



St Brendan's & St Michael's Parish



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

Good Shepherd Sunday
(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

21 APRIL, 2024

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

John 10:14

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*This is the only name by which we can
be saved.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has
become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know
my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John

*The good shepherd lays down his life
for his sheep.*

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down
his life for his sheep and willingly died for his
flock, alleluia.

Reflection

I AM

There are seven **I AM** statements in the Gospel of John.

God told Moses to tell the people that his name is **I AM** (Exodus 3:14). Jesus walks on the water, assumes God's name, and declares to the frightened disciples:

I AM. Do not be afraid (John 6:20).

John then immediately sets about 'putting flesh' on the name of God. Today we have the fourth:

I AM the Good Shepherd (John 10).

Christ is our Good Shepherd and we are his sheep, the only animal – apparently – not to go feral.

According to St. John Vianney, priests are supposed to be good shepherds after the heart of Christ. What a gift to a parish that would be.

We should remember that priests do not choose the priesthood. Rather, they are chosen by Christ, not because of their gifts, but because of their weaknesses:

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

**God chose what is low and despised in the world
(1Corinthians 1:27-28).**

In other words, a priest's greatest strength is never to forget his weakness and Christ's predilection – a beautiful word.

Amen.

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61ST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace

.....In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon: "Rise up!" Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: "Have the courage to commit!" Father Oreste Benzi, a tireless apostle of charity, ever on the side of the poor and the defenseless, used to say that no one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as not to need something to receive.

Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace.

Pope Francis

For the full text go to [Message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2024 | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

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

MAY CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to attend the May Celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, May 13th. The event is dedicated to honouring Our Lady and praying for peace in the world and the welfare of Australia. The celebration will begin at 11:30 am with an entrance procession inside the cathedral, featuring the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima along with the Immaculate Heart. The programme includes recitation of the rosary, litany of Loreto, and the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, followed by Holy Mass at noon. We would be honoured to have you join us in prayer. For further enquiries, please contact us at 0403578994.

Feast of
**OUR LADY
of FATIMA**
Saturday, 11 May 2024

Feel the strength and warmth of community, the power of prayer, and the connection between the faithful youth of Sydney at the 'Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Procession' beginning with a vigil mass at 6pm at St Mary's Cathedral followed by a candle-lit Procession around the Cathedral Forecourt.

For more information, visit sydneycatholic.org/our-lady-of-fatima-procession

*We welcome into our faith community
this weekend through the sacrament of Baptism at
St Brendan's*

*Billie Andrews Buchanan and
Buddy Ray Handlin*

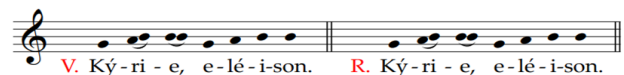
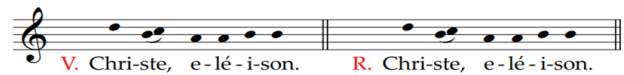
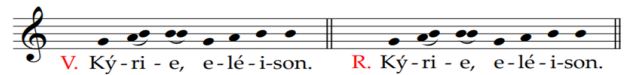
and congratulate their parents.

This Sunday's Hymns

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.

**Offertory:**

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation;
 pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see Thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in Thee.
 Changed from glory into glory,
 till in heav'n we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Communion:

Soul of my Savior, sanctify my breast;
 Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
 Blood of my Savior, bathe me in thy tide;
 Wash me with water flowing from his side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be;
 O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
 Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
 So shall I never, never part from thee.

Hear me, Lord Jesus, listen as I pray;
 "Lead me from night to never ending day.
 Fill all the world with love and grace divine,
 And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine."

Thanksgiving:

The King of love my shepherd is,
 whose goodness faileth never.
 I nothing lack if I am his,
 and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
 my ransomed soul he leadeth;
 and where the verdant pastures grow,
 with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
 but yet in love he sought me;
 and on his shoulder gently laid,
 and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
 with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
 thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Recessional:

Bring, all ye dear-bought nations,
 bring your richest praises to the king,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 that spotless Lamb, who more than due,
 paid for his sheep, and those sheep you,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The guiltless Son, who bought your peace,
 and made his father's anger cease,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 then, life and death together fought,
 each to a strange extreme were brought.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Life died, but soon revived again,
 and even death by it was slain.
 alleluia, alleluia,
 Say, happy Magdalen, oh say,
 what didst thou see there by the way?
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

'I saw the tomb of my dear lord,
 I saw himself and him adored,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 I saw the napkin and the sheet,
 that bound his head and wrapped his feet.'
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All of the hymns are in the Public Domain

ANZAC DAY

Thursday, 25 April 2024

Every year on April 25th, Australians and New Zealanders pay tribute to the brave men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting our borders and preserving our freedoms. This day is not only about commemorating the soldiers but also about acknowledging and honouring all those who serve in uniform, provide medical care, and support their families who wait at home. We also remember those who come home but are ill in body or mind. Anzac Day is the day we most earnestly pray for peace in our hearts, families, communities, and the world.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of the nations,
 whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have
 mercy on our broken and divided world.

Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all and
 banish from them the spirit that makes for war,
 that all races and peoples may learn to live as
 members of one family and in obedience to your
 law, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANZAC DAY MASS

**THURSDAY 25 APRIL AT 9:00 AM
 AT ST BRENDAN'S**



*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 .

ROSTERS - ANNANDALE

	Week (3) 21 April, 2024 - This Week	Week (4) 28 April, 2024 - Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	F Green	P Alves
Readers	M Gibbs, H Paton	M Marr, S Lenihan
Welcomers		
Altar Group		A Jansen, S Lenihan, M Stanley
Counters	D Lee, J McNamara	A & D Robinson



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. 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.

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PARISH STAFF

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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St Michael's School

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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