



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9 November 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

First Reading: **Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5**

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are the temple of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

Gospel: **John 2:13-22**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Communion Antiphon:

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

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

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On the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: **Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? (1 Corinthians 3).**

Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) claimed:

We are all born originals, but most of us die as photocopies.

Acutis is helping us face the truth:

The saints believed they were temples and they believed they had to be themselves – no one else.

Mary of Egypt (421): Prostitute. She converted big time and became a desert hermit for 47 years. Fascinating woman.

Augustine (430): Playboy turned spiritual guru. His autobiography still lights up the world. Spiritual genius.

Aquinas (1274): Supposedly a 'dumb ox,' but turned out to be an intellectual and mystical genius. Academic output won't be matched by AI.

Joan of Arc (1431): Illiterate teenager, peasant background, leading armies of men, burned to death at age 19. One tough lady.

Therese of Lisieux (1897): Healed of her neurotic tendencies at age 10 by the Baby Jesus, leads us in trusting in the merciful love of Jesus, not our own merits. What a spiritual tradition we have, from Abraham and Sarah until now.

Be Christ. Be yourself.

Amen.

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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

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.

ST BRENDAN'S & ST MICHAEL'S
PARISH PILGRIMAGE



Mary MacKillop Place

Day Itinerary:

- 9:00am Mass at St Michael's Stanmore
- 10:30am Arrive at Mackillop Place via public transport
- Tour of the Museum and Chapel.
- 12:30pm Lunch at the Cafe Giftstore
- 2:30pm Return to Stanmore

Where:

Mary MacKillop Place, 80 William St, North Sydney

When:

9:00am - 2:30pm
Friday 28 November 2025

Cost:

\$20 (incl. Museum Tour and lunch)



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

Advent REFLECTIONS

You are warmly invited to join for morning tea and an advent reflection

every Thursday of advent in the parish hall after 9am mass.

We will reflect on the daily reading from *the Promise* booklet and pray together in preparation for the coming of Christ!



Dates:

27th November, 4th December, 11th December, and 18th December

If you would like to join our reflection group, email
Angie: pastoral@stbrendan.org.au

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 the entrance of each Church for \$10.00.

THE PERENNIAL WISDOM OF EVANGELII NUNTIANDI WITH DR RALPH MARTIN- Called to Share Christ's Love

Many have drifted from the love of Christ. How do we reach those who no longer come to us?

Join Dr Ralph Martin as he shares insights from the Church's guiding document, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (*On Evangelisation in the Modern World*), along with his own experience of sharing the Gospel for over 50 years.

Monday, 8 December 2025. 8:00 – 9:00 PM (Online via Zoom). RSVP: gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill, at 2:00 PM on Sunday, 16 November.

The Topic: The 60th Anniversary of the Vatican II document *Christus Dominus* On the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops.

Presenter: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome, and there is no charge.

Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history and YouTube videos are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>



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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

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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 (2) 9 November, 2025 This week	Week (3) 16 November, 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	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:** 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.Global
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1800 024 413**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.