



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

2 August 2026

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: **Isaiah 55:1-3**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Hasten and eat.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16**

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: **Romans 8:35. 37-39**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 14:13-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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

THE REAL DEAL

St. Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) realised – from a very young age – that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

So convinced of this truth, that he set about documenting 136 Eucharistic miracles throughout the history of the Church.

What is a Eucharistic miracle?

The Church has taught, teaches and will continue to teach that when Christ said of the bread he held in his hands at the Last Supper, 'This is my Body,' that he meant what he said.

The bread became, becomes, will continue to become his very Body. The only thing that remains of the bread is its appearance.

It still looks like bread. Tastes like bread. Feels like bread. But it isn't bread. It is his Body.

A Eucharistic miracle occurs when the appearance of bread disappears and the flesh of Christ's Body becomes visible.

Some Eucharistic miracles that Carlo documented vary from this basic definition. If you are interested, do some searching.

Why did Christ transubstantiate the bread into his very Body?

Because we need him, more than we realise:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty, though you have no money, come! (Isaiah 55).

Let us come fervently.

AMEN.

Bishop Anthony G Percy

CURIOUS GRACE – HELP NEEDED

Wanted: someone with expertise in marketing or promotions. Curious Grace needs advice on how to promote our event to the wider community. Your help would be much appreciated. Contact Cathie on 0402384168.

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Join the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on **Saturday 8 August**.

Make a pilgrimage to Mary's tomb, spend time in prayer in the Chapel, and celebrate the Eucharist with us at one of our Feast Day Masses:

• **8:00am & 6:00pm** – Chapel

10:00am & 1:00pm – Glen Roy Green (outdoors)

The **10:00am and 1:00pm Masses will be AusLan interpreted**, and the **10:00am Mass will be livestreamed** for those unable to attend in person.

For the full Feast Day program, information and more, visit www.marymackillopplace.org.au or contact

ministries@mmp.org.au

SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

Join us for the second Scholarship at the Cathedral for 2026. Archbishop John Wilson, Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark, will be joining us at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 13 August, 6–8 PM, to share his reflections on: St Oscar Romero: "Persona Eucharistica".

We look forward to welcoming you as we explore the witness of St Oscar Romero and what his self-giving love for the Eucharist, means for the life of the Church today, as we continue preparing Sydney for Eucharist28. Spaces are limited. To register here, visit

<https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/scho.../satc-13-08-2026>

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of St Patrick's Church Hill, at 2:00 PM on Sunday, 16 August.

The Topic: Fr Ted Kennedy and Redfern - A Personal Reflection

Presenter: Danny Gilbert

Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge.

Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history and YouTube videos, are on the website

<https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

*We welcome into our faith community
this weekend through the sacrament of Baptism
at*

St Brendan's and St Michael Annandale

Isabella Fisher,

Isabella Pete and Arthur Henry O'Donnell and

Aoife Alice Molloy

and congratulate their parents.

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.

8TH ACMRO NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

The 2026 conference, themed **"Migrant Communities in a Synodal Church"**, will celebrate the faith, gifts, contributions, and resilience of migrant communities, and highlight their vital role in a synodal Church in Australia.

Keynote Speakers Cardinal Fabio Baggio, C.S., Under Secretary of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development Dr Trudy Dantis, Director, National Centre for Pastoral Research (ACBC)

Details Dates: Tuesday 25 – Wednesday 26 August 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Venue:** Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney **Cost:** \$143 – \$385

Registration: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/nc/nc2026>

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This Sunday's Hymns

Processional Hymn :

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper rev'rence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Offertory Hymn :

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.

And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.

Communion Hymn:

O Bread of Heaven! beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal;
My Jesus, dearest Treasure, hail!
I love Thee, and adoring kneel:
The loving soul by Thee is fed
With Thy 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 loving 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.

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 angel's bread becomes the bread of men
The heavenly bread ends all symbols
Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish
The poor, poor, and humble servant
The poor, poor, and humble servant

Recessional Hymn:

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control!
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul!

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory
there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend!

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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

Principal: Katherine Micallef

Telephone: 9569 7479

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 (1) 2 August 2026 -This week	Week (2) 9 August 2026 -Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	D Lee	
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:** Nevenka Milanovic, Vincenzo Ferraiolo.**Anniversaries:** Giovanni Giorla, Maria Celia, Giovanni Curcio, Raffaella Giorla, Santo Giorla, Maria Cuccovilla, Anne, Kevin, Patrick and James Doyle, Vincenzo Severino, Vincenzo Giannini, Nicola Severino.**Also:** Antonietta Fera, Joao Manuel Guioman, Eduardo Casado, Maria Ferraiolo.**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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