



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

10 MAY 2026

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has
freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*They laid hands on them, and they
received the Holy Spirit.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
*In the body he was put to death, in the
spirit he was raised to life.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my
Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John
*I shall ask the Father and he will give
you another Advocate.*

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says
the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will
send you another Paraclete, to abide with you
for ever, 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

Mother's Day

Sometimes theologians ponder why the heavenly Father didn't just send Jesus Christ to appear as a thirty-year-old man, to begin his ministry immediately. While the Christmas stories are wonderful, perhaps God could have saved the world in a more efficient way. But the Father didn't want this. Among other things, it was in God's wisdom that his divine Son should have a mother. Motherhood is important to God. Mothers are important to God!

Sometimes, sadly, we need to search further than I'd like to find something that truly tells of the goodness of motherhood. This is what I've found: Cardinal József Mindszenty (1892-1975) was a Hungarian archbishop who spoke these remarkable, and true, words on mothers: 'The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honour of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...What on God's good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?'

A happy Mother's Day to all the mothers.

Fr Matthew

MOTHERS DAY

10 May 2026

This Sunday we honour the women who have carried, guided,
and shaped us. We celebrate mothers, grandmothers,
godmothers, and all who offer a mother's heart.

We remember with tenderness those who have died and those
for whom this day brings sorrow.

May the love of Christ surround every family.

Mother's Day Prayer

God of all tenderness,

Bless the mothers of our parish and all who care for others
with a mother's love.

Strengthen them in moments of weariness
and fill their homes with peace.

Hold close those who mourn or carry unspoken pain.

Through the intercession of Mary,
may your love be our shelter and our joy. Amen.





CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL - 9 and 10 May 2026

The CWF Appeal supports outreach ministries across the Sydney Archdiocese — funding chaplaincies, providing comfort to people in crisis, and offering advocacy, training, and improved access for the disadvantaged. It also helps nurture faith development and the formation of future priests.

Each year, every parish is given a target to help sustain these vital services. Your contribution assists in meeting our parish goal and ensures these works continue to touch lives throughout the archdiocese.

Donations are tax deductible.

Envelopes are available on the pews, or you can give online by scanning the code or visiting:

<https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf>



BLESSING OF THE NEW PARISH CENTRE

9am, Wednesday 20 May

Bishop Danny Meagher will join us for 9am Mass, followed by a blessing of the new parish centre and presbytery.

ST BRENDAN'S FEAST DAY

Join us to celebrate one of our patron saints

6.30pm Vigil Mass - Friday 15 of May

Join us to celebrate after at The Vic.

9am Mass - Saturday 16 May.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION 2026

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to the annual Our Lady of Fatima Procession, which began in 2023 to prepare our Sydney World Youth Day Pilgrims for their visit to Fatima. Witness the universality of the Catholic Church and feel the power of prayer, the strength and warmth of community, and the connection among the faithful youth of Sydney as we walk alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ to honour Our Lady at the third annual Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Procession.

DETAILS

Date: Saturday, 16 May 2026

Time: 6 PM Vigil Mass followed by Marian Procession

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

TIM FISCHER ORATION ON ETHICS IN PUBLIC & POLITICAL LIFE

The Tim Fischer Oration 2026 is an opportunity to give thanks for what we have received. It calls forth young people to protect and promote the common good through ethical attitudes and actions in public and political life.

Professor Mary Healy will deliver the third Tim Fischer Oration.

DETAILS:

Date: Wednesday, 17 June 2026

Time: 6 PM

Venue: Rosehill Gardens

Cost: \$50 per ticket

For more information, visit tfo.org.au

This Sunday's Hymns

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all His words most wonderful,
most sure in all His ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight,
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! That flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.

Offertory Hymn

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;

O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Communion Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy host above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Thanksgiving Hymn

Rejoice, O Mary, heavenly Queen
Rejoice O Mary!
Now clouds give way to Sunlight's beams,
Alleluia, Rejoice, rejoice o Mary!

The Offspring of thy Virgin womb,
Rejoice, rejoice O Mary!
Is risen from the virgin tomb,
Alleluia, Rejoice, rejoice o Mary!

Death's arrows keen are snapped in twain,
Rejoice, rejoice O Mary!
At Jesus' feet death lieth slain,
Alleluia, Rejoice, rejoice o Mary!

Though bitterness endures a night,
Rejoice, rejoice O Mary!
It giveth joy with morning light,
Alleluia, Rejoice, rejoice O Mary!

Recessional hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!
Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

All hymns in the Public domain

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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

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St Michael's School

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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 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 (2) 10 May 2026 This week	Week (3) 17 May 2026 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, J McGrath	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:** Bernadette Rosier, Andrea Mullins, Frank Jaku, Giovanna Costa, Andrea Mullins, Valentina Clara Gandiogo.**Anniversaries:** Doreen and Vince McCall, 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,

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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.