



# St Brendan's & St Michael's Parish

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

14 APRIL, 2024

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

#### First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

#### Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

#### Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

### Reflection

#### Not Meristic

Evidently, our Gospel has three parts:

**Two disciples telling their story of encounter with Christ on the 'way.'**

**Jesus appearing to the apostles, offering peace, manifesting his wounds and eating fish to demonstrate the reality of his rising.**

**Jesus interpreting his suffering and resurrection that gives new impetus to preaching repentance and the forgiveness of sins (Luke 24).**

The resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth is authentic and integral. It is authentic.

The empty tomb aids belief:

**It was the practice in the ancient world to raid a tomb, unwrap the shroud around the body, throw the body into a corner of the tomb, and sell the shroud on the black market.**

The tomb of Jesus was different. The shroud was left-behind.

The body missing.

It is integral.

The resurrection appearances confirm that Jesus was raised body, soul and spirit.

This will be our lot, too, if we are faithful to our baptism:

**Body resurrected – including our senses and emotions.**

**Soul resurrected – including our intellect, will and memory.**

**Spirit resurrected – including our capacity for God himself.**

Resurrection is holistic, *not meristic*.

Every single part of us will be drawn into the great act of resurrection.

Nothing is excluded.

**Amen.**

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#### Prayer

*Loving God, may the Risen Jesus come into the midst of the difficulties and challenges of our lives with his gift of peace. Open our hearts to his life-giving Spirit that our lives may witness to his triumph over sin. We ask this in his name, confident that you will hear us.*

verbum dei

"Peace be with you."

## 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.

**Registrations are now closed.**

**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**

**RITE OF WELCOMING**

We will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming of a Candidate preparing for Reception into full communion of the Catholic Church for Jeremy Harper at the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Michael's on this Saturday April 13th.

**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.

**SISTERS OF LIFE - Sydney Tour 2024**

The Sisters of Life are coming to Sydney this April! University Catholics invites you to come and meet the sisters at any of the many events they will be attending! For more information and to book, visit <https://www.unicatholics.org.au/sisters-of-life-2024-sydney-tour>

**BANQUET: Pentecost Intensive 2024**

Join the MGL Sisters for Pentecost 2024 as we discover the depths of God's love through our Banquet Intensive and accept the invitation to radical intimacy with the Trinity. Feast on God's powerful love for you, open up to the gifts of the Spirit, savour times of powerful input, prayer, and practical workshops, and find the charismatic generosity of God unleashed in your own life of mission and discipleship.

**DATES:** Friday 17th May - Wednesday 22nd May

**VENUE:** Carmel House, Varroville

Enquiries: [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

Registrations: <http://www.trybooking.com/CNSXA>

**PROCESSIONAL: Emmaus Silent Retreat**

Embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where the victorious love of God is revealed through the abiding presence of Jesus. Be renewed in spending time alone with the Lord, and watch as He slowly sets your heart ablaze. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is a retreat for both men and women.

**DATE:** Friday 19th April - Sunday 21st April

**VENUE:** Varroville NSW

More information and registration at [trybooking.com/CNSXK](http://trybooking.com/CNSXK)

**This Sunday's Hymns**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the sceptre, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Tho' the cloud from sight received Him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

V. Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son. R. Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son.

V. Chri-ste, e-lé-i-son. R. Chri-ste, e-lé-i-son.

V. Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son. R. Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son.

**Offertory:**

Lord, accept the gifts we offer  
at this Eucharistic Feast,  
bread and wine to be transformed now  
through the action of Thy Priest  
take us too, lord, and transform us,  
be Thy grace in us increased.

May our souls be Pure and spotless  
as the host of wheat so fine;  
may all stain of sin be crushed out,  
like the grape that forms the wine,  
as we, too, become partakers,  
in this Sacrifice Divine.

Take our gifts, Almighty Father,  
Living God, Eternal, True,  
which we give through Christ, our Saviour,  
pleading here for us anew  
Grant salvation to all present,  
and our faith and love renew.

**Communion:**

O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore Thee,  
Who truly art within the forms before me;  
to Thee my heart I bow with bended knee,  
as failing quite in contemplating Thee.

Sight, touch, and taste in Thee are each deceived;  
the ear alone most safely is believed;  
I believe all the Son of God has spoken,  
than truth's own word there is no truer token.

God only on the cross lay hid from view;  
but here lies hid at once the manhood too;  
and I, in both professing my belief,  
make the same prayer as the repentant thief.

Thy wounds, as Thomas saw, I do not see;  
yet Thee confess my Lord and God to be;  
make me believe Thee evermore and more;  
in Thee my hope, in Thee my love to store.

O Thou memorial of our Lord's own dying!  
O living bread, to mortals life supplying!  
make Thou my soul henceforth on Thee to live,  
ever a taste of heavenly sweetness give.

O loving Pelican! O Jesus Lord!  
unclean I am, but cleanse me in Thy Blood!  
Of which a single drop, for sinners spilt,  
can purge the entire world from all its guilt.

Jesus, whom, for the present, veil'd I see,  
what I so thirst for, oh! vouchsafe to me;  
that I may see Thy countenance unfolding,  
and may be blest Thy glory in beholding.

**Thanksgiving:**

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from His piercéd 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.

**Recessional:**

Easter glory fills the sky, alleluia,  
Christ now lives, no more to die, alleluia;  
darkness has been put to flight, alleluia,  
by the living Lord of light, alleluia.

See, the stone is rolled away, alleluia,  
from the tomb where once he lay, alleluia;  
he has risen as he said, alleluia,  
glorious firstborn from the dead, alleluia.

Seek not life within the tomb, alleluia,  
Christ stands in the upper room, alleluia,  
risen glory he conceals, alleluia,  
risen body he reveals, alleluia.

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EMMANUEL COMMUNITY

**PENTECOST RETREAT**

*From the Heart of Jesus*

18 - 19 MAY

BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE

Cost: \$145 | Students: \$110  
Register and more information at  
[www.trybooking.com/CQAIY](http://www.trybooking.com/CQAIY)

Please remember in  
Your Prayers

**Our dead**

**Recently deceased:** Joy Hockings, Lisa Simpson, Maria Teresa Amado.

**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 .

**CAMINO of ST JOSEPH**  
26|27 APRIL 2024

AN OVERNIGHT WALKING PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER.

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MAXIMUS MENS MINISTRY NETWORK

**ROSTERS - ANNANDALE**

	Week (2) 14 April, 2024 - This Week	Week (3) 21 April, 2024 - Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
<b>Acolyte</b>	P Pace	F Green
<b>Readers</b>	P Cook, J McGrath	M Gibbs, H Paton
<b>Welcomers</b>	J Young	
<b>Altar Group</b>	P Cook, J Fraser	
<b>Counters</b>	N Frances, J McGrath	D Lee, J McNamara

On behalf of the Parish Renewal Team,  
The University of Notre Dame Australia presents

# Didasko

Adult Faith Formation

**Christ the Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfective Way: An Introduction to Christology**

Br Benjamin Johnson OFM Cap  
Mondays 15, 22 and 29 April 2024,  
7:30pm - 8:45pm



Cost: \$35 per person,  
\$100 for Parish Groups (+ BOOKING FEES)  
Online via Zoom  
Register at: [gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko)



**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  
Telephone: 9519 3974

**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 9:00am  
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