



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

2 November 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

First Reading: **Job 19:1. 23-27**

A reading from the book of Job
I know that my redeemer lives.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 22. R. v.1 or v.4**

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: **Romans 5:5-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 5:1-12**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Communion Antiphon:

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

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	Sunday	8.00am
	5:00pm		

ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturday: 8.00am-8.50am Annandale

Reflection

Entertain Hope

Saints are everywhere:

Very often we find holiness in our next-door neighbours (Rejoice and Exult 7).

The point Pope Francis is making is important:

I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile.

We are all called to be saints, but the official, canonised ones, might sow seeds of doubt in our hearts:

Surely I can't be like St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. I love St. Francis of Assisi, but his poverty is too fierce for me.

But we are not called to be Mother Teresa or Francis. Remember Thomas Merton?

The reason people don't become saints is because they refuse to be themselves (Seeds of Contemplation).

Be Christ. Be ourselves.

But how?

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children, and that is what we are (1 John 3).

Purification is needed:

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Amen.

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ST BRENDAN'S FETE

Sponsored by
 Rebecca Duncan Annandale
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 Charles

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

Go to our website

www.stbrendan.org.au

use the QR Code,

or fill in forms at the back of the church

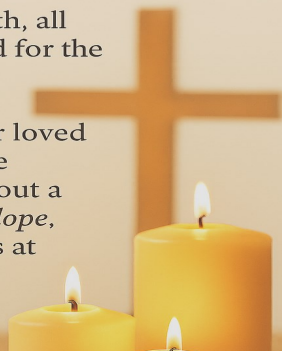


REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES – NOVEMBER MASSES

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.



COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026

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.

SYDNEY SYNOD 2026 - FORMAL ONLINE SUBMISSIONS

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

Formal online submissions are now open. Submit your ideas at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod/>. The submissions portal will close at 12.00 pm on Monday, 3 November 2025.

SISTERS OF LIFE - ADVENT RETREAT

Join the Catholic Women's Network for an afternoon of prayer and reflection led by the Sisters of Life, under the theme "No longer forsaken: the Lord delights in you" (Isaiah 62). Includes quiet time, Confession, and a Holy Hour. Limited spaces available. Light refreshments included.

Date: Saturday, 29 November 2025. **Time:** 1pm – 5pm

Venue: St Joachim's Catholic Church, Lidcombe

Cost: \$25 per person. Group discounts available.

Register here <https://www.trybooking.com/DFBJT>

Veritas Evenings

Adult Faith Education

The Bible

Where it comes from and how to read it

Fr Matthew Meagher

Three consecutive Tuesdays:
 18th November - 25th November - 2nd 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

*We welcome into our faith community
 this weekend through the sacrament of
 Baptism at*

St Brendan's and St Michael's churches

*Mia Shirley Andersen,
 Marco Pierre Badolato,
 Alice Iona Burton Crawford,
 Thea Frances Rawson,
 River Jeffrey Wilkinson and
 Isabella Rose Senior Zabala
 and congratulate their parents.*

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 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.

**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.

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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.