



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

4 October, 2026

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth, and all that is held within the circle of
heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading: **Isaiah 5:1-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is
the House of Israel.*

R sponsorial Psalm: **Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7**

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: **Philippians 4:6-9**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
*Do these things and the God of peace will
be with you.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have
made known to you everything I have learnt from
my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 21:33-43**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the
soul that seeks him.

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 5:00pm	Sunday	8.00am

ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturday: 8.00am-8.50am Annandale

Reflection

NINETY-FIVE PERCENT

Mark Twain (1835-1910) famously said:

Ninety-Five Percent of my problems never happened.

The mind is powerful, creating problems that don't
exist:

**There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you
need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and
thanksgiving (ευχαριστία) (Philippians 4).**

Note Paul's employment of the word Eucharist. The
Church makes a breathtaking claim about the
Eucharist:

**The entire spiritual good of the Church is contained
in the Eucharist (CCC 1324).**

Is this true?

Well, on the one hand, the Eucharist is one of the seven
sacraments:

**Jesus acts in each of the sacraments, but in the Holy
Eucharist, Jesus not only acts in the sacrament, but
he is the sacrament – his Body, Blood, Soul and
Divinity.**

On the other hand, the Eucharist is the sacred **action**
whereby Jesus' death and resurrection is made present:

Use your imagination.

**Go back in time, and imagine you are present at Jesus'
death and resurrection.**

**Or imagine that Jesus' death and resurrection is
happening now, today.**

Either way, your imagination is actual reality:

**Christ's death and resurrection is happening now in
the Eucharist.**

Paul is absolutely right. There is no need to worry.

AMEN.

© 2026 Bishop Anthony G Percy



ST BRENDAN'S FETE

Save the date
Sunday, 8 November
10:30-1:30PM

St Brendan's School
30 Collins St
Annandale

Volunteers needed
 Join the team & help make the magic happen.
 Scan the QR code or email us
stbrendanfete@gmail.com

QR code

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 presenting:
"Called to Nuptial Communion: Exploring John Paul II's Theology of the Body."

Francine volunteers in marriage and family ministry. She co-directs PMRC (Australia), co-founded **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.



Living Water
 Season of Creation 2026

Loving Creator,
 You have poured out your Living Water upon us,
 renewing what was dry and awakening hope within our hearts.

As this Season of Creation draws to a close,
 help us to carry your life-giving grace into the world—
 to refresh others with kindness, to nurture the earth with care,
 and to walk gently with all creation.

May your Spirit continue to flow through us,
 bringing healing and renewal wherever we go.
 Amen.



*We welcome into our faith community
 this weekend through the sacrament of
 Baptism at
 St Brendan's church
**Sophie Irene Crossing and
 Michael Anthony Da Silva**
 and congratulate their parents.*

DIDASKŌ FAITH FORMATION:

The Eucharist and Morality

Join Rev Dr Paschal M. Corby OFM Conv as he explores how our sharing in the Eucharistic mystery becomes the source for a life lived in imitation of and communion with Christ. Since Christ has promised that 'He who eats me will live because of me' (Jn 6:57), "the mystery believed and celebrated contains an innate power making it the principle of new life within us and the form of our Christian existence" (Sacramentum Caritatis, n. 70).
 Dates: Mondays 12, 19, and 26 October 2026

Time: 7:30pm-8:45pm

Mode: Online via Zoom

Cost: \$35 per person (+booking fees)

More information: <https://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko/>

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00 PM on Sunday 18 October.

The Topic: The Australian Bishops and the Voice Referendum - 3 years on.

Presenter: Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO

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/>

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE – Information Session

Explore introductory and advanced studies in theology, ministry and spirituality. Parishioners are invited to an online information session on Monday 26 October at 7:00pm (AEDT) to meet course advisors and learn about available units offered online and face-to-face.

Register via [Google Forms](#) Registration is essential.



OCTOBER
 MONTH OF THE
Holy Rosary

October is the month devoted to the Holy Rosary. This is the perfect time for us to reflect upon the meaning of the Rosary and its significance in our walk of faith.

The Rosary will be recited each Sunday in October, at 9:10 am, before Mass at St Brendan's church.

Please try to join us on at least one Sunday during the month.

+

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers"

— POPE SAINT PIUS X —

Brendan's Catholic Church

36 Collins Street, Annandale

St Michael's Catholic Church

69 Clarendon Road, Stanmore

(Postal address: 36 Collins Street, Annandale NSW 2038)

Email: admin@stbrendan.org.au

Website: www.stbrendan.org.au

Telephone: 9550 3707

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

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

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 (4) 4 October 2026 -This week	Week 14) 11 October 2026 -Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	D Lee	
Readers	S Rossetti, B Holdsworth	P Cook, J McGrath
Welcomers	M Digges	J Young
Altar Group	S Edwards, 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: Anne Fury, Nevenka Milanovic, Vincenzo Ferraiolo.

Anniversaries: Rosina and Giuseppe Ferraiolo, Manuel Alogoinna, Eduardo Casado, Luis da Silva, Constaca.

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

Our sick: Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage.

Cassandra Lubrano, Margot Harrington, Rosie Marzouk, Helen Scott, Claire West, C & J Rayner, Michae Tannous, Mary Patricia O'Brien, Simon Myers, Stephanie McNamara.



EUCHARIST 28 SYDNEY

SAVE THE DATE

24 SEPTEMBER – 1 OCTOBER 2028

The dates for the 54th International Eucharistic Congress ("Eucharist28") have now been confirmed. Eucharist28 will be held in Sydney from 24 September to 1 October 2028, preceded by a Theological Symposium from 20 to 22 September 2028.

St Brendan's church now uses AudioFetch. Scan the QR code to connect and listen.



The Catholic Weekly
On Sale at the Church Entrance for \$2.00!

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.