



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

31 August 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading: **Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11**

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: **Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 14:1. 7-14**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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

Sensual and Spiritual Joys

Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden, meaning Garden of 'pleasure or 'delight!' It stands to reason that God thought we might enjoy our life with him and with each other.

The Letter to the Hebrews:

What you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival (Hebrews 12).

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) taught that spiritual joys are deeper than sensual joys.

It is true that we can become too sensual, eating and drinking too much, or falling into sexual sin. But these failures do not annul the goodness of created and thus legitimate sensual joys.

A person of faith will appreciate these joys, but also be moved to enjoy the rich myriad of spiritual joys that are on offer in and through the spiritual life, especially the holy liturgy:

You have come to God himself, the supreme judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Goodness.

The saints, angels, Jesus and the Father are encountered during the Eucharist. **Amen.**

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PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION



Donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day appeal

7 September 2025

The Priests' Retirement Foundation provides many essential services.
This vital ministry relies solely on donations.

Support our sick or retired Fathers this Father's Day.
We are their family now.



Donate at www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-prf
Or complete the parish envelope.

"Priests are part of families at times of great joy, but also great sadness."

- Fr Geoff Plant

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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 our Confirmation candidates continue their journey of faith, we hold them in prayer and support. This season is a time of learning, reflection, and deepening their relationship with Christ. May they feel surrounded by the love of their church family as they prepare to affirm their faith.

Prayer

Holy Spirit,

Continue to walk with these candidates as they grow in faith.

Fill their hearts with wisdom, courage, and love.

Strengthen them in times of doubt,

And inspire them to live as joyful witnesses of the Gospel.

May they feel Your presence in every step of this journey. **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

Please keep our RCIA participants in your prayers as they grow in faith and prepare to fully enter the life of the Church.

Prayer

Faithful God,

Guide those on the RCIA path.

Fill them with grace, deepen their trust,

And lead them closer to Christ. **Amen.**



family & faith

LADIES YOU ARE INVITED

PAINT & SIP
Night

A NIGHT OF FUN & LAUGHTER

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025
DOORS OPEN @ 6:30pm FOR A 7pm START
ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL HALL MARRICKVILLE

COST \$25.00
ALL MATERIALS & SUPPER PROVIDED

PLEASE RSVP VIA THE QR CODE BY 12TH SEPTEMBER





PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to contemplate and care for our common home, the Oikos of God. The season's "Celebration" begins September 1, the Day which several Christian denominations celebrate as a World Day of Prayer for Creation and celebrated by some as the Feast of Creation and ends October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, beloved by many Christian denominations. This year we will unite around the theme "Peace with Creation" with the symbol "Garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18

At the heart of this symbol is a dove carrying an olive branch, bringing life and hope to the garden.

In the story of Noah, the dove returns to the ark with a fresh olive leaf, signalling the end of the flood and the beginning of renewal. The flood narrative begins with the earth "filled with violence" (Genesis 6:13), but the dove's return marks a divine promise of peace and restoration.

ARETE: FOUNDATIONS OF MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP COURSE

The Arete Centre is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2025 Foundations of Missionary Leadership program.

This transformative course is designed to form and equip laypeople for the vital mission of the Church, contributing to the renewal of parishes and evangelising others. Participants will have the opportunity to discover and use their gifts to build up the kingdom of God in whatever setting they are in.

For the course prospectus and more information go to <https://aretecentre.org/programs/>



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CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6

REGISTER INTEREST



<https://forms.gle/pXROb2dQEndQdxx8>

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



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 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 attend 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 (5) 31 August, 2025 This week	Week (1) 7 September, 2025 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	B Holdsworth	D Lee
Readers		S Rossetti B Holdsworth
Welcomers		M Digges
Altar Group		S Edwards, J Gow
Counters		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: Grace Teresa Davar, Nadim Hamad.

Anniversary: Luis da Silva, Constanca Eloi, Vincenzo Giannini, Antonio Severino, Ross Black, Concetto 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.



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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.