



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

3 August 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Annandale

Stanmore

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

ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturday: 8.00am-8.50am Annandale

Reflection

Monotony

No one likes a 'one tone' life, but at times our experience is exactly this:

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all (Ecclesiastes 2).

So many of us are wise, skilful, successful – and wealthy, too – but yet we feel disillusioned from time to time.

What to do? Embrace it or flee it?

We embrace it as a feeling that is pointing us in the right direction.

And so it was that in 1981 Pope St. John Paul II decided to teach us about the meaning and value of human work:

Work transforms things. Work transforms us. Work unites people in communion.

Of very special interest, living as we are, in our fast paced and febrile world, is the pope's insight into the spirituality of work:

Our work is patterned after God's act of creation, whereby God worked six days, and rested one.

This spiritual rhythm enables us to stop, look back upon our work, and see it as something in God's hands.

That's it.

Work is a participation in God's creative work. Work is worship.

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:

- **Saturday, 2 August at 4:30pm** – St Michael's
- **Sunday, 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.

SYDNEY SYNOD 2026

His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, has convoked a diocesan Synod for Sydney between 30 April and 3 May 2026 to address the Holy Spirit-inspired longings communicated by the People of God in Sydney after many years of consultation, as outlined in the Archbishop's convocation letter.

Please get involved by discussing these longings within your communities and bringing your ideas on how these longings can be met to our regional consultations. Register to attend any of the three consultations:

Holy Family, Menai

Saturday, 30 August 2025 | 9 AM – 12 PM

Register at: trybooking.com/DAVZB

St Mary's Cathedral

Tuesday, 14 October 2025 | 6 – 9 PM

Register at: trybooking.com/DAVZE

All Saints, Liverpool

Thursday, 16 October 2025 | 6 – 9 PM

Register at: trybooking.com/DAVZF

For more information on Sydney Synod, visit <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod/>

A ONE-DAY EVENT WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Are you longing for more in your spiritual life?

Do you need space to breathe, reflect, and hear from God?

Join The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes, for a powerful afternoon of encouragement, prayer, and personal spiritual renewal.

Venue: Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney

Saturday, 16 August - 12.00 pm – 4.30 pm

Led by The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

Register at: BruceDownes.org/aevents

We welcome into our faith community

this weekend through the sacrament of

Baptism at

St Brendan's Church

Harriette Rose and Jack Arthur Ewan and

Jake James McLaughlin

and congratulate their parents.

Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal

9 and 10 August 2025

The CWF is the charity of the Catholic community in Sydney and your local parish. Together, we bring hope and care to those who need it most.

Give generously.

Your tax-deductible gift changes lives.

To Donate:

Visit: www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf

Call: 1800 753 959

Or complete the parish envelope.

CHRISTUS REX PILGRIMAGE

QUAS PRIMAS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 October 2025

Ballarat to Bendigo | 90km over 3 days

REGISTER

info@crex.org | www.crex.org

Inclusions:

- ✦ All meals (Friday breakfast – Sunday lunch)
- ✦ Daily Traditional Latin Mass
- ✦ Luggage transport & support vehicles
- ✦ Accommodation (camping or halls)
- ✦ Spiritual support, chant & choir
- ✦ Children's Chapter & family resources

Registration Prices:

- ✦ Adults \$230
- ✦ Student (18-25 years) ... \$190
- ✦ Teen (13-17 years) \$110
- ✦ Child (6-12 years) \$80
- ✦ Child (3-5 years) \$20
- ✦ Infant (0-2 years) Free



Register online at www.crex.org

25% discount for families available

Late fees apply after 30 September 2025

Registrations close Friday 10 October 2025

The Catholic Weekly

On Sale at the Church Entrance for \$2.00!

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)

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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

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CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

No registration needed—just come along!**We look forward to seeing you there.****CURIOS GRACE DROP IN CENTRE**

Last Sunday of every month, from 11.00am to 1.00pm, St Brendan's Hall, 49 Johnston Street, Annandale.

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

ROSTERS - ANNANDALE

	Week (1) 3 August, 2025 This week	Week (2) 10 August, 2025 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	D Lee	P Pace
Readers	S Rossetti B Holdsworth	P Cook J McGrath
Welcomers	M Digges	J Young
Altar Group	S Edwards, J Gow	
Counters	S & K Edwards	N Francis, J McGrath

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:** Nadim Hamad.**Anniversary:** Constanca Eloj, Vincenzo Giannini, Antonio Severino, Ross Black, Concetto Andreacchio, Salvatore, Nicola, Nicola Andreacchio, Elisabetta Dolce, Domenico Badolato, Francesco Andreacchio, Sastra Jusef, Guiseppe Andreacchio.**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.

AUGUST 9TH

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

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR SEM 1 2026**

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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.