



Parish of St Brendan & St Michael Annandale

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

18 October, 2026

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow
of your wings protect me.

First Reading: **Isaiah 45:1.4-6**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue
nations before his countenance.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7**

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians
*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and
love.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars; you are
offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 22:15-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
*Give to Caesar the things that belong to
Caesar and to God the things that are
God's.*

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 5:00pm	Sunday	8.00am

ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturday: 8.00am-8.50am Annandale

Reflection

SNOOKER JESUS

We are invited this week to make a joint oblation:

To God and to society.

Three parables in the Gospel of Matthew are followed
by four conflict stories. The first one deals with the
perennial issue of the relationship between Church and
State:

**Tell us, Master, is it permissible to pay taxes to
Caesar or not? (Matthew 22)**

The antagonists try to snooker Jesus:

**If he supports the payment of the highly unpopular
poll tax, he will lose standing with the people.**

**If he rejects payment, he runs the risk of being
identified with groups who were in more or less
perpetual rebellion against Rome and so presenting
himself as a significant threat to peace and public
order (Byrne, Lifting the Burden, p.165).**

With his brilliant mind and sublime courage, Jesus asks
to see the money used to pay the tax.

**Etched on the coin is the image of Caesar. So, give
to Caesar what belongs to him.**

Yet we also know that:

**Etched in human beings is the image and likeness of
God. So, give to God what belongs to him.**

Faithful to God. Faithful to country.

There is a profound unity in our daily oblation.

AMEN.

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CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL - THIS WEEKEND 17 & 18 OCTOBER



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

This year marks 100 years of World
Mission Day, a time in which the global
Church celebrates God's mission
through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places
like Malawi, where communities are
rebuilding after devastating floods and
families are striving to create a future for
their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how
the Church is walking alongside these
communities, and how you can be part
of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission
and our work, please go to
catholicmission.org.au/united



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

Illustrations include: a hot dog, a lollipop, a cupcake, a beach ball, a toy horse, an ice cream truck, and a QR code.

Women's Night of Spirituality

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

This will be held on Monday 2 November at 6:30 at the parish centre at Annandale.

Our speaker Adriell Moniz will be speaking on the topic of Remembering the Dead:

Memory and Hope in the Spiritual Life

This talk will explore the role of memory in our relationship with God, particularly through the act of remembering the dead. Drawing primarily on the writings of St John of the Cross, it will reflect on how memory shapes our spiritual lives and how, transformed by faith, it can deepen our hope in God and illuminate our understanding of death, love, and the hope of eternal life.

SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2026 - VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

On Friday 13 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 11 AM to 2 PM. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness.

Register your interest at

<https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-street-feast-2026-volunteer-registration>

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

The Archdiocese of Sydney officially launched its pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027. World Youth Day will run from 3–8 August 2027 under the theme, "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Pilgrims will be offered four pathways: travelling directly to the World Youth Day event, visiting Japan before the congress, or taking part in a mission or immersion experience in Korea or Cambodia before joining the week-long celebration in Seoul.

For more information visit:

sydneycatholic.org/wyd-seoul-2027 or

email: bishopumbersoffice@sydneycatholic.org



MOZART'S REQUIEM
 A CANDLELIT TRIBUTE
 TO OUR MILITARY NURSES

5PM SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER
SYDNEY TOWN HALL
 ONE NIGHT ONLY.

Logos for ARTES CHRISTI and The Australian Remembrance Foundation are at the bottom.



The Columban Art Calendar

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information, and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

The calendar is now available on the table at the entrance of the churches for \$10.00.

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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 (3) 18 October 2026 -This week	Week (4) 25 October 2026 -Next Week
	Sunday	Sunday
Acolyte	F Green	P Alves
Readers	M Gibbs, H Paton	M Marr, S Lenihan
Welcomers		
Altar Group		S Lenihan, M Stanley
Counters	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: Glenys Gilberd, Anne Fury.

Anniversaries: May Shanmugan, 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, Michae 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.



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 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 them on (02) 9390 5800 or at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also wish to speak with your Parish Priest, who can offer pastoral assistance 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 some immediate danger, please contact NSW Police on 000.