



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C
27 July 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: **Genesis 18:20-32**

A reading from the book of Genesis
Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3**

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading: **Colossians 2:12-14**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 11:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Reflection

Personal Posture

Was Jesus sitting, standing, kneeling or even prostrating himself as he prayed?

Luke 22:41 tells us that Jesus knelt down to pray on the Mount of Olives, calling on God his Father to help him in his passion.

Whether he sat, stood, knelt or was prostrate, it was his personal, not physical, posture that aroused within the disciple a desire to pray:

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples' (Luke 11).

What was it like to witness Jesus praying?

Consistent with the whole of his life, Jesus' prayer was not self-centred, but focused on Someone other than himself:

Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come.

Notice that it is a prayer full of hope, since the one who asks, receives. The one who seeks, finds. The one who knocks, always has the door opened to him.

But wait, there is more:

If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

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** – Tuesday, 16 September at 6:30pm
- **St Michael's Stanmore** – Thursday, 18 September at 6:30pm

Online registration is now open. Please register via the parish website:

stbrendan.org.au/pages/confirmation

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM – COMING SOON

Parents are invited to attend the upcoming information sessions:

- **Thursday, 2 August at 4:30pm** – St Michael's
- **Friday, 3 August at 4:00pm** – St Brendan's

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program begins on **August 14**. Adults interested in becoming Catholic are invited to **register online** via the parish website: stbrendan.org.au/becoming-catholic.

For more information, please contact the Pastoral Associate at pastoral@stbrendan.org.au.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH TOUR

– **Wednesday 6 August 2025**

Join us for a tour of historic St Patrick's Church.

Time: Begins at **10:30am** from the Coffee shop beside the church.

Cost: \$15 (includes a complimentary coffee)

Duration: Approximately 45–60 minutes

Please Note: The tour includes stairs both below ground and above.

To Book: Email admin@stbrendan.org.au.

ACU CAMPUS MINISTRY: Theology at the Pub

ACU Campus Ministry, in collaboration with MacKillop Bakhita Law Students' Society and Sydney Crossroads, invites all young adults from Sydney to an evening of theology at the pub! Dr Michael Casey will be sharing his thoughts on the topic, "What's a person worth? Some thoughts on human dignity and the common good in law and society". 18+ Event.

Date: Monday 11 August, 2025. **Time:** 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Venue: Top Floor, The Orient Hotel, 89 George St, The Rocks.

Free entry, but please register via the Facebook event at <https://bit.ly/3UndaZp>

WALKING TO EMMAUS: Ministry with the Young & Searching

A chance for Catholic youth leaders across communities to reconnect, share ideas, and find fresh tools and spiritual inspiration to support young people in their faith journey.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, 23 August 2025. **Time:** 1:30 PM – 4:45 PM

Venue: St Benedict's Hall, University of Notre Dame, Broadway Campus

Free entry – registration essential (places limited) – go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1421909>

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 the 9.30 mass this Sunday 27 July as part of the monthly Curious Grace drop-in.

Patient in suffering, persistent
in belief, conviction,
and love

Rooted in St Paul's letter to the Romans (8:15–30) and illuminated by the wisdom of Vatican II's Gaudium et Spes (Joy and Hope), this reflection invites us to consider how faith endures through suffering with conviction, belief, and love.

Morning tea provided, BYO lunch, no cost.

All are welcome!



9:30am - 2:10pm
Wed. 30 July



Joachim Forbes Room
Mary MacKillop Place
Meet in Museum Entry
7 Mount St, North Sydney



RSVP and questions to
ministries@mmp.org.au
02 8912 4846



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE REFLECTION DAYS WITH
SISTER VIRGINIA BOURKE

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

FAMILY DAY
ST. KEVIN'S EASTWOOD
AUGUST 3RD

9:30 AM
HOLY MASS

10:30 AM
BBQ & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

12:30 PM
FATHERS VS SPIRITUAL FATHERS
SOCCER GAME

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

34 Collins Street, Annandale

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

69 Clarendon Road, Stanmore

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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

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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

ROSTERS - ANNANDALE

	Week (4) 27 July, 2025 This week	Week (1) 3 August, 2025 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	P Alves	D Lee
Readers	M Marr S Lenihan	S Rossetti B Holdsworth
Welcomers		M Digges
Altar Group	A Jansen, S Lenihan M Stanley	S Edwards, J Gow
Counters	A & D Robinson	S & K Edwards

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 Josef, 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.

**CHILDREN'S
Sunday School****Children are invited to join Adriel in the parish hall for Sunday school sessions each week following the 9:30am Mass.**

It is a great opportunity for the children to learn about the faith and grow in love for our Lord.

No registration needed—just come along!
We look forward to seeing you there.**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.*

**The
Catholic Weekly*****On Sale at the Church Entrance for \$2.00!*****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.