



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

11 October, 2026

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: **Isaiah 25:6-10**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 22. R. v.6**

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

Second Reading: **Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 22:1-14**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

Reflection

MY WEDDING DAY

Death is definitive and confronting, but not the last word. In fact, death is a gateway to eternal, resurrected life:

On this mountain, the Lord will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy death forever.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation. The Lord is the one in whom we hoped (Isaiah 25).

Through our death, we are invited to the greatest wedding of all – our marriage with Christ, the true Bridegroom.

This is a true story:

A severely disabled man lived in a L'Arche Community. He began to say to his carers that his wedding day was approaching:

My wedding day will be in six months. In five months, four months, three months, two months, my wedding day will be.

He continued to count down the days:

My wedding day will be in 30 days. In 20 days, in 10 days, my wedding day will be.

The night before his wedding day he continued the mantra:

Tomorrow is my wedding day.

And it was:

He died.

He understood, better than anyone, the true meaning of death.

AMEN.

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CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL –NEXT WEEKEND

17 & 18 OCTOBER



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For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy



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 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.



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

Catholic Theological College supports parishes by offering formation for staff and volunteers through introductory and advanced studies in theology, ministry and spirituality.

Parishioners interested in exploring study options are invited to an **online information session on Monday 26 October at 7.00pm (AEDT)**. Participants will meet course advisors and learn about the wide range of units available both online and face-to-face.

Interested participants may register via [Google Forms](#). Registration is essential.

WHAT DOES HOPE LOOK LIKE?

Discover Hope, a photographic exhibition presented by Catholic Mission to mark 100 years of World Mission Sunday. Through photographs from communities around the world and historical mission posters, explore moments of encounter, care, faith and connection. Join the Grand Opening on Friday 23 October, 6-8pm, or visit until 9 November at Level 12, Tenison Woods House, ACU North Sydney, 8-20 Napier Street. Can't make it, experience Hope online. Find out more:

www.catholicmission.org.au/exhibition

EUCHARIST28 - WALK WITH CHRIST

The journey toward the 2028 International Eucharistic Congress has begun. As we prepare for this historic moment of Eucharistic renewal, all parishioners and families are invited to join the **Walk With Christ** Eucharistic procession on **Saturday, 22 November**.

This annual public witness of faith leads from **Martin Place to St Mary's Cathedral**, honouring Christ present in the Eucharist. Let us step out together in faith and share our love for Christ with our city.

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St Brendan'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) 11 October 2026 -This week	Week (3) 18 October 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.

Anniversaries: Domenico Badolato, Caterina Severino, Rosina and Giuseppe Ferraiolo.

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, Michael Tannous, Mary Patricia O'Brien, Simon Myers, Stephanie McNamara.



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.

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

— POPE SAINT PIUS X —

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



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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.