



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

26 October 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading: **Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7**

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading: **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 18:9-14**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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
Sunday 8.00am

ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturday: 8.00am-8.50am Annandale

Reflection

Echo Chamber

The question is:

Am I humble?

This begs the question:

What is humility?

Believe it or not, St. Benedict (480-547) in his Rule – Chapter 7 – teaches that humility is a 12-step process: **He places emphasis on listening to God and others ('obedience'), transparency in one's life, and not talking too much – and certainly not talking badly about others.**

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) says humility is really a subset of the cardinal virtue of temperance (harmony):

In pursuing difficult and challenging things, we need humility because it helps moderate our desires, and we need enterprise to encourage us against hopelessness.

Humility means we won't get ahead of ourselves and humility helps us know the limit of our abilities (ST, Q. 161).

All this is helpful. It puts humility in the context of relationship with God, others and self.

But of course, we face an enemy. The primordial temptation is perennial:

You will be just like God (Genesis 3).

Satan deceives us.

The pharisee has got the same issue:

Self-enclosed, living in his own echo chamber.

Not the tax-collector. He knows his limits:

God, be merciful to me, a sinner (Luke 18).

If we pray like this, we're humble.

Amen.

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ST BRENDAN'S FETE

Sponsored by
 Rebecca Duncan Annandale
belle PROPERTY
 Charles RISTRO

Date:
9 November

Time:
10:30AM-1:30PM

Location:
CORNER OF JOHNSTON & COLLINS STREETS, ANNANDALE

BARBEQUE
CARNIVAL GAMES
RAFFLES
PETTING ZOO
STALLS
FACE PAINTING

ICE CREAM



PARISH FETE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Go to our website

www.stbrendan.org.au

use the QR Code,
 or fill in forms at the back of
 the church



2026



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

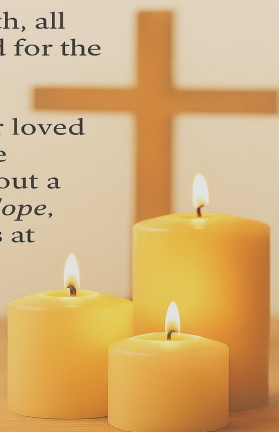
The Calendar is now available on the table at entrance of the Churches for \$10.00.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES – NOVEMBER MASSES

November is a sacred time to remember and pray for those who have gone before us in faith.

Throughout the month, all Masses will be offered for the faithful departed.

If you would like your loved ones included in these intentions, please fill out a *November Mass Envelope*, available on the tables at the entrance of each church.



Veritas Evenings

Adult Faith Education

The Bible

Where it comes from and how to read it

Fr Matthew Meagher

Three consecutive Tuesdays:

17th November - 24th November - 1st December

7.15pm to 9.15pm

Join us for food, drink and theology.

Where: St Brendan's Parish Hall
 49 Johnston St, Annandale NSW 2038
 Any questions: admin@stbrendan.org.au

DIACONATE ORDINATION LAWRENCE ZIMBE

Join us at St Brendan's Church
 on Saturday, 14 February 2026 at 6:00pm
 for the Diaconate Ordination of

Lawrence Zimbe

Everyone's welcome to be part of this special moment as we celebrate the joy of ordination and the call to serve.

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

34 Collins Street, Annandale

ST MICHAEL'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 BOOKINGSPlease 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

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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.

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 (4) 26 October, 2025 This week	Week (1) 2 November, 2025 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	P Alves	D Lee
Readers	M Marr S Lenihan	S Rossetti B Holdsworth
Welcomers		M Digges
Altar Group	A Jansen, S Lenihan M Stanley	S Edwards J Gow
Counters	D Lee J McNamara	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:** Lorraine Hartley, Isla Scott, Caterina Severino.**Anniversaries:** Alexandrina Leal Sousa, Domenico Badolato, Annunziata Severino.**Our sick:** Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage.

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

**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

Register via the QR Code or by email:
(Angie) pastoral@stbrendan.org.au**The Catholic Weekly****On Sale at the Church Entrance for \$2.00!****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.