



# Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

10 August 2025

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

#### First Reading: **Wisdom 18:6-9**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

#### Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12**

**(R.)** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

#### Second Reading: **Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel: **Luke 12:32-48**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*See that you are prepared.*

#### Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### 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

### Hope

The Letter to the Hebrews gives the classic definition of faith, precisely because it is divinely inspired, not the work of the human mind:

**Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the conviction of invisible things (Hebrews 11).**

Faith is intimately related to hope – what lies in the future. Faith is intimately related to realities that are invisible.

It is the Jubilee Year of Hope. We should ask what is hope?

**Hope is placing our faith in what God promises.**

God promises us many things, both now and into the future. He promises us 'labourers for the harvest' if we pray. He promises that if we 'remain in Jesus, we will bear much fruit.' The list goes on and on.

The ultimate promise is eternal, resurrected life with God. So, notice what the preacher says in Hebrews:

**Abraham and Sarah are the great examples of faith and hope because they believed in the resurrection of Christ.**

Can this be true? Apparently it is:

**Abraham was confident that God had power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.**

So, there you have it. It is yours to believe.

**Amen.**

**PARISH ROME PILGRIMAGE**

For those interested in going on our Parish Pilgrimage to Rome this year, please contact me – [matthew.meagher@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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](http://stbrendan.org.au/pages/confirmation)

**Confirmation Preparation Begins This Week.**

Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they begin their sessions in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit inspire and guide them as they deepen their faith and commitment to Christ.

**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](http://stbrendan.org.au/becoming-catholic).

For more information, please contact the Pastoral Associate at [pastoral@stbrendan.org.au](mailto:pastoral@stbrendan.org.au).

**WEST PAPUA 2025**

After the 5pm Sunday Mass at St Brendan's Annandale on 24 August, Sr Susan Connolly RSJ will give a 15-minute talk on the situation in West Papua. All are welcome.

**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, 9am – 12pm

Register at: [trybooking.com/DAVZB](https://trybooking.com/DAVZB)

**St Mary's Cathedral**-Tuesday, 14 October 2025, 6 – 9pm

Register at: [trybooking.com/DAVZE](https://trybooking.com/DAVZE)

**All Saints, Liverpool**- Thursday, 16 October 2025, 6 – 9pm

Register at: [trybooking.com/DAVZF](https://trybooking.com/DAVZF)

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

**THE GOOD OIL 2025 WRITERS' AWARD**

Entries are invited for The Good Oil 2025 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in partnership with Garratt Publishing. In this Jubilee Year in the Church, the theme of the award is Pilgrims of Hope. The award aims to support and encourage the development of aspiring and published writers. Entry is free and open to writers aged 18 and over.

**Entries close at 5pm AEST on Friday 29 August 2025.** For further information, visit:

<https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/entries-invited-for-the-good-oil-2025-writers-award/>

## 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](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf)

Call: 1800 753 959

Or complete the parish envelope.

**WALKING TO EMMAUS:****Ministry with the Young & Searching**

This gathering is designed to support and encourage those working with young people across parishes, schools, and the wider Catholic community. It's a chance to reconnect, share ideas, and be renewed in our mission. Together, we'll explore practical tools, spiritual insights, and fresh approaches to walking alongside young people who are searching for meaning, belonging, and deeper faith.

**Event Details:**

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

**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>

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## CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6**

REGISTER INTEREST



<https://forms.gle/pXROb2dOEndQdVx8>

BE A PILGRIM OF HOPE & WALK TO 7 JUBILEE CHURCHES  
**MARY MACKILLOP CHAPEL to ST BRIGID'S COOGEE**

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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 BOOKINGS**Please contact Angelique for all Baptism enquiries at [pastoral@stbrendan.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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 (2) 10 August, 2025 This week	Week (3) 17 August, 2025 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
<b>Acolyte</b>	P Pace	F Green
<b>Readers</b>	P Cook J McGrath	M Gibbs, H Paton
<b>Welcomers</b>	J Young	
<b>Altar Group</b>		
<b>Counters</b>	N Francis, J McGrath	D Lee, J McNamara

***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:*** Grace Teresa Davar, Nadim Hamad.***Anniversary:*** Luis da Silva, Constanca Eloi, Vincenzo Giannini, Antonio Severino, Ross Black, Concetto Andreacchio, Salvatore, Nicola, Nicola Andreacchio, Elisabetta Dolce, Domenico Badolato, Francesco Andreacchio, Sastra Jusef, Guiseppo Andreacchio.***Our sick:*** Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage.

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

**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](mailto: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.