



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

21 JUNE 2026

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading: **Jeremiah 20:10-13**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14**

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading: **Romans 5:12-15**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 10:26-33**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Communion Antiphon:

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Annandale

Stanmore

Tuesday	9:00am		
Wednesday	No Mass		
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

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no 9.00am Mass on Wednesday, 24 June.

Reflection

FAILURE AND FALL

The experience of success is important. Joy is the word that comes to mind.

However, it may be that the experience of failure is more important. Paul speaks in Romans of the mysterious failure and fall of Adam.

We find it in Genesis 3, where God responds to failure, not by accusing, but by questioning Adam, with no less than four questions!

The questions are designed to enable Adam and Eve to understand the experience of failure more deeply. This helps them to go forward with renewed purpose.

Notice God's way of acting:

He responds to failure, fall and sin with the offer of salvation.

God never focuses on sin alone. God never focuses on salvation alone. Rather, in the one breath he speaks of sin and salvation.

Romans 5:

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall.

If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

We don't flee failure. We don't fear failure.

Rather, we embrace it with Christ Crucified and Risen.

AMEN.

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VINNIES WINTER APPEAL – THIS WEEKEND

At all Masses this weekend, we will be holding our annual **Vinnies Winter Appeal**.

As the cost of living continues to rise, more individuals and families in our community are turning to Vinnies for help with food, warm clothing, and other essential support. The need this winter is greater than ever.

Your generosity enables Vinnies to continue their vital work — providing practical assistance, comfort, and hope to those doing it tough. Every contribution, large or small, makes a meaningful difference. All donations will be gratefully received and will directly support people in our local area.

Thank you for your compassion and for helping bring warmth and dignity to those who need it most this winter.

NOTICE TO ALL PLANNED GIVERS TAX DEDUCTION FOR 2026–2027: 30%

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish. Those who registered for a tax receipt in 2025–2026 will receive one showing 30% deductibility for contributions up to 30 June 2026.

If you would like a tax receipt for 2026–2027 and haven't requested one before, please contact the Parish Office by **Tuesday 23 June 2026**.

Previously registered parishioners will continue to receive receipts unless your circumstances have changed. **New Planned Giving envelopes will be available next week.**

AN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

Thank you to all who already support our Planned Giving Programme. Your generosity enables the Parish to meet daily needs, care for our community, and plan confidently for future ministry and growth.

If you are not yet part of the programme, we warmly invite you to consider joining. **Every contribution—large or small—helps sustain the life of our Parish and strengthens our mission.**

You can choose the giving option that suits you best:

- Monthly credit card deductions • Direct debit
- Weekly giving envelopes

Forms are available at all church entrances. Completed forms may be emailed to the Parish Office or placed in the collection plate.

Thank you for being a vital and valued part of our Parish family.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY

Join us for our inaugural Women's Night of Spirituality: an evening of connection, encouragement, and friendship.

Featuring guest speaker **Elizabeth Flynn** who will talk about the first female doctor of the Church, Saint Teresa of Avila, and how God works in the life of women.

Come and be renewed in spirit and strengthened in faith.

-St Brendan's Parish Centre

6 July 2026

6:30 – 8:00pm (light refreshment following)

All women are warmly welcome - come as you are.

CARDINAL'S CORNER
CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS IN SYDNEY



TUESDAY, 26 JUNE

Guest speaker

FR ROBIN KONING, SJ



'Dealing with Desolation: Wisdom from St Ignatius of Loyola'

St Michael's Church
69 Clarendon Rd, Stanmore NSW 2048
5:30pm Adoration & Confession
6:30pm Holy Mass
7pm Talk

Followed by dinner and drinks at the pub



Father Brendan Kilcoyne

Following both talks we will head to a local pub

St Brendan's Catholic Church, Annandale

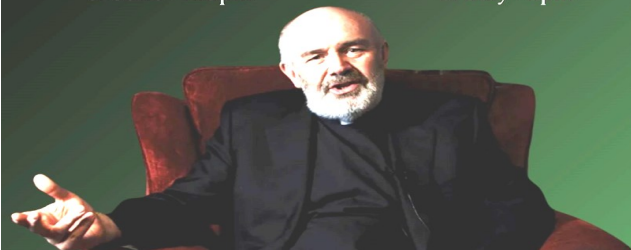
What Can Saint Brendan Teach Modern Catholics?

Tuesday the 30th of June | 7:15pm

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Church Hill

The Irish Saints and the Call to Mission

Thursday the 2nd of July | 6pm



Mass and Reception of St Carlo Acutis Relic

Thursday 25 June, St Mary's Cathedral

5:30pm Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Catechesis and veneration of the relic after Mass.



Parents' Pilgrimage
SISTINE CHAPEL
—EXHIBITION—

\$50 Per Adult

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

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

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 :

Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Communion Hymn:

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived:
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.

On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men,
Here thy very manhood steals from human ken:
Both are my confession, both are my belief,
And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he;
Let me to a deeper faith daily nearer move,
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

O thou our reminder of Christ crucified,
Living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,
Lend this life to me then: feed and feast my mind,
There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

Jesu, whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech thee send me what I thirst for so,
Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light
And be blest forever in thy glorious sight.

Thanksgiving Hymn:

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

The Bread of Angels becomes the bread of men;
The heavenly Bread puts an end to all symbols:
O, thing most wonderful!
The poor and humble servant eats the Lord.

Recessional Hymn:

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

All hymns in the Public domain

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PARISH STAFF

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St Brendan's School

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St Michael's School

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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 (3) 21 June 2026 This week	Week (4) 28 June 2026 Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	F Green	P Alves
Readers	M Gibbs, H Paton	M Marr, S Lenihan
Welcomers		
Altar Group		
Counters	D Lee, J McNamara	S Lenihan, M Stanley

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: Vincenzo Mazzitello, Bernadette Rosier, Andrea Mullins.

Anniversaries: Salvatore Severino, Concetta Andreacchio, Caterina Severino, Nicola & Francesco Andreacchio, Elisabetta & Ambrogio Dolce, Caterina Peronace, Giuseppe Andreacchio, Doreen McCall.

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

Oursick: Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage.

Nevenka Milanovic, 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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