



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

3 MAY 2026

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

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First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

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Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
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I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
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Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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

CREED CODE CULT COMMUNION

The Gospel of John has seven 'I AM' statements. Today we encounter:

I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14).

We have a 4,000-year spiritual tradition. It all began with Abraham and Sarah, Christ being the foundation stone.

Catechisms attempt to capture some of the richness that has been bequeathed to us. They follow the structure of Creed, Code, Cult, Communion:

Jesus is the Truth. We have a Creed (beliefs).

Jesus is the Life. We have a Cult (sacraments).

Jesus is the Way. We have a Code (morality).

Jesus teaches us to pray (communion).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church was published in 1994 and is one of the best the Church has ever offered.

Then followed the YOUCAT series. A superb collection of resources, forming the minds and hearts of young people:

YOUCAT

YOUCAT Prayer

YOUCAT Confirmation

YOUCAT My First Holy Communion

YOUCAT Confession

YOUCAT Bible

DOCAT

YOUCAT for Kids

YOUCAT Daily

YOUCAT Love Forever

YOUCAT Faith Course

YOUCAT Dialogical Catechesis

There is surely a special place in heaven for those who take the truth of our faith and put it into palatable language, forming heart and mind.

God bless them.

AMEN.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A**Entrance Antiphon**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?''

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

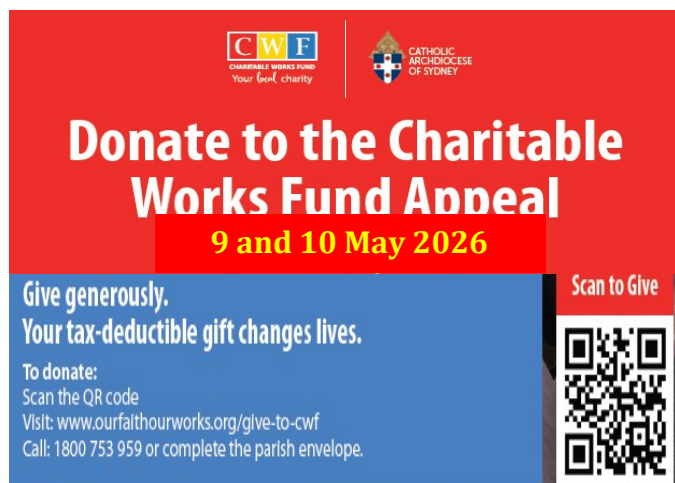
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

Communion Antiphon

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May, the Month of Mary, our Blessed Mother

“To Jesus through Mary. She is the surest, the easiest, the shortest way to Christ.”
— St. Louis de Montfort



The Rosary will be recited, at St Brendan’s each Sunday throughout May at 9:10am, before Mass.

HOLY SPIRIT Formation Series

7 May “The Holy Spirit in Liturgical Worship” Fr James Baxter OP	14 May “What Happened at Pentecost and Why Does It Matter?” Fr Chris Caruana OP	21 May “Following the Spirit, Living Christ’s Call” Tania Rimac
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Thursdays, 7:30 – 8:30 pm
St James’ Catholic School Hall, Glebe

the messy family project®

AUSTRALIAN TOUR 2026
HOSTED BY THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
10 MAY GROWING OUR FAMILY CULTURE SPIRITUAL + PRACTICAL FORMATION St Michael’s Little Cove		12 MAY FOLLOWING MARY’S FOOTSTEPS FOR MUMS AND BUBS St Jerome’s Punchbowl		
		WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FATHER FOR DADS St Luke’s Newbery		

8-9 MAY FAMILY CULTURE COURSE
Marriage + Parenting Renewal
St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Mike and Alicia Hernon, co-founders of the Messy Family Project, will empower parents, strengthen marriages and bring families to Christ through a number of formation evenings from 8-12 May 2026.




LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

We welcome into our faith community this weekend through the sacrament of Baptism at St Brendan’s and St Michael Annandale

*Grace Olivia Paula Deane
Eve Andy Mayell, and
Raye and Buddy Shorter*

and congratulate their parents.

NEW HEART PENTECOST RETREAT
Emmanuel Community Sydney presents New Heart Pentecost Retreat at St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Berala Parish Hall.

- Join us for a four-part retreat leading up to this feast.
- Sessions:**
- Wednesdays 6 May, 13th May and 20th May from 8pm - 9.30pm
 - Pentecost Sunday 24 May, 10 am - 2 pm
- For more information, phone 0423 102 066 or email emmanuel Sydney events@gmail.com

DIDASKŌ ADULT FAITH FORMATION: The Eucharist in the Life of the Church

In preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress, the Parish Renewal Team has partnered with the University of Notre Dame Australia to present a series of short courses on the Eucharist. We are also blessed to have **Archbishop Fisher OP** deliver a talk on Eucharistic Miracles as part of this series. Join us online to study, to discuss, to ask questions, and ultimately, to grow more in love with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Special offer for parishes: Make the most of this opportunity by gathering a group in-person and sharing the learning experience with others.

To find out more and to register, visit gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko.

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE – RENEWAL HAS BEGUN!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 (‘Eucharist28’) will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly ‘once in a lifetime’ experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

But this is more than an event in Sydney. It is a national journey, an invitation to renewal for the whole Church, wherever we are. The journey begins now, in our own hearts, in our own parishes.

Across the Easter weekend, thousands of catechumens and candidates throughout Australia were baptised and received into full communion with the Church. Our churches were alive with faith—pews filled, hearts renewed. It was a beautiful witness to what the Church is called to be every week, not only at Christmas and Easter. The great gift of the Eucharist is that it is not merely a story remembered over a few sacred days. At every Mass, we encounter the reality itself: we offer ourselves to God alongside Christ, truly present in our midst. How wonderful it would be to see our pews full every week—because people have truly encountered the living Lord in the Eucharist!

For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org

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BAPTISM BOOKINGS

Please 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 parish craft group meets in the church hall on the third Wednesday of the month between 5pm and 7pm and on the first Saturday between 2pm and 4pm. New members are welcome. Contact Ann Allen – 0487 500 951.

PARISH LIBRARY— St Brendan's (at the present time located in the confessional)

You can now browse the parish library collection or search for a particular author or book online at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/StBrendansLibrary>.

Borrowing is still transacted as before by entering your name, email and the book title on the borrowing sheet which is on the top of the bookcase in the confessional. Please place returned books in the returned books tray.

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.

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.

MONTHLY MORNING TEA AND DROP IN

The Curious Grace Pop In Cafe morning tea is held on the last Sunday of the month in conjunction with the parish morning tea.

Transport is available by calling Justin on 0403 480 050.

For more information email curious.grace@stbrendan.org.au

Everyone is welcome and, for those wanting to rediscover or develop new interests, a range of activities are offered including knitting, gardening and painting. It's a great way to meet others in the parish and local community.

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 (1) 3 May 2026 This week	Week (2) 10 May 2026 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	D Lee	P Pace
Readers	M Marr	P Cook, J McGrath
Welcomers	M Digges	J Young
Altar Group	S Edward, J Gow	
Counters	S & K Edwards	N Francis, J McGrath

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: Bernadette Rosier, Andrea Mullins, Frank Jaku, Giovanna Costa, Andrea Mullins, Valentina Clara Gandiagio.

Anniversaries: Maria Luchi, Annunziata Severino.

Also: Vincenzo Carini, Giovanni Sidoti, Anna Sidoti, Assunta Roberto.

Our sick: Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage.

Cassandra Lubrano, Margot Harrington, Rosie Marzouk, Helen Scott, Claire West, C & J Rayner, Michael Tannous, 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.