



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, YEAR A

31 MAY 2026

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading: **Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9**

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

Responsorial Psalm: **Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52**

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel: **John 3:16-18**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Communion Antiphon:

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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

BAPTISING CUCUMBERS IN VINEGAR

We hear the mantra often enough: 'We are an inclusive community.'

However, our starting point is not exclusion, but mutuality, precisely because we are baptised into the Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

God is a mutual God. He is in us, and we are in him.

Baptise is a Greek word meaning immerse.

For instance, there is an ancient recipe for 'Baptising cucumbers in vinegar.' Cucumbers need a good soaking, as do we:

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

And teach them to observe all that I have commanded you (Matthew 28).

We are to be baptised in water and in the teaching of Jesus. This makes us disciples.

It is good to focus on immersion in water, but we should not forget the immersion in teaching.

The early Church focused on both immersions:

For instance, St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386) has bequeathed to us a 'Christian Instruction Before Baptism.'

The Church took seriously the need to be baptised in the teaching of Jesus, before baptism in water.

It would be good for us to have this focus.

AMEN.

DIDASKŌ ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

The Eucharist in the Early Church A short course presented by **Dr Kevin Wagner**, in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Australia.

Discover how the early Church came to understand and live the mystery of the Eucharist, and learn about the great bishops and theologians whose faith sustained them through persecution.

Date: Mondays 1, 15, and 22 June.

Time: 7:30 – 8:45 PM Delivered online via Zoom

Cost: \$35 per person (+ booking fees)

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

SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

Join us for the first **Scholarship at the Cathedral for 2026**. Dr Mary Healy, internationally acclaimed Scripture scholar and author, will speak at **St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 16 June**, reflecting on the theme of the 54th International Eucharistic Congress: *"This Is My Body, Given For You."*

We look forward to welcoming you as we explore Christ's self giving love and its meaning for the Church today, especially as Sydney prepares for **Eucharist28**.

Register at:

<https://satcathedral.org/2026/this-is-my-body-given-for-you/>

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.

Date: Wednesday, 17 June 2026. **Time:** 6 PM

Venue: Rosehill Gardens. **Cost:** \$50 per ticket

For more information, visit tfo.org.au

"COME AND SEE" A discernment weekend with the Sisters of the Immaculata.

Friday 5 June – Sunday 7 June 2026 Armidale, NSW

Contact: vocations@immaculata.org.au

Phone: 0497 908 221



7-10 July 2026

WINTER PROGRAM

A four-day residential program to experience uni life at Campion College – sample lectures, conversations with current students, shared meals, and time to connect with like-minded peers.

Learn more and register: www.campion.edu.au/events

13-17 July 2026

CAMPION COLLEGE EARLY SCHOLARS INTENSIVE

- Complete a first-year philosophy unit at Campion College
- Open to students in Year 11 and 12
- Experience university study and gain academic credit

Learn more and enrol: www.campion.edu.au/events/



Parents' Pilgrimage

SISTINE CHAPEL

—EXHIBITION—

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE



MEET YOUR FAMILY EDUCATOR
8:45 AM
Return in time for school pick up



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
Sistine Chapel Exhibition
Quiet Prayer in Cathedral



LUNCH PROVIDED
In Hyde Park



BOOK NOW

Let your Family Educator know once you have purchased your ticket to coordinate transport and catering

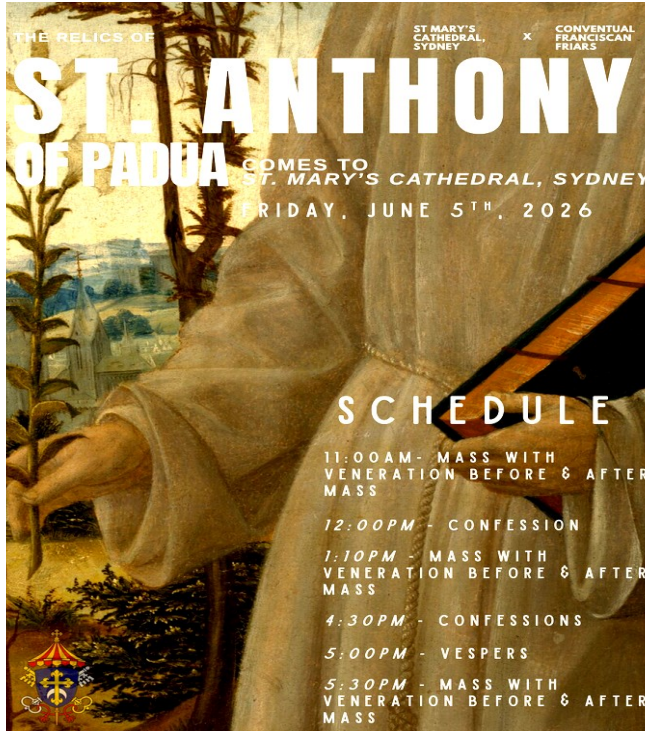









All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Please RSVP to Angelique if you wish to book.
angelique.mackenzie@syd.catholic.edu.au or
pastoral@stbrendan.org.au



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA COMES TO ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2026

SCHEDULE

11:00AM - MASS WITH VENERATION BEFORE & AFTER MASS

12:00PM - CONFESSION

1:10PM - MASS WITH VENERATION BEFORE & AFTER MASS

4:30PM - CONFESSIONS

5:00PM - VESPERS

5:30PM - MASS WITH VENERATION BEFORE & AFTER MASS

PARISH OFFICE UPDATE

We advise that the parish office will reopen on Tuesday, 2 June.

This Sunday's Hymns

Processional Hymn : Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

Offertory Hymn :Firmly I Believe and Truly

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

Communion Hymn: O Bread From Heaven Beneath This Veil

O Bread of Heaven, beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal:
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail!
I love Thee and, adoring, kneel;
Each loving soul by Thee is fed
With Thine own Self in form of Bread.

O food of life, Thou Who dost give
The pledge of immortality;
I live, no 'tis not I that live;
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,
And every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of love that dost unite
The servant to his living Lord;
Could I dare live and not requite
Such love - then death were meet reward:
I cannot live unless to prove
Some love for such unmeasured love.

My dearest God! Who dost so bind
My heart with countless claims to Thee!
O Sweetest love, my soul shall find
In Thy dear bonds true liberty.
Thyself Thou hast bestowed on me;
Thine, Thine for ever I will be.

Thanksgiving Hymn: Panis Angelicus

Panis angelicus
Fit panis hominum
Dat panis coelicus
Figuris terminum
O res mirabilis
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, pauper
Servus et humilis
Pauper, pauper
Servus et humilis

English translation

*May the Bread of Angels
Become bread for mankind;
The Bread of Heaven puts
All foreshadowings to an end;
Oh, thing miraculous!
The body of the Lord will nourish
the poor, the poor,
the servile, and the humble.*

Recessional Hymn: I Bind Unto Myself Today

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH STAFF

Parish Priest - Fr Matthew Meagher

Parish Secretary - Zina Pappalardo

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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: Katherine Micallef

Telephone: 9569 7479

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 (5) 31 May 2026 This week	Week (1) 7 June 2026 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	B Holdsworth	D Lee
Readers		S Rossetti, B Holdsworth
Welcomers		M Digges
Altar Group		S Edwards, 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: Bernadette Rosier, Andrea Mullins, Frank Jaku, Giovanna Costa.

Anniversaries: Doreen McCall, Giuseppe and Rosina Ferraiolo, Rui Martins

Also: Eduardo Casado, Maria and Caterina Ferraiolo, Francesco and Immacolata Badolato, Vincenzo Carini.

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.

St Brendan's Church now uses audiofetch.
Scan the QR code to connect and

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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.