



# St Brendan's & St Michael's Parish



## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

31 March, 2024

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power for all the ages of  
eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

#### First Reading: **Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him  
after his resurrection from the dead.*

#### Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23.**

**R. v.24**

**(R.)** This is the day the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad.

#### Second Reading: **Colossians 3:1-4**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Colossians

*Look for the things that are in heaven,  
where Christ is.*

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us  
feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel: **John 20:1-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John

*The teaching of scripture is that he  
must rise from the dead.*

#### Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,  
alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with  
the unleavened bread of purity and truth,  
alleluia, alleluia.



### Reflection

#### Entirely New Question

The empty tomb leads to an *entirely new question* in human history:

**The women, confronted with the absence of the dead body of Jesus in the tomb, were exposed to a new form of questioning, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead' (Kelly, Meditations On Holy Week, 65).**

The resurrection and the appearances of Jesus confirm the importance of this penetrating question. What has taken place is entirely without precedent.

The language chosen by the four evangelists is important.

Concerning the *fact* of resurrection, they tell us that Jesus was 'raised from death by his Father.' Concerning the *appearances* of Jesus, they tell us that 'Jesus let himself be seen.'

By using the **passive tense**, for both the resurrection itself and for the appearances, we begin to understand that Jesus is completely dependent upon his Father.

Father and Son work together as a team. Mutuality is the name of the game.

The implications for our spiritual life are important:

**Are we going to say a few prayers here and there, but largely carry on as if God does not exist, or are we going to depend entirely on God?**

Best make up our mind.

**Amen.**

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## SACRAMENTS

**FIRST EUCHARIST**

The **Sacrament of First Eucharist** will take place at St Brendan's on Sunday 2 June at 11:00am and at St Michael's on Sunday 9 June at 11:00am.

Children in Year 3 and upwards are eligible to receive the Sacrament.

**Registration for First Eucharist is now open.**

Below the links to register

[www.stbrendan.org.au/sacraments/](http://www.stbrendan.org.au/sacraments/)

**CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation this year will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 18 August 2024 at 12.30pm.

Preparation classes will be held at St Brendan's and St Michael churches.

Children in Year 6 and upwards and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist are eligible to receive the Sacrament.

To register:

<https://stbrendan.org.au/sacraments/confirmation/>

For any enquiries please contact

**Michelle Durham, Sacramental Coordinator at sacramental@stbrendan.org.au**

**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES**

What are these envelopes used for? The money from these envelopes goes to a Central Fund that attends to the needs of the priests in the Archdiocese. These include: sick priests, priests in special works, migrant chaplains and priests undertaking further studies. Please give them some thought especially at this time.

**THANK YOU**

We thank all those who contributed to the Easter Ceremonies. We also thank all who donated money for the Easter flowers and to all of you who participated.

**"OPEN HOUSE AT THE PALACE: AN AUSTRALIAN STREET"**

Gerard Windsor is a longtime parishioner and writer. His last book was "The Tempest-Tossed Church: Being a Catholic Today". His new book, his twelfth, is about another of his communities. "Open House at the Palace: An Australian Street" is about the life and the personalities of Palace St, Petersham where he has lived since 1980. Fellow parishioners and friends are invited to the launch of the book at the Petersham Bowling Club, Brighton St, on Saturday 13 April between 2pm and 4pm.

**DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD**

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb and it is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn.

An initiative of Family Life International, on **Sunday, April 14, 2024**, there will be a street procession following 10:30 a.m. Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the procession, which will be followed by an address at Parliament House by guest speaker Archbishop Julian Porteous.

All are welcome, and invite family and friends as we process for life!

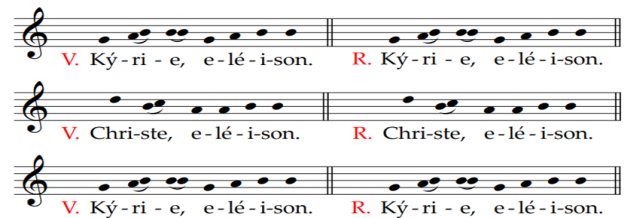
**This Sunday's Hymns****Processional:**

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!  
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives; Alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves. Alleluia!  
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!  
his atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!  
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!  
he the first fruits of our race. Alleluia!

**Offertory:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
sing now in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been  
granted in what He ordaineth?

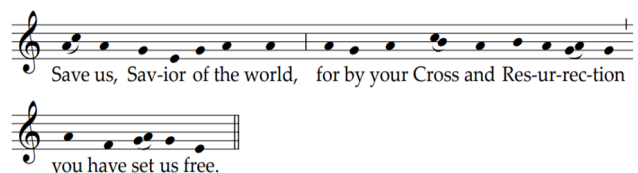
Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously,  
made thee!  
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling,  
hath stayed thee.  
What need or grief ever hath failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and  
defend thee,  
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth  
send thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises  
before Him!

Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
gladly for aye we adore Him.



## Victimae Paschali Laudes

Ascribed to Wipo of Burgundy (d. 1048)  
Translation by Peter J. Scagnelli (b. 1949)

Mode I



## Communion:

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from His piercé side;  
praise we Him whose love divine  
gives His sacred blood for wine,  
gives His body for the feast,  
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky,  
pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie;  
death is conquered in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light;  
hymns of glory and of praise,  
risen Lord, to Thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to Thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.

## Thanksgiving

Godhead here in hiding whom I do adore  
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more.  
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart  
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;  
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;  
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;  
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.

On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men;  
Here thy very manhood steals from human ken:  
Both are my confession, both are my belief,  
And I pray the prayer made by the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,  
But I plainly call thee Lord and God as he:  
This faith each day deeper be my holding of,  
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

O thou, our reminder of the Crucified,  
Living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,  
Lend this life to me, then; feed and feast my mind,  
There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

Like what tender tales tell of the Pelican,  
Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what thy bosom ran--  
Blood that but one drop of has the pow'r to win  
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.

Jesus whom I look at shrouded here below,  
I beseech thee, send me what I thirst for so,  
Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light  
And be blest forever with thy glory's sight.

## Recessional:

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; alleluia!  
now above the sky He's King, alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing: alleluia

*All of the Hymns are in the Public Domain*



*Please remember in  
Your Prayers*

### Our dead

**Recently deceased:** Joy Hockings, Lisa Simpson, Maria Teres Amado, Cathy Rinaudo, Carmen Haydee Sanches.

**Anniversaries:** Maria Luchi, Annunziata Severino, Vincenzo Giannini, Maria & Nicola Severino.

**Our sick:** Pat Wilson, Lorraine, Val Ingate, Helen Scott, Claire West, C & J Rayner, Michael Tannous, John Emerald O'Brien .

### Alleluia, Christ is risen and we see him,

In the faces of the poor,  
In the hurting of the sick,  
In the anguish of the oppressed.  
Alleluia, Christ is risen and we see him  
In the weakness of the vulnerable,  
In the questions of the doubting,  
In the fears of the dying.  
Alleluia, Christ is risen and we see him,  
In the celebration of the saints,  
In the generosity of the faithful,  
In the compassion of the caring.  
Alleluia, Christ is risen and we see him,  
He transforms our world with love,  
Ignites our stony hearts with compassion,  
And transfigures our world with the spirit of life.  
Alleluia, Christ is risen. And we see him.

### ROSTERS - ANNANDALE

	Week (5) 31 March, 2024 - This Week	Week (1) 7 April, 2024 - Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	F Green	D Lee
Readers	P Cook, M Marr	S Rossetti
Welcomers		M Digges
Altar Group		S Edwards, J Gow
Counters	A & D Robinson	S & K Edwards

### HOW CAN YOU FINANCIALLY SUPPORT YOUR PARISHES

You can financially support your parish by contributing to the weekly planned giving via the envelope system. The funds raised in this way, the loose second collection monies placed on the plate and the Tap & Go, are those which cover our running costs, maintenance and improvements, and the income on which our budgets are set.

For your convenience, if you would prefer to give monthly by credit card, this may also be arranged.

Contributions to the planned giving are **30%tax deductible**, and if you require a tax benefit we would encourage you to contribute both to St Brendan's and St Michael's planned giving, and also to the Diocesan Charitable Works Fund which is a 100% tax deductible fund. Contributions to the Charitable Works Fund benefit the parish as they are deducted from the quota levied on the parish by the Diocese and therefore reduce the gap which needs to be paid from parish funds.



### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 93905810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### PARISH STAFF

**Parish Priest** - Fr Matthew Meagher

**Parish Secretary** - Zina Pappalardo

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30am to 3.00pm

### St Brendan's School

Principal: Ms Hayley de Vries

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### St Michael's School

Principal: Mrs Allison Travers

Telephone: 9569 7479

### BAPTISM BOOKINGS

Please contact the parish for all Baptism enquiries.

### MARRIAGE

By appointment only. Six months notice required.

**ROSARY:** The Rosary is recited at St Brendan's on the last Sunday of the month, at 9:10am, before Mass.

### CRAFT GROUP:

The craft group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6.30 pm and the 1st Saturday at 2pm. The meetings are now held in the Convent.

### PARISH LIBRARY

**The Parish Library** is in the bookcase in the room at the back of St Brendan's church.

Parishioners may borrow books at any time the church is open (except during mass and other services and confession times (Saturday 8:00 – 8:50am), entering their name, email address and the title of the book on the borrowing sheet which is on top of the bookcase.

Returned books are to be placed in the Returned Books tray on the top of the bookcase.

### THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

#### Annandale

Tuesday **NO MASS**  
Wednesday 9:00am  
Thursday 9:00am  
Saturday 9:00am  
Sunday **9:30am**  
**5:00pm**

#### Stanmore

Tuesday 6.30pm  
Friday 9:00am  
Saturday Vigil **5.30pm**

### ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Tuesday: 5.30pm-6.20pm Stanmore

Saturday: 8.00am-8.50am Annandale