



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C
20 July 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: **Genesis 18:1-10**

A reading from the book of Genesis
Lord, do not bypass your servant.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: **Colossians 1:24-28**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 10:38-42**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Reflection

Breaking Down Barriers

Jesus is welcomed by Martha into her house.

He is breaking down barriers for sure. We should note too:

In first century Palestine, women were not permitted to be taught the Torah but only instructed to obey its rules. They were not permitted to touch the scriptures (Michael Tate, Unpublished Homilies on Luke).

But here, in this house, something marvellous happens:

Martha had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and was listening to the word of him (Luke 10).

Is this, in fact, a veiled reference to a key element of our Eucharist – the Liturgy of the Word?

At any rate, Mary is assuming the posture of a disciple – a prodigious decision.

We are told by Luke, the evangelist, that Martha was somewhat uptight about Mary's disposition and posture.

But Martha receives correction from Jesus:

'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'your worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one.

Mary has chosen the good portion. It is not to be taken from her.

At the end of our days, I am quite sure that none of us will regret the decision to pray each day.

Amen.

PARISH ROME PILGRIMAGE

For those interested in going on our Parish Pilgrimage to Rome this year, please contact me – matthew.meagher@sydneycatholic.org
The pilgrimage will take place on 2 to 7 October this year.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Brendan's Annandale on Tuesday, 16 September at 6:30pm and at St Michael's Stanmore on Thursday, 18 September at 6:30pm.

Online registration is now open. Please complete your registration via the link below:

stbrendan.org.au/pages/confirmation

3-PART COURSE RERUM NOVARUM: POPE LEO XIII'S GREAT LEGACY

Pope Leo's proto-typical social encyclical of 1891 has been referenced ever since by the Popes in their subsequent social encyclicals. The core issues addressed by Leo XIII are as relevant today as they were in the era of newly industrialised Europe.

Presenters: Dr Michael Walker and Fr Peter Smith (Justice and Peace Office of the Archdiocese)

Date: Thursdays 24 & 31 July and 7 August

Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm. **Venue:** St Peter's '1880' Parish Hall, 235-241 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills (50 metres east of the Surry Hills light rail station)

Registration: FREE admission

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY – Sunday 27 July**

Join the **Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA)**—a global, Vatican-endorsed movement helping elders pass on the faith. Monthly parish groups offer support, prayer, and shared wisdom. All are welcome, not just grandparents!

Interested?

Contact: Ron & Mavis Pirola – m.pirola@marriagerc.org

Visit: www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org



In the Jubilee year, this day, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is intended to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly can become a sign of hope in every family and church community.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, is to be celebrated on the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne and will take place for the fifth time on Sunday 27 July 2025 on the theme 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (cf. Sir 14:2).

CURIOUS GRACE DROP IN CENTRE

Painting, paper craft, knitting and crochet, mindfulness meditation, gardening, reading library, games and puzzles, non-stop coffee, tea, sweets and savouries.

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
from 11.00am to 1.00pm
St Brendan's Church Hall
49 Johnston St Annandale

Learn or rediscover creative skills, reconnect with community and nurture new friendships.



Parishioners are invited to morning tea in St Brendan's hall after 9.30 mass on Sunday 27 July as part of the monthly Curious Grace drop-in.



AUGUST 9TH

9:00AM	HOLY MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
10.00AM	START OF THE PILGRIMAGE
12.00 PM	ARRIVE AT MARY MACKILLOP'S PLACE
12.30 PM	PICNIC NEAR LAVENDER BAY(BYO LUNCH)

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

34 Collins Street, Annandale

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

69 Clarendon Road, Stanmore

(Postal address: 34 Collins Street, Annandale NSW 2038)

Email: admin@stbrendan.org.auWebsite: www.stbrendan.org.au Telephone: 9550 3707**PARISH STAFF****Parish Priest** - Fr Matthew Meagher**Parish Secretary** - Zina Pappalardo**Pastoral Associate** - Angelique Mackenzie**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: Mr Sean White

Telephone: 9569 7479

BAPTISM BOOKINGSPlease contact Angelique for all Baptism enquiries at pastoral@stbrendan.org.au**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 Hall. Contact Anne Allen- 0487 500 951.

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.

PLAYGROUP AT ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL HALL—Every second Tuesday from 9am to 10.30am during school Terms
Each child must be supervised by parents or carer.**PLAYGROUP AT ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL UPPER ROOM**Every Thursday 8:50-9:50am during school Terms.
Please contact Fiona McGrath for further information — Fiona.mcgrath@syd.catholic.edu.au
Each child must be supervised by parents or carer.**THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES****Annandale**

Tuesday 9:00am
 Wednesday 9:00am
 Thursday 9:00am
 Saturday 9:00am
 Sunday 9:30am
 5:00pm

Stanmore

Friday 9:00am
 Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturday: 8.00am-8.50am Annandale

The Catholic Weekly**On Sale at the Church Entrance for \$2.00!****ROSTERS - ANNANDALE**

	Week (3) 13 July, 2025 This week	Week (4) 27 July, 2025 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

Please remember in Your Prayers**Our dead** - Lord grant them eternal peace and joy and to their families and friends strength and comfort."**Recently deceased:** Pietro Ro.**Anniversary:** Vincenzo Giannini, Nadim Hamad, Antonio Severino, Ross Black, Concetto Andreacchio, Salvatore, Nicola, Nicola Andreacchio, Elisabetta Dolce, Domenico Badolato, Francesco Andreacchio, Sastra Jusef, Guiseppe Andreacchio, Sergio Luchi, Mary and Jack Francis.**Our sick:** Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage.

Margot Harrington, Rosie Marzouk, Isla Scott, Helen Scott, Claire West, C & J Rayner, Michael Tannous, John Emerald O'Brien, Mary Patricia O'Brien, Simon Myers, Stephanie McNamara.



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PRAY POPE LEO XIV INTENTION FOR JULY**For Formation In Discernment.**

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

**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.

