



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

24 August 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading: **Isaiah 66:18-21**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: **Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 13:22-30**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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

Maturity

Mary Healy helps us understand the significance of the Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 12:

Three images help us to see the Christian life in true perspective.

First, our life is an endurance race in which we are striving toward the finish line, cheered on by those who have gone before us.

Second, our life is growth toward maturity through the discipline of a loving Father.

Third, our life is a joyous liturgical assembly on a holy mountain amidst angels and saints (Hebrews, p. 257).

Our focus is maturity; next week, the communion of saints.

It is parents who raise children, and this requires love. Real love requires two words:

Yes and No.

We must be able to say yes to good things, known as virtue. We must be able to say no to bad things, known as vice.

So, naturally and supernaturally enough, God does the same thing with us on our journey from and to him:

My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly, and do not get discouraged when he reprimands you (Hebrews 12).

The word for 'correct' can mean 'training' or 'education.'

We let God have his way with us.

Amen.

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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

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

Prayer

Holy Spirit,

Come into the hearts of these candidates.

Fill them with Your wisdom, courage, and love.

Guide them as they grow in faith,

And help them live as true disciples of Christ.

Amen.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you're curious about the Catholic faith or feel drawn to explore it more deeply, please contact the Pastoral Associate at pastoral@stbrendan.org.au.

THE RCIA JOURNEY CONTINUES

We hold all participants in prayer, trusting God to guide, strengthen, and draw them ever closer to Christ.

Prayer

Faithful God,

Walk with those continuing their RCIA journey.

Deepen their faith, surround them with grace,

And lead them into the fullness of life in Christ.

Amen.

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.

THE CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH 2025

An overnight pilgrimage for men in honour of our Spiritual Father, St Joseph. The entire walk from start to finish will include six churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break.

Itinerary from start to finish:

1. St Joseph's, Como - Opening Mass
2. St Patrick's, Sutherland
3. St Catherine's, Gympie
4. Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda
5. Our Lady of Fatima, Caringbah
6. St Aloysius, Cronulla - closing Mass

- **Friday 5 September 2025 7:00 PM -**

Saturday 6 September 2025 8:00am.

COST: \$35 pp / Bus Ticket: \$24 return 7pm sharp on 05/09 from Holy Family Menai and 7.30am on 06/09 from St Aloysius Cronulla.

To register and for more information, visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXLAO>.

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To receive a tax receipt, please complete the CWF envelope. You can still donate this weekend or online at www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf.

Thank you for helping our parish meet its appeal quota and for your generous support.

SYDNEY SYNOD 2026

Can you give Archbishop Fisher **positive, practical, and faithful ideas** to address the **three longings** of Sydney Catholics: that our liturgies be **more prayerful**, our communities **more Christ-centred**, and our Church in Sydney **more mission-oriented**?

First consultation is soon:

Date: Saturday 30 August. **Time:** 9 am- 12pm.

Venue: Aquinas College, Menai (next to Holy Family Church)

Registration is essential via

sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod

ISTAND CONFERENCE

Sydney Youth Mission Team invites all Year 9 - 12 students (ages 14–18) to the iSTAND Conference - a dynamic event filled with faith, fun, prayer, formation, and connection.

Don't miss this chance to grow and meet others on the same journey!

- Monday, 29 September 2025 from 9 am - 9 pm, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Peakhurst (825 Forest Rd)

Cost: \$70. Includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch, dinner and all activities.

Register at <https://form.jotform.com/201754200820846>

For more info, follow @ymtsydney on Instagram.

POSITION VACANT - Senior Administration Officer

The Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea is seeking expressions of interest for this position. A full-time role and based at Stanmore.

Enquiries to Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055 or

anthony@reachhr.com.au.



Grace & Truth

An evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship
open to men and women of all ages.

St Mary's Cathedral, 5-8:30PM

30th September

Fr Paul Rowse, OP & Sr Anastasia, OP
and the Dominican Friars and Sisters

Theme: *Anchored in Hope*

Registration: www.trybooking.com/DESDN
Questions: sydney@op-tn.org

Registration closes 23 September
(Contact the Sisters at the above email with queries after this date)





ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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.

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 (4) 24 August, 2025 This week	Week (5) 31 August, 2025 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	P Alves	B Holdsworth
Readers	M Marr, S Lenihan	
Welcomers		
Altar Group	A Jansen, S Lenihan M Stanley	
Counters		

Please remember in Your Prayers

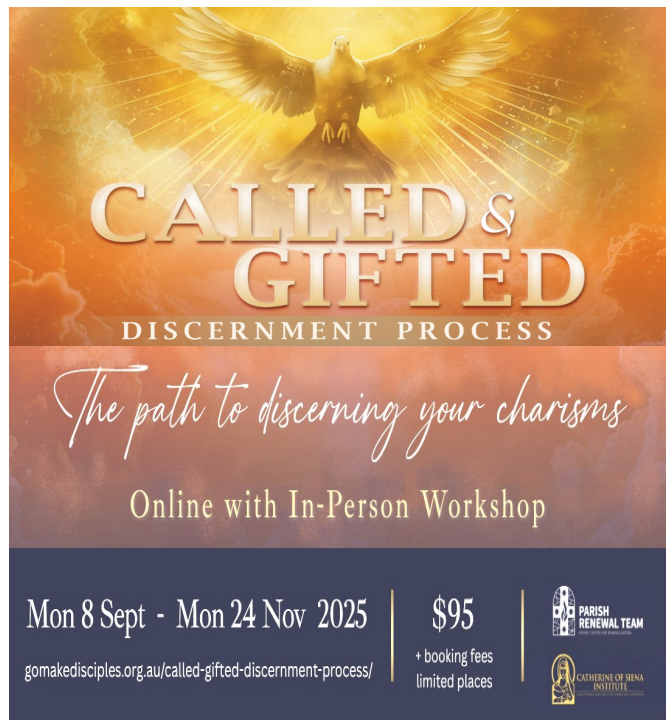
Our dead - Lord grant them eternal peace and joy and to their families and friends strength and comfort."

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 Josef.

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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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.