



# Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

20 September 2026

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear  
them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading: **Isaiah 55:6-9**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

### Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18**

**(R.)** The Lord is near to all who call him.

### Second Reading: **Philippians 1:20-24. 27**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians

*For me to live is Christ.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words  
of your Son.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: **Matthew 20:1-16**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew

*Why are you jealous because I am  
generous?*

### Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be  
carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping  
your statutes.

## 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

### DWARFS

God speaks:

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways  
not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks (Isaiah  
55).**

Thank God, God's ways are not our ways:

**Obviously, God does not have our faults of  
selfishness, laziness, malice, lust and greed (Henry  
Wansborough, Universalis).**

The Parable of the Vineyard Workers reinforces the  
point:

**The landless poor would gather in the town square  
hoping to be hired as day labourers.**

**As today in many Third-World countries, the poor  
do not save for tomorrow but spend what they get  
on immediate needs.**

**Thus, a day's wage would pay for that day's food or  
other needs (Matthew 20).**

Now for the punchline:

**In giving the full day's wage to those hired last, the  
owner shows his compassion not according to  
what they have earned, but according to what they  
need (Montague, Companion God, p.237).**

God is generous, why are we envious? Good question.

**God satisfies people's needs and desires. He  
doesn't respond to what people earn.**

In fact, God is so generous that he dwarfs people's  
desires:

**Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do  
infinitely more than we can ask or imagine (Ephesians  
3).**

**AMEN.**

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### PARISH CONFIRMATION

We congratulate our Confirmation candidates who were confirmed this week and received the Sacrament of Confirmation, embracing the gifts of the Holy Spirit and taking an important step forward in their journey of faith. Strengthened by grace, they now continue to grow in courage, hope, and love as young disciples of Christ. We celebrate this special moment in their lives and hold them in prayer as they deepen their relationship with God and their place within our parish family.

### Prayer

*Strengthen the faith You have begun in them and let Your gifts grow each day in their hearts.*

*May they walk with Christ in confidence, serve with generosity, and shine with the joy of Your presence.*

*Bless their families and our parish community as we support them on the path of discipleship.*

*Holy Spirit, guide and guard them always.*

### THE PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this appeal. If you would still like to donate, you can use the parish envelope, visit

[ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-prf](http://ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-prf), or scan the QR code.



### FIDELIS

- Archdiocesan Young Adults Gathering:

### The Wealth Illusion

Can money, success and comfort truly make us happy or can they quietly keep us from God? Is it wrong to desire financial security? And what does Christian poverty look like while building a career, paying Sydney rent and discerning your vocation?

Join Fr Benjamin Johnson OFM as he explores what young adults can learn from St Francis of Assisi, Christian poverty and Jesus Himself.

- Wednesday 30 September, 5:30-9:00pm  
St Fiacre's and the Immaculate Conception  
Catholic Church, 98 Catherine Street, Leichhardt

An evening of Adoration, Mass, food, community, formation and open Q&A.

All young adults welcome and to bring a friend!

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY

Join us for 11 AM Mass at St. Joseph's Parish, followed by lunch at the convent.

**Date:** Thursday, 24 September 2026

**Time:** A special presentation and prayers at 10:30 AM, Mass at 11 AM. Followed by lunch.

**Venue:** St Joseph's Parish, 2 Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050

RSVP by 18 September by

emailing [sydney@almamercy.org](mailto:sydney@almamercy.org)

### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

A 12-day journey from Melbourne to Sydney through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, offering a unique perspective on her story, faith and legacy. Planned by the Sisters of St Joseph. Travel arrangements for the pilgrimage are managed by Harvest Journeys.

Bookings and enquiries 1800 819 15



## Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER  
September 17-19, 2026

*This week we honour water as God's life giving gift. Water nourishes, heals, and connects all creation. We remember communities facing drought, floods, and pollution, and pray for justice where clean water is scarce.*

*May God deepen our reverence for this sacred gift and inspire us to care for rivers, oceans, wetlands, and all fragile ecosystems.*

*May the flow of God's Living Water renew our spirits and guide us in stewardship and hope.*

"NOLITE TIMERE"  
(MT 28:10)

CARDINAL'S CORNER  
CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS IN SYDNEY



TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

Guest speaker

DEACON LAWRENCE ZIMBE



*"The Inspiring and Courageous faith of the Ugandan Martyrs"*

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.*

*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  
12 October 2026

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

*All women are warmly welcome - come as you are.*

# **ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

34 Collins Street, Annandale

# **ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

69 Clarendon Road, Stanmore

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## **PARISH STAFF**

**Parish Priest** - Fr Matthew Meagher

**Parish Secretary** - Zina Pappalardo

**Pastoral Associate** - Angelique Mackenzie

**Catechist coordinator** - Mary Cain [mary-cain5@hotmail.com](mailto:mary-cain5@hotmail.com)

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30am to 3.00pm

## **St Brendan's School**

Principal: Ms Hayley de Vries

Telephone: 9519 3974

## **St Michael's School**

Principal: Katherine Micallef

Telephone: 9569 7479

## **BAPTISM BOOKINGS**

Please contact Angelique for all Baptism enquiries at [pastoral@stbrendan.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:pastoral@stbrendan.org.au).

## **ROSTERS - ANNANDALE**

|                    | Week (3)<br>20 September 2026<br>-This week | Week (4)<br>27 September 2026<br>-Next Week |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                    | Sunday                                      | Sunday                                      |
| <b>Acolyte</b>     | F Green                                     | P Alves                                     |
| <b>Readers</b>     | M Gibbs, H Paton                            | M Marr, S Lenihan                           |
| <b>Welcomers</b>   |                                             |                                             |
| <b>Altar Group</b> |                                             | S Lenihan, M Stanley                        |
| <b>Counters</b>    | 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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## **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](mailto: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.