



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

9 August 2026

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not
the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget
not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: **1 Kings 19:9-11-13**

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*Go out and stand on the mountain
before the Lord God.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us
your salvation.

Second Reading: **Romans 9:1-5**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

*I would willingly be condemned if it
could help my people.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 14:22-33**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

*Command me to come to you over the
water.*

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

Feast of the Assumption

Mass Time

Friday 14 August at 6:30pm

St Brendan's Church

Reflection

EFFORTLESS MASTERY

We have the unusual *pairing* of God appearing to Elijah
on Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19) with Christ walking on wa-
ter (Matthew 14).

Why the pairing?

God commands Elijah to 'go out and stand on the
mountain before the Lord.'

He soon discovers that God is not in the form of a
mighty wind, an earthquake, a fire. No, rather God is in
'a voice of silence.'

**Too many translations weaken the expression into
'a still, small voice of silence,' something that can
do no harm. But it must stand in all its
self-contradiction.**

**The experience is not one of weakness or
gentleness, but one of effortless mastery, which
needs no further assertion (Henry Wansborough,
OSB).**

Silence speaks with effortless mastery. Jesus acts with
effortless mastery:

**He makes the disciples cross the sea. The crowd he
dismisses. He climbs the mountain to be with his
Father.**

**In the fourth watch of the night (3am-6am) he
walks on water.**

**He speaks with authority, 'Courage! I AM! Do not
be afraid.'**

We are invited to experience the effortless mastery of
God – in times of silence and stillness, and in times of
darkness and chaos:

We need an effortless master.

AMEN.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Registrations Now Open

**Are you—or someone you know—feeling drawn to explore
the Catholic faith?**

RCIA offers a prayerful and supportive journey for adults
preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, as well
as for those who simply wish to grow in their understanding
of the Catholic faith.

To register, please visit:

<https://stbrendan.org.au/becoming-catholic> or contact the
Pastoral Associate at pastoral@stbrendan.org.au.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Your local charity

CWF APPEAL- THANK YOU

The CWF Appeal helps fund chaplaincies, crisis support, advocacy, and the formation of future priests. If you haven't had a

chance to donate, envelopes are available on the pews and are due back by 31 May. This is our **first appeal for the financial year**, and all donations are 100% tax deductible.

You can give online by scanning the code or visiting:



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

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.

POSITION VACANT – Senior Administration Officer

The Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea is seeking applications for this position. Based at Stanmore, the role can be full-time or part-time, as suits the successful applicant. Enquiries to Vivian Meloni on 0438 001 840

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 Sister Patty Andrew, OSU, a member of the Ursuline community who has had a long career in education - and is Vicar for Consecrated Life in the Diocese of Parramatta. She will talk about the Holy Women of Helfta, and what the early Christian mystics can teach us about love of God and neighbour.

Come and be renewed in spirit and strengthened in faith.

St Brendan's Parish Centre

7 September 2026

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

All women are warmly welcome - come as you are.



Eucharist28 Update: Eternal Life in the Eucharist

The International Eucharistic Congress ('Eucharist28') is coming to Sydney in 2028!

At every Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist is a moment of communion, where we are united in Christ, who's body and blood we share. In the Scriptures, Jesus tells us, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." (John 6:54) Through the Eucharist, Christ unites us to Himself and draws us into the eternal life He promises. This invitation is for everyone, even those who have died. At each Mass, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice for the faithful departed, that they may experience eternal life and unity with Christ. To help your parish and community experience this moment of Eucharistic renewal on the journey to Eucharist28, head to eucharist28.org for more.

7 CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE

Walk and pray with us for the Solemnity of the Assumption

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

From Mary MacKillop Chapel to St Brigid's Coogee

Gather at 9am

The day includes Mass for the Solemnity

Register Interest
<https://forms.gle/Uv3BzTwpH4LUTLS9>

Didasko
FAITH FORMATION 2026

The Eucharist and Devotion
Rev Dr Benjamin Johnson OFMCap

Mondays 17, 24 and 31 August

Online via Zoom
Cost: \$35 per person (+ BOOKING FEES)
\$100 for Parish Groups, in-person gathering (+ BOOKING FEES)
Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

6:00PM - 8:00PM | THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 2026
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL COLLEGE - CHAPTER HALL
2 ST MARY'S RD, SYDNEY

SAINT OSCAR ROMERO
"PERSONA EUCHARISTICA"

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

Archbishop John Wilson was born in Sheffield on 4 July 1968 and educated in theology at the University of Leeds before entering priestly formation at the Venerable English College in Rome in 1989. During his seminary formation, he completed a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, and a Licence in Moral Theology at the Accademia Alfonsiana. He was ordained priest for the Diocese of Leeds on 29 July 1995.

In 2015 Pope Francis named him Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, ordained bishop in 2016, before becoming Archbishop of Southwark in 2019.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
www.satcathedral.org

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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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

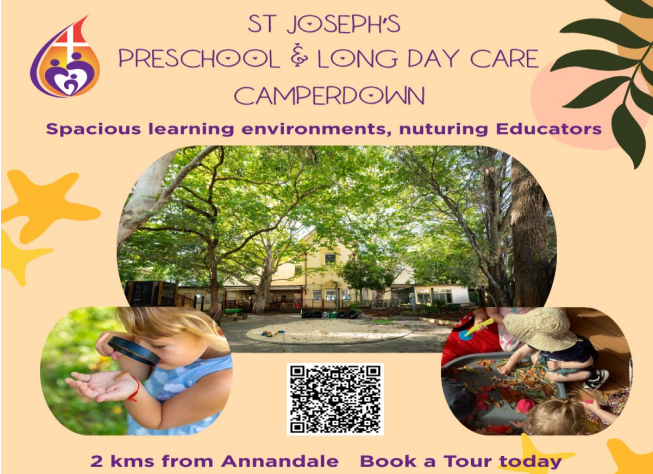
Everyone is welcome and, for those wanting to rediscover or develop new interests, a range of activities are offered including knitting, gardening and painting. It's a great way to meet others in the parish and local community.

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 (2) 9 August 2026 -This week	Week (16) 16 August 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:** Nevenka Milanovic, Vincenzo Ferraiolo.**Anniversaries:** Luis da Silva, Constaca Eloj, Giovanni Giorla, Maria Celia, Giovanni Curcio, Raffaella Giorla, Santo Giorla, Maria Cuccovilla, Anne, Kevin, Patrick and James Doyle.**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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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

If you or someone you know has experienced abuse, or if you are worried about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, please know that you are not alone and that help is available.

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is available to listen, support you, and provide guidance about reporting options. You can contact the office on (02) 9390 5800 or at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also wish to speak with your Parish Priest, who can offer pastoral care and assist you in taking the next step.

The Archdiocese takes all safeguarding concerns seriously and is required to report criminal matters to police. If there is an emergency or someone is in immediate danger, please contact NSW Police on 000.