for the Sunday lectionary. This passage from the gospel of Luke immediately follows the magnificent story of the road to Emmaus and the risen Jesus' appearance to two disciples. Rather than hearing that story we have this account that follows; an account that is very similar to the passage of last week in which Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples and dispelled the doubts of Thomas. This week's reading is almost identical except that it does not place the blame of doubt on just one single disciple. Why select this reading as opposed to the Emmaus story? Perhaps the decision focused on the fact that this passage shows the risen Jesus appearing to all of the disciples and not just two.

However, what this account gives us that last week's account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding scripture. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he'd been talking about when he'd spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, 'He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.' This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is an imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than a surface, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures 'literally' i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus' enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of 'understanding' scripture not just blindly accepting it.

**Scriptural context – Post-resurrection accounts**

All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark – historically, the first written – gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.

**Have you thought? Is 'Literal' wrong?**

Is there really something intrinsically wrong about a literal interpretation of scripture? Not at all! It is indeed an essential tool of any scriptural interpretation. It is of course important that we first and foremost understand the text as it is written – we have to have a literal understanding of the words that are used and what they mean. The problem arises when this is as far as we go. If we stop at this stage then we are shutting ourselves off from the richness of the scriptures. If we fail to dig below the surface then we are denying ourselves the opportunity of scrutinising our lives in the light of the scripture.

**Gospel Focus – Peace be with you**

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, 'Peace be with you!' His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, 'Peace be with you!' recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' – he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!

**Sat Night 5.30pm Mass Roster**

	DATE	CHURCH
Sat	13/04/2024	St Brendans
Sat	20/04/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat	27/04/2024	St Brendans
Sat	4/05/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat	11/05/2024	St Brendans
Sat	18/05/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat	25/05/2024	St Brendans
Sat	1/06/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat	8/06/2024	St Brendans
Sat	15/06/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat	22/06/2024	St Brendans
Sat	29/06/2024	TBA
Sat	6/07/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat	13/07/2024	St Brendans
Sat	20/07/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat	27/07/2024	St Brendans
Sat	3/08/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat	10/08/2024	St Brendans
Sat	17/08/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat	24/08/2024	St Brendans

*'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