



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

12 July 2026

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: **Isaiah 55:10-11**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8**

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading: **Romans 8:18-23**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 13:1-23**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
A sower went out to sow.

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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

Salve Regina

One of my friend's most vivid memories is from World Youth Day in Cologne in 2005 when well over one million pilgrims sung it in unison, without any text to follow. But he also remembers how few Australians knew it. This is a strange thing – almost any Catholic across the globe will know it by heart, but most Australian Catholics (at least below a certain age!) are unfamiliar with it. I personally never learned it until I joined the seminary.

The 'Salve Regina' (Hail Holy Queen) is one of the most, if not the most, commonly known and loved hymns in history. It was likely composed in the 11th Century in Germany, and its use spread rapidly across the Catholic world.

When the liturgy was reformed in the 1970s by Pope St Paul VI, he wanted to ensure that the rich musical heritage of the Catholic Church was preserved. For this, he produced *Jubilate Deo* – a hymnal with twenty pieces that all Catholics should know, chosen because, following centuries of widespread use, these pieces had become part of the fabric of the Church. *Salve Regina* is one of these.

Sadly, this document was rarely touched. Gladly however, children in many Sydney Catholic schools, including our own parish schools, have been taking part in the *Jubilate Deo* program to learn these and other chants and hymns.

I joked with some of you last week that it would be embarrassing if you were to be one of the few Catholics in heaven who doesn't know it! Rightly, many of you said I should put it in the bulletin so we can all learn it!

Fr Matthew

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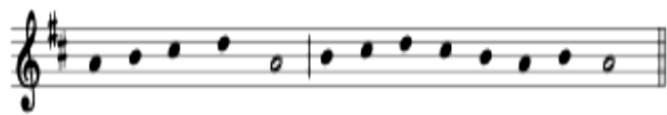
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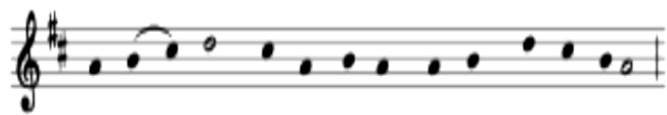
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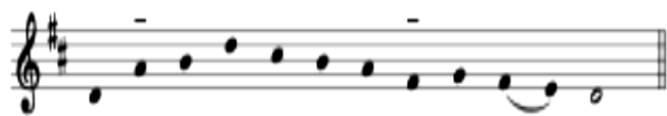
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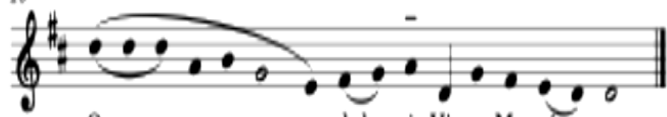
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O cle - mens, O pi - a,



O dul - cis Vir - go Ma - ri - a.

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

PLANNED GIVING – TAX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE

Tax receipts for parishioners who claimed the **30% tax deduction** for Planned Giving are now ready for collection. They are placed on the table at the church entrance and arranged **alphabetically**.

For those who contributed to other parish appeals during the **2025/2026 financial year** —including the **CFW Appeal, Project Compassion, and the Priests' Retirement Foundation**— and requested tax receipts, these contributions have been included on your statement.


If you have any enquiries, please contact the **Parish Office**.

If you would like to **join the Planned Giving Program**, we warmly invite you to contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity.


"NOLITE TIMERE"
(MT 28:10)

CARDINAL'S CORNER
CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS IN SYDNEY



TUESDAY, 28 JULY

Guest speaker
DR KEVIN WAGNER



"Monasticism and the Salvation of the West"

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

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY

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

*Featuring guest speaker **Lorena Portocarrero** who will talk about Interior Peace and Freedom - unpacking Fr Jacques Philippe's reflections on how to be at peace with oneself.*

Come and be renewed in spirit and strengthened in faith.

St Brendan's Parish Centre
3 August 2026
6:30 – 8:00pm (light refreshment following)

All women are warmly welcome - come as you are.

This Sunday's Hymns

Processional Hymn :

All people that on Earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

Offertory Hymn :

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Communion Hymn:

Soul of my Savior, sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Savior, bathe me in thy tide;
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be;
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
In deaths dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me, come to thee on high,
Where I may praise this with thy saints for aye

Thanksgiving Hymn:

O sanctissima, o piissima,
dulcis Virgo Maria!
Mater amata, intemerata,
ora, ora pro nobis.

Tu solatium et refugium,
Virgo Mater Maria.
Quidquid optamus, per te speramus;
ora, ora pro nobis.

Ecce debiles, perquam flebiles;
salva nos, o Maria!
Tolle languores, sana dolores;
ora, ora pro nobis.

Virgo, respice, Mater, aspice;
audi nos, o Maria!
Tu medicinam portas divinam;
ora, ora pro nobis.

*O most holy, o most loving,
sweet Virgin Mary!
Beloved Mother, undefiled,
pray, pray for us.*

*You are solace and refuge,
Virgin Mother Mary.
Whatever we wish, we hope it through you;
pray, pray for us.*

*Look, we are weak and deeply deplorable;
save us, o Mary!
Take away our lassitude, heal our pains;
pray, pray for us.*

*Virgin, look at us, Mother, care for us;
hear us, o Mary!
You bring divine medicine;
pray, pray for us.*

Recessional Hymn:

O Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

*All People That On Earth Do Dwell, - As One Voice Vi 25
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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 (2) 12 July 2026 -This week	Week (3) 19 July 2026 -Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte		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: Vincenzo Ferraiolo.

Anniversaries: Vincenzo Giannini, Nicola Severino, Valentin Jose Neto De Sousa, Salvatore Severino, Concetta Andreacchio, Caterina Severino, Nicola & Francesco Andreacchio, Elisabetta & Ambrogio Dolce, Caterina Peronace.

Also: Antonietta Fera, Joao Manuel Guioman, Eduardo Casado, Maria Ferraiolo.

Our sick: 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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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.