



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

13 September 2026

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your
people Israel.

First Reading: **Sirach 27:30 – 28:7**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
*Forgive your neighbour's faults and
when you pray, your sins will be
forgiven.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger
and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: **Romans 14:7-9**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans
*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the
Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment: love one
another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 18:21-35**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

*I tell you that you forgive not seven
times but seventy times seven.*

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow
of your wings.

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

MATHEMATICS

Jesus tells a parable about forgiveness:

**A man is forgiven 10,000 talents but fails to
forgive 100 denarii.**

It is a classic case of hyperbole, employed by Jesus
to wake us up. God forgives so generously, but do
we?

The mathematics is fun:

1 Denarius is the Daily Wage

1 Talent is 6,000 Denarius.

Let's say the daily wage in Australia is \$350. So,
10,000 talents in today's terms would be:

\$350 x 6,000 = \$2,100,000

10,000 x \$2,100,000 = \$21Billion.

There is no love without forgiveness. There is no
forgiveness without love.

No forgiveness means spiritual paralysis.

AMEN.

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Donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day appeal

This weekend

**The Priests' Retirement
Foundation supports our sick or
retired fathers in many ways:**

-  Accommodation and convalescent care for sick priests
-  Medical expenses
-  Transportation
-  Support with daily needs
-  Long-term sustainability as more priests enter retirement

Every gift makes a difference. Thank you.



PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION



3 Ways to donate:

1) Scan the QR code or visit
www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-prf



2) Complete the parish envelope
3) Phone 1800 753 959

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Carnival Games Building Day
Saturday 19 September · From 10:00am · St Brendan's
Parish Hall

Our fete carnival games need building, painting, and assembling — everything from the pachinko nail board to the water pistol boat race and “pass the footy”. No particular skill is required. If you can hold a piece of timber steady or handle a paintbrush, you're already useful.

Come for the whole day or just an hour, whatever you can spare. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on.

If you can help, please email the Fete Committee at stbrendanfete@gmail.com so we have a rough idea of numbers. If not, no worries at all.

Thank you, St Brendan and St Michael Fete Committee

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE

- Share Your Faith at the Walk with Christ

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives. It will be a celebration of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be an important moment of Eucharistic renewal for the Church in Australia and beyond. The journey to Eucharist28 has begun! This November, we have an opportunity to step out in faith toward 2028 by joining the annual Walk With Christ Eucharistic procession. Last month, thousands of men took to the streets of Sydney for the Men's St Joseph Camino. Through walking and praying, they gave public witness to their faith in the heart of our city. On Saturday, November 22, we all have an opportunity to be part of this public witness. We have an opportunity to Walk with Christ. Families and parishioners of all ages are invited to join the Eucharistic procession from Martin Place to St Mary's Cathedral, publicly witnessing to our faith and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist. Christ calls us to share our faith with those in our lives and in our city. The Walk With Christ is how we can answer that call, joining an inspiring public witness of faith. Join your parish and community for Walk With Christ and take this step on the journey to Eucharist28.

Scan the QR code to access Walking With Christ: A Companion for Eucharistic Renewal, a resource designed to accompany you in your spiritual preparation for the procession.



COURAGE MUSICAL

A Story of Bravery, Destiny, and Courage under Fire. Step into the world of a legend - the original knight in shining armour! Watch as St George faces his greatest trial: a fearsome dragon, an Empire in peril, and the courage to stand firm when all hope seems lost. Come and join us for an evening of romance, of adventure, of satire; as we discover the true story behind the legend of George and the Dragon.

Where: St Peter's Parish Surry Hills (1880 – Parish Hall) 235 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills

When:

Friday 9 October at 7:00 PM

Saturday 10 October at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Sunday 11 October at 2:00 PM

Booking via this link: www.trybooking.com/DOUBL



This weekend the Catholic Church in Australia marks **Safeguarding Sunday**, reflecting on our shared commitment to ensuring that children, young people, and vulnerable adults feel safe, valued, and supported in every part of parish life.

The national theme for 2026 is **“Love Protects.”** Safeguarding is a practical expression of Christian love — shown through attentiveness, accountability, and creating environments where all can participate with confidence and dignity.

We keep in prayer all who have experienced harm in a Church context, and we renew our promise to foster a culture of safety, care, and respect.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY

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

Our guest speaker Francine Pirola will be speaking on the topic of “Called to Nuptial Communion: Exploring John Paul II's Theology of the Body.”

Francine volunteers in marriage and family ministry. She codirects PMRC (Australia), cofounded SmartLoving, and founded CathFamily. A mother of five and ‘Nonnina’ to seven, she is passionate about helping families grow in faith.

Come and be renewed in spirit and strengthened in faith.

St Brendan's Parish Centre

2 October 2026

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



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
 Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Season of Creation – Week 2 “Living Water”

As we enter Week 2 of the Season of Creation, we pause to honour the life-giving gift of water — the source of renewal, healing, and hope.

Around the world, many communities struggle for clean and reliable water, reminding us that care for creation is also care for our brothers and sisters.

This week invites us to reflect on how God's “living water” flows through our daily lives: in acts of kindness, in moments of rest, and in the ways we nurture the earth entrusted to us. May our prayer and action help protect this precious gift for all who depend on it.

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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.

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) 13 September 2026 -This week	Week (3) 20 September 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: Anne Fury, Nevenka Milanovic, Vincenzo Ferraiolo.

Anniversaries: Rosina and Giuseppe Ferraiolo, Manuel Alogoinna, Eduardo Casado, Luis da Silva, Constaca Eloj, Giovanni Giorla, Maria Celia, Giovanni Curcio, Raffaella Giorla, Santo Giorla, Maria Cuccovilla.

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

Oursick: 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.



Nepal Floods Appeal

Stand with communities affected by devastating flash floods.

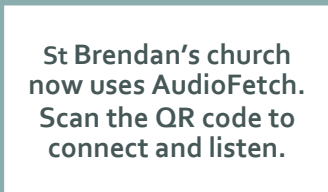
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EMERGENCY ACTION ALLIANCE

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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.