



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

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**PARISH BULLETIN** 28th April 2024

**PARISHES PASTORAL TEAM**

Parish Priest: Fr. Thang Vu  
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**Pastoral Carer:** Sr. Pat Dimeck (Tuesday & Wednesday)

**PARISH WEEKLY CALANDER**

**5th week of Easter**  
**Sunday 28th April**  
**5th SUNDAY of EASTER**

**Monday 29th April**  
**St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor**  
**Tuesday 30th April**

**Wednesday 01st May**  
**St Joesph the worker**

**Thursday 02nd May**  
**St Athanasius, bishop, doctor**

**Friday 03rd May**  
**Sts Phillip and James, apostles**

**Saturday 04th May**  
**1.30pm - Wedding St Brendan's**  
**Ashley & Adam Congratulations!**

**5.30pm - Mass at Holy Rosary**  
**No Mass at St Brendan's**

**Sam (Sabato) Tafuro**  
**1 month Anniversary**  
**St Brendan's 5th May 2024**  
**10.30am Mass**  
**stay for a cuppa after Mass**

**MORNING TEA at Holy Rosary**

**This Sunday 28th April**  
**After 9.00am SUNDAY MASS**  
 Please join us for a cuppa & chat.

**Holy Rosary Morning tea is on the**  
**4th Sunday of every month**

**TEN TON WINNER - WEEK 9**  
**Lan Bui**  
**Congratulations !!!**

**\*\*\* Feedback Website \*\*\***

Please look at our new Website  
<https://flemkencatholic.com/>  
 We would love your any feedback.  
 Please email [flemken@cam.org.au](mailto:flemken@cam.org.au)  
 Subject **WEBSITE**

**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.hr Kensington.catholic.edu.au/>



**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Recent Deaths:** Bill Harris, Rocco Di Sipio

**RIP Anniversaries:** Ida Paciocco, Stella Angotti,  
 Rodney Ward, Giovanni Sardo & Rosalio Labbate

**Roster Volunteer Roster**

Date	Holy Rosary Lector / Commentator	Holy Rosary Minister of Communion
Sat 04th 5.30pm	Vincent Legarda / Phil Laming	Emnard Rosal
Sun 05th 9:00am	Pat Thomas / Bernadette White	Lynette Walsh
Date	St. Brendan's Lector /Commentator	St. Brendan's Minister of Communion
Sat 04th 5:30pm	No Mass	No Mass
Sun 05th 10:30am	Malan Evans / Bianca Premraj Maria Pavone	Alan Gruner



**St Brendan's School**  
**Flemington**

**NEW FREE PROGRAM for local 4-6 year old children!** Come join the fun and help prepare your pre-school child for Prep!

We are offering a 1.5 hour session for 4-6 year olds focusing on stories, vocabulary, letters and sounds, common sight words, pencil grip and letter formation, and simple maths, including numbers and shapes.

The program will be run by two qualified and experienced early childhood and primary trained teachers who will focus on developing skills, as well as confidence and self esteem, leading to a smooth transition to school.

**Where:** St Brendan's School, 83-99 Wellington Street Flemington  
**When:** Friday mornings 9:15am-10:45am (beginning Friday 3rd May, 2024)  
**Cost:** Free for children who live in Flemington and surrounding suburbs  
**What to bring:** Water bottle and snack

LIMITED POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Learningland**  
 Little Treasures

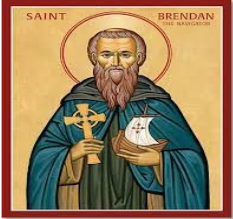


**How to register for the term:**

Simply email your details and your child's name and age to [admin@sbfl emington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@sbfl emington.catholic.edu.au)

or call 9376 0249

Come along to your first session with proof of address. Fill in a registration form. Settle your child in and head off for a coffee or a bit of shopping!



**You are Invited to Celebrate**  
**ST. BRENDAN'S DAY**  
**SUNDAY 19th MAY 2024**  
**Celebratory Mass at 10.30am**



On this day we honour St Brendan, the navigator, missionary, traveller and visionary, who brought the Gospel of Jesus to new lands. St Brendan is the great patron of our parish, courageous missionary and faithful witness.

May this "Sailor of God" guide us always and inspire us as people of Good News.

The festivities will begin with a Celebratory Mass at 10.30am followed by a light lunch at the School Gym.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THERE WILL BE NO 9AM MASS AT HOLY ROSARY ON SUNDAY 19th MAY**

**ST. BRENDAN'S DAY Volunteers Needed**

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY at 9.30am for setting up the School Gym - just turn up**  
**& on the SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 for serving & clean up**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the setting up tables and decoration in the school gym on the **Saturday 18th**, serving of food **Sunday 19th**, & also cleaning up after the event on the **19th at around 3pm**.  
If you are available to help, please call the office on 0451 237 577 or next week fill your name, date and what you can help with on the paper left at the back of the church.

**REFLECTION by Greg Sunter**

**Gospel Reflection**

The Lectionary of this Easter season draws out some of the 'classic' gospel passages, particularly some of the discourses from the Gospel of John. Like many 'famous' or familiar passages, it can be true that familiarity breeds contempt – we think we are so familiar with the passage that we don't need to pay it much attention.

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to 'prune' our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best.

I am reminded of the old Karate Kid movie when the boy, Daniel, is introduced to the art of bonsai. He is told to close his eyes, imagine the perfect tree and then start clipping and shaping the plant to make real the perfection that lies within it. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential.

***Thank you for your Service - former principal Peter Hayes morning tea at St Brendan's 21st April 2024***



***'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**