



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

12 October 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: **2 Kings 5:14-17**

A reading from the second book of the Kings
Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2**

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: **2 Timothy 2:8-13**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 17:11-19**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Annandale

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

Stanmore

Friday 9:00am
Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturday: 8.00am-8.50am Annandale

Reflection

Usurpers & Insurrectionists

The earliest external evidence we have of Christian practice comes from a letter from Pliny, a governor in what is now modern-day Turkey, to the Emperor Trajan (AD 110).

Pliny wrote to the emperor seeking guidance about how to deal with Christians, young and old, men and women, who were increasing in numbers, both in cities and country towns.

Christians were wrongly seen as usurpers and insurrectionists. Surely they would overturn Roman Law?

Pliny tells us about ourselves:

They meet on a certain day (Sunday) before light where they gather and sing hymns to Christ as to a god.

They all bind themselves by oath, 'not to some crimes, says Pliny. Rather, they pledge not to commit any crimes such as fraud, theft, or adultery, and subsequently share a meal of 'ordinary and innocent food' (Eucharist).

What hymns might they have sung? Look no further than 2 Timothy 2:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,

For he cannot disown his own self.

Amen.

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Celebrating
the month
of the

*Holy
Rosary*

October is the month devoted to the Holy Rosary. This is the perfect time for us to reflect upon the meaning of the Rosary and its significance in our walk of faith.

The Rosary will be recited each Sunday in October, at 9:10 am, before Mass at St Brendan's church.

Please try to join us on at least one Sunday during the month.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers." - Pope Saint Pius X



ST BRENDAN'S FETE

Sponsored by
 Rebecca Duncan Anandale
 belle PROPERTY
 Charles BISTRO

Date: **9 NOVEMBER**
 Time: **10:30AM-1:30PM**
 Location: **CORNER OF JOHNSTON & COLLINS STREETS, ANNANDALE**

**BARBEQUE
 CARNIVAL GAMES
 RAFFLES
 PETTING ZOO
 STALLS
 FACE PAINTING**



PARISH FETE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

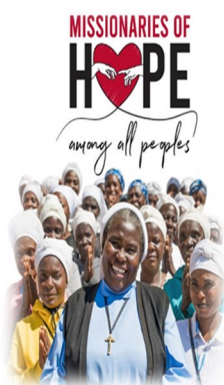
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of the church



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – NEX WEEKEND 17 & 18 OCTOBER 2025



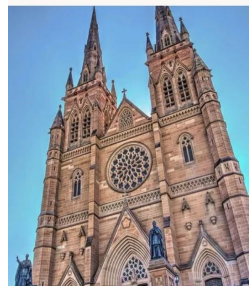
For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.

catholic mission Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



ST BRENDAN'S & ST MICHAEL'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE



St Mary's Cathedral

Day Itinerary:

- 9:00am Mass at St Michael's Stanmore
- 9:35am Travel in to St Mary's Cathedral
- 10:30am Tour of St Mary's Cathedral and Crypt
- 12:30pm Lunch at Bistro Gadi
- 2:00pm Return to Stanmore

Where:

St Mary's Cathedral, St Mary's Road, Sydney

When:

9:00am - 2:00pm
 Friday 31 October 2025

Cost:

Cathedral Tour: \$5

The **Catholic Weekly**

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Register via the QR Code or by email:
 (Angie) pastoral@stbrendan.org.au

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

34 Collins Street, Annandale

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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 (2) 12 October, 2025 This week	Week (3) 19 October, 2025 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	P Pace	F Green
Readers	P Cook J McGrath	M Gibbs H Paton
Welcomers	J Young	
Altar Group		
Counters	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."

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.

THE RCIA JOURNEY CONTINUES

Please keep our RCIA candidates in your prayers as they prepare to enter the fullness of faith. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them on their journey.



FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

11AM AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL FORECOURT

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

On Friday, 14 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 11 am to 2 pm.

A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness.

Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/>

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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.