



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

16 November 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: **Malachi 3:19-20**

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9**

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading: **2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 21:5-19**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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

Ora et Labora

Our second reading crescendos:

In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat (2 Thessalonians 3).

On the one hand, work is a *necessity*. On the other hand, work is a *calling*.

Jesus made this abundantly clear by his life of work in Nazareth, so much so, that St. Pope John Paul II called his ordinary life the **fifth Gospel**.

St. Benedict (480-547) bequeaths to us a most harmonious religious rule of life:

Obedience – Stability – Conversion of life.

We are to live a life of prayer and work – **Ora et Labora**.

Notice what is going on here:

Work of the heart. Work of the hands.

We worship God during times of personal and communal prayer. We worship God during times of manual and intellectual work.

The Offertory Prayers of Mass make it easy for us to understand this important spiritual doctrine:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. Amen.

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PARISH FETE

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed towards a wonderful parish fete. I'd particularly like to thank the organising committee who worked tirelessly to get it off the ground. Their dedication to having such an enjoyable event for our community is encouraging to us all. Many other people from far and wide donated prizes and their services to ensure it was a success. The day wouldn't have been possible apart from our sponsors, Rebecca Duncan from Belle Property and Charles Maheswaran from The Victoria Hotel—a big thank you for their generosity. Thank you everyone for making this a joyful day for our community! The only complaint I have received is from the year 1 students: More tigers, lions, eels and dragons in the petting zoo—we'll consider it next time. We're crunching the final financial figures, but we've made at least \$15,000. That's a very healthy outcome.

Fr Matthew

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.

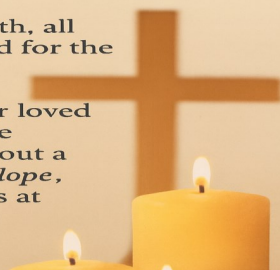
Where: St Brendan's Parish Hall
49 Johnston St, Annandale NSW 2038
Any questions: admin@stbrendan.org.au

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES — NOVEMBER MASSES

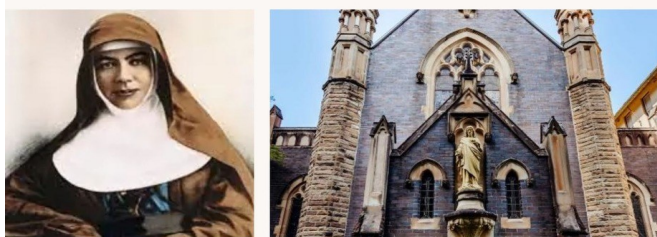
November is a sacred time to remember and pray for those who have gone before us in faith.

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.

DEI VERBUM, THEN AND NOW

The Word of God, like a seed, grows into something greater—just as the Church's understanding of faith deepens through the Holy Spirit. *Dei Verbum* affirmed this dynamic, shaping ecumenical dialogue and inspiring hope for peace amid global threats.

Presenter: Dr Robert Tilley

Date: Sunday 30 November 2025

Time: 12:05 PM

Venue: St Peter's '1880' Parish Hall, 235-241 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills (50 metres east of the Surry Hills light rail station).

Registration: Free Entry

ADVENT 2025 with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Jesus is Coming – Time to Get Ready

Join Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, this Advent for an online retreat starting 29 November. Experience inspiring talks, prayer, and practical strategies to deepen your faith and encounter Christ. Unlimited streaming through Advent.

To find out more and register, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

Build Community. Create Change.

Discover how skill-sharing transforms lives in South-east Asia.

Two online information sessions from Palms Australia:
Gap Year Opportunities

For 18–25 year-olds: Year 12 graduates & university students
Thursday 4 December 2025 | 6.00pm or 9.00pm AEDT
Timor-Leste Encounter

A short immersion and guided tour of Palms placements
Monday 8 December 2025 | 7.30–8.30pm AEDT

Travel Dates: 14–27 May 2026

Register at palms.org.au/events

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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 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**

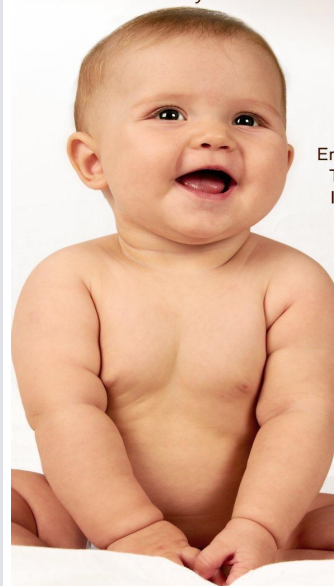
	Week (3) 16 November, 2025 This week	Week (4) 23 November, 2025 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	F Green	P Alves
Readers	M Gibbs, H Paton	M Marr, S Lenihan
Welcomers		
Altar Group		A Jansen, S Lenihan, M Stanley
Counters	D Lee, J McNamara	

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:** 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.**Witness for Life**

A talk by Archbishop Julian Porteous

**Sat 6 December**
St Brendan's Church
34 Collins St, AnnandaleArchbishop Julian Porteous is the
Emeritus Catholic Archbishop of Hobart,
Tasmania. He is a patron of Family Life
International and long time courageous
defender of the rights of the unborn.**6pm to 9.30pm**

6.00 Adoration

6.50 Benediction

7.00 Refreshments

7.30 Mother's Stories

8.00 Archbishop Porteous

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