



The Partnered Parishes of St Brendan's and Holy Rosary

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PARISH BULLETIN 21st April 2024

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PARISH WEEKLY CALANDER

4th week of Easter
Sunday 21st April
4th SUNDAY of EASTER
 Thank you Peter Hayes
 After Mass Morning tea

Monday 22nd April

Tuesday 23rd April

Wednesday 24th April

Thursday 25th April

Friday 26th April
 St Mark, evangelist

Saturday 27th April
 2.30pm - Wedding St Brendan's
 Kym & David Congratulations!
 5.30pm - Mass at St Brendan's
 No Mass at Holy Rosary

TEN TON WINNER - WEEK 8

Lucy Billingham
Congratu lations !!!

Ten Ton is a Fund Raiser
 Holy Rosary Church.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

22 Gower Street, Kensington Vic 3031

Saturday: 5.30pm

Next Sat Mass is 4th & 18th May

Sunday: 9am

Wednesday & Friday 9:15am

School: 03 9376 9455 (Christine Shaw)

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



PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

RIP Anniversaries: Maria Paolo & Giuse Nguyen Huu Loc.
 Antonio & Eerslia Portelli. Michael, Dolores & Salvatore Farrugia.
 Carlo Moiri, Michael & Giovanna Meilak.
 Michael Darmanin & Maria Meilak.

Next - Combined Pastoral Council Meeting 2024 Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Roster Volunteer Roster

Date	Holy Rosary Lector / Commentator	Holy Rosary Minister of Communion
Sat 27th 5.30pm	No Mass	No Mass
Sun 28th 9:00am	Jonathan Smith / Anne Daunt	Max Stephens
Date	St. Brendan's Lector /Commentator	St. Brendan's Minister of Communion
Sat 27th 5:30pm	Sr. Valda Clarke / Gerard English	Lou Ferrugia
Sun 28th 10:30am	Quynh Pham / Teresa Soliman Maria Pavone	Lino Lazzaro

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.

MORNING TEA at St Brendan's

***** Special Event Today *****

Thank you Peter Hayes
former St Brendan's Principal

Join us for Cake and a Light
 Snack

After 10.30am SUNDAY MASS

Welcome Simon Zakari

We have a visit from Simon a seminarian
 who will give the vocation testimony at this
 weekend masses.

Saturday 20/4

5:30pm - Holy Rosary Church, Kensington

Sunday 21/4

9am - Holy Rosary Church, Kensington

10:30am - St Brendan's Church, Flemington

Save the Date - 19th May
St Brendan's Day Sunday



***** Feedback ******

Website

Please have a look at our new Website at -
<https://flemkencatholic.com/>
 We would love your any feedback.

Please email to flemken@cam.org.au
 Subject WEBSITE

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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
 Subject EASTER

**** **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 \(divinity.edu.au\)](http://Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal (divinity.edu.au))



CATHOLIC
THEOLOGICAL
COLLEGE



Sat Night 5.30pm Mass Roster

DATE	CHURCH
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	St Brendans
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
Sat 31/08/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat 7/09/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat 14/09/2024	St Brendans
Sat 21/09/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat 28/09/2024	St Brendans
Sat 5/10/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat 12/10/2024	St Brendans
Sat 19/10/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat 26/10/2024	St Brendans
Sat 2/11/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat 9/11/2024	St Brendans
Sat 16/11/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat 23/11/2024	St Brendans
Sat 30/11/2024	TBA
Sat 7/12/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat 14/12/2024	St Brendans
Sat 21/12/2024	Holy Rosary
Sat 28/12/2024	St Brendans

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is such a familiar image that it can sometimes become over-familiar and cease to engage us. Countless works of art have presented this image literally, picturing Jesus as a shepherd with a crook and surrounded by sheep or even with a lamb draped around the back of his neck. The image from this week's gospel often gets merged with the image from the parable of the lost sheep that appears in the gospels of Luke (15:1-7) and Matthew (18:10-14) where artists frequently place Jesus as the hero of his own parable and portray him as the 'good shepherd' going out to retrieve the one lost sheep. Such amalgamations of different gospel images can become very confusing. Some of this confusion and literal interpretation stems from the gospel writer's choice of metaphoric language. In the gospel, Jesus says, 'I am the good shepherd', not 'I am like the good shepherd'. The writer's use of metaphor, rather than simile, provides a much more compelling image but can result in a more literal interpretation.

The emphasis of the image is on the adjective. Jesus is the good shepherd. Shepherds generally were not regarded as particularly good people – more like the scum of the earth! – so the choice of image is a deliberate one to unsettle the listeners. Unlike their normal expectation of shepherds – cut-throats who would run away at the first sign of danger – Jesus is the good shepherd: the one who does not abandon his flock; the one who has concern for his sheep; the one who will lay down his own life for his sheep. The final verses of the passage make an interesting extension to the image of shepherd and sheep. Unlike the 'sacrificial lamb', the good shepherd chooses to lay down his life and also has the power to take it up again.

Historical Context – The GOOD Shepherd?

The John gospel writer's use of the image of Jesus as the good shepherd would have been a confronting image for the initial audience. Shepherds in first century Palestine were far from the idyllic pastoral image that we generally associate with the image. They occupied one of the lowest steps on the social ladder – men of such poor reputation that they could only be trusted to herd sheep; they certainly couldn't be trusted around other people! Jesus' use of the image cut two ways: it was a confronting image for the audience; but it was also a challenge to those leaders who had been charged to 'shepherd' their people and behaved no better than thieves – Jesus was giving them an image of what it means to be a good shepherd.

Scriptural context – The Shepherd Messiah

The gospels go to great lengths to affirm the lineage of Jesus and associate him with the house of David, the first great Jewish king. David began life as a simple boy tending his father's flock of sheep. When the line of kings was instigated through David they were charged with being 'shepherds' of their people. However, down through the line of kings, this care for the people was lost and they ceased to be 'shepherds'. Jesus' claim to be the good shepherd is his claim to be in the line of the true kings of Israel – a shepherd of the people.

Different View – The Australian Shepherd

Australian audiences can tend to struggle a bit with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd. The Australian image of sheep is one of huge flocks of sheep that number in their hundreds and thousands and roam freely over enormous open plains. I guess we also tend to look on sheep as pretty stupid animals that will follow anything anywhere. It doesn't seem to work to put Jesus into this image of vast sheep stations. The idea of a shepherd knowing his sheep individually seems a bit ridiculous in this context.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. What message does the image of Jesus, the good shepherd, hold for you?
- Q. What contemporary image might convey the same message as the image of the good shepherd?
- Q. What interpretation can be applied to the line, 'there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold'?
- Q. Have you ever had an experience of being cared for by someone you could call 'a shepherd'?
- Q. Who do you need to 'shepherd'?

Learning moments

- * Use the internet to research the place and role of shepherds in 1st Century Mediterranean culture. Why might Jesus have described himself as a shepherd?
- * Explore the history of the kings of Israel from King David to King Herod – were they ever truly shepherds to the people?
- * Where in the church today is the image of 'shepherd' used?
- * Create a prayer that reflects the image of Jesus as the good shepherd.

'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