



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

21 September 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear
them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: **Amos 8:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Amos

*The Lord God spoke against those who
buy the poor for money.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: **1 Timothy 2:1-8**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
Timothy

*Let prayers be offered to God for
everyone; he wants all people to be
saved.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to
make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 16:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of
money.*

Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping
your statutes.

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

Tainted

What do we value more – friendship or money?

**Use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends,
and thus make sure that when it fails you, they
will welcome you into the tents of eternity (Luke
16).**

What is friendship?

Why don't we try this:

**All kinds of things rejoiced my soul in their
company – to talk and laugh, and to do each
other kindnesses.**

**To read pleasant books together. To pass from
lightest jesting to talk of the deepest things and
back again.**

**To differ without rancour, as a man might differ
with himself, and when, most rarely, dissension
arose, to find our normal agreement all the
sweeter for it.**

**To be impatient for the return of the absent,
and to welcome them with joy on their
home-coming.**

**These, and such-like things, proceeding from
our hearts as we gave affection and received it
back, and shown by face, by voice, by the eyes,
and by a thousand other pleasing ways,
kindled a flame which fused our very souls
together, and, of many, made us one (St.
Augustine, Confessions, IV, X, 13)**

Let's put down the phones and seek genuine
friendships. They will lead us to heaven.

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.

THE RCIA JOURNEY CONTINUES

Please keep our RCIA participants in your prayers as they prepare to enter full communion with the Church. May Christ's love open their hearts, strengthen their faith, and bring lasting transformation to their lives.

FREEDOM25 CONFERENCE

– Standing Firm in a Shifting Culture

Tickets at <https://freedomforfaith.org.au/>

Saturday, 27th September, 10am - 3:30pm
Village Church Annandale (Anglican)

How can churches and everyday Christians engage more confidently with society and their political leaders—especially when religious freedom is under fire? Speakers include Monica Doumit, Julian Leaser MP, Hugh McDermott MP, Prof Patrick Parkinson, Ass Prof Alex Deagon, and Mark Edwards OAM.

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?

Come along to our regional consultations:
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Date: Tuesday, 14 October 2025. Time: 6 – 9 PM

Registration is essential via
sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod

ISTAND CONFERENCE

Sydney Youth Mission Team invite all Year 9 - 12 (14-18 year old) students to our iSTAND Conference. This event is an opportunity for young people to connect with peers over faith, food, formation, prayer and games and promises to provide incredible opportunities for young Catholics seeking more.

Date: Monday, 29 September 2025. Time: 9 am - 9 pm

Venue: 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.



Discover Palms Volunteering

Make a lasting impact!

Join Palms Volunteering online to explore skill-sharing opportunities and hear from past volunteers.

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at

palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

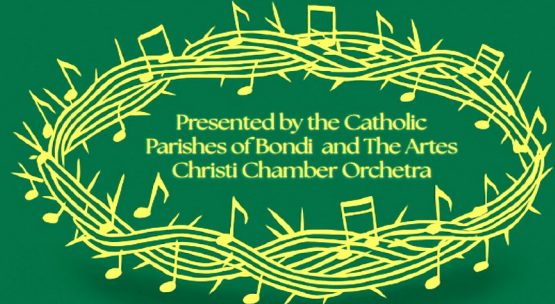
Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT

(NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

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Handel's MESSIAH



Presented by the Catholic
Parishes of Bondi and The Artes
Christi Chamber Orchestra

MICHAEL MURPHY
Conductor

In association with
St Francis Choir, Paddington

ELIZABETH HARPER
Soprano

REBECCA O'HANLON
Alto

MICHAEL HANDY
Tenor

BEN CAUKWELL
Bass

ST ANNE'S CHURCH, NORTH BONDI

7PM 10 OCTOBER

Tickets

Adult - \$45

Concession - \$30



FIDELIS

THE BEAUTY OF BROKENNESS

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

6:00PM | CANTERBURY
LEAGUES CLUB
CONFERENCE ROOM

10:00PM

WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

SR MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND, SOLT &
FR JOHN BURNS

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.

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.

ROSTERS - ANNANDALE

	Week (3) 21 September, 2025 This week	Week (4) 28 September, 2025 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	F Green	P Alves
Readers	M Gibbs, H Paton	M Marr, S Lenihan
Welcomers		
Altar Group		A Jansen, S Lenihan M Stanley
Counters	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: Manuel dos Santos, Luis da Silva, Constanca Eloi.

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.

Discover and share in our story

The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation. it's history and heritage.

Australia's first religious sisters have been of service to the community regardless of creed, wealth or ethnicity, for over 185 years.

Tuesday – Thursday
10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment
Free entry, parking available
Bookings recommended

You too are part of this continuing and living heritage and we'd love to welcome you.

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CENTRE**



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.