

Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

30 November 2025

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in

eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Annandale		Stanmore	
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday Sunday	9:00am 9:00am 9:00am 9:00am 9:30am 5:00pm	Friday Saturday Vigil Sunday	9:00am 5.30pm 8.00 am

ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturday: 8.00am-8.50am Annandale

Reflection

Write It Down

Advent has begun.

The word itself means 'coming towards.'

God comes toward us in three ways. We will notice, over the course of Advent, an interplay between these three comings:

In the flesh and in weakness – first coming In power and in Spirit – now In glory and in majesty – second coming (St. Augustine).

Pope Benedict XVI (2009):

God enters my life and wishes to speak to me. In our daily lives we all experience having little time for the Lord and also little time for ourselves. We end by being absorbed in 'doing.' Is it not true that activities often absorb us? Is it not true that we devote a lot of time to entertainment and to various kinds of amusement?

How to combat this spiritual inertia?

To keep, as it were, an 'interior journal' of God's love would be a beautiful and salutary task for our life!

Why don't I try and take note of how God enters my life? It would take just a few moments to notice the way God comes to me.

Then, why not **write it down** or record it digitally on my phone?

I will be able to observe patterns.

Amen.

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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.

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



VINNIES PARISH HAMPERS

As Annandale/Stanmore Vinnies does each year, we are asking for your help in providing Christmas hampers for those we have assisted throughout the year.

Hampers can contain basic dry and canned food plus Christmas food items.

Sheets detailing recipients are at the back of the churches and there will be a member available to answer any questions.

CURIOUS GRACE - Volunteers Needed

Sponsorship assistant to canvas local businesses for donations.

Promotions assistant to spread the word about our monthly free cafe.

Co-ordinator to liaise with the established groups of volunteers on a monthly basis.

For more information contact Cathie Edlington 0402384168.

ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL - FAMILY MASS

This Sunday 30 November at the 5:00 pm.

Join us as we begin the Advent season in the Jubilee Year of HOPE. All welcome!

BBQ & Gelato Van after Mass

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.

JUBILEE CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Enjoy a festive concert with the Noel Ensemble, led by Emelina Phillips, followed by a free BBQ.

All welcome – no registration needed!

Date: Friday, 5 December 2025.Time: Concert Start 6

pm (BBQ 7:30 pm)

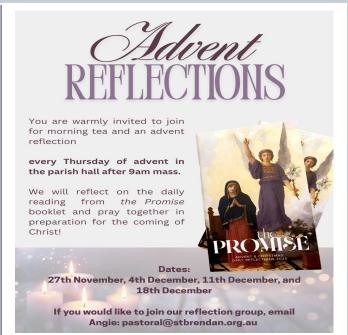
Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Waterloo, 2-6 Kellick Street, Waterloo (access via Mount Carmel Way) For more information contact Ruth 0410 470 678 or manager@citysouthcatholic.org.au

LOURDES DAY MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

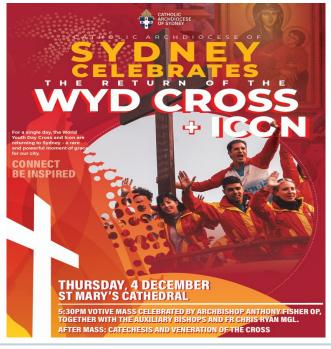
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be the principal celebrant of the Mass and will be assisted by chaplains of the Order of Malta. All those in attendance will receive a blessing for good health and water brought from the Shrine at Lourdes.

Date: Saturday 6 December 2025. Time: 11 am.

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney







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

Catechist coordinator - Mary Cain marycain5@hotmail.com

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

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 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.

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 (4) Week (1) 30 November, 2025 7 December, 2025 This week Next Week Sunday Sunday D Lee Acolyte P Alves Readers M Marr, S Lenihan S Rossetti **B** Holdsworth Welcomers M Digges S Edwards, **Altar Group** A Jansen, S Lenihan, M Stanley J Gow Counters 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

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.



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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.