

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

First Sunday of Lent (Year A)

25 & 26 February 2023

## Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am  
Tuesday - Friday 9:15 am  
Saturday: 9:15 am

Reconciliation - Saturdays from 9:45 am  
Baptisms, marriages and funerals, by appointment only.

## SUNDAY READINGS:

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
St Paul to the Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and celebrate that this land is of the Wangal people of the Darug nation on which we are gathered. We commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation, justice and peace.



Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia!



### FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

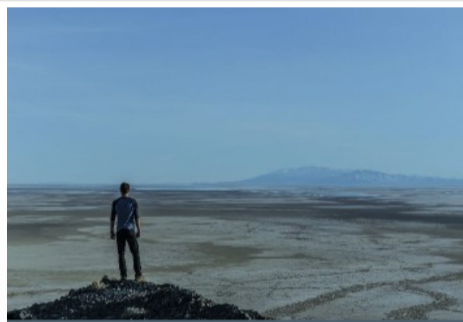
Gaye Lorraine Popp  
Jean x Mirette Ratinon  
Michael Fong  
Marie Anne Babet  
Fortunato Conti  
Alicia Pearce

### ANNIVERSARY

Elias Esber Diedon

### SICK:

Jaiden Chow



“Be off, Satan!” Jesus’ curt dismissal of the tempter has a parallel later in the gospel. At Caesarea Philippi Jesus sharply rebukes Peter in much the same words: “Get behind me, Satan!” (16:23). What prompted this blunt rebuff? Peter’s attempt to

dissuade Jesus from his acceptance of suffering and death. Later still, but in the same vein, the crowd and religious leaders will tempt Jesus to save himself and come down from the cross (27:39-44).

In the Genesis story, the first woman and man succumb to the temptation to eat the fruit of “the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”. Opinions differ as to exactly what this means, but the story suggests that their transgression was fuelled by a desire for god-like autonomy. To put it another way, they were rebelling against the human condition. This is what Jesus consistently refuses to do. He embraced his humanity, even to death on the cross.

Is this the fundamental temptation we face – to have god-like control over our daily lives and our destiny? Jesus shows us another way. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH OF MARCH

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday for the month of March falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. Mass at 9.15 with the Anointing of the sick. Confessions will follow.

St. Anne's Strathfield South Parish

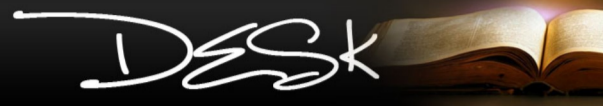
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S



### **GUEST SPEAKER – PROJECT COMPASSION**

This weekend we welcome at all Masses our guest speakers who will speak to us about Project Compassion. After all Masses, we will be having a hospitality table serving tea/coffee and jam and cream pikelets. A gold coin donation is welcome. All proceeds will go towards the Project Compassion Appeal.



### **SYDNEY ALLIANCE: NSW STATE ELECTION ASSEMBLY**

The Archdiocese of Sydney's Justice and Peace Office invites you to a forum exploring key issues for voters ahead of the March 25 election including: fairer rental laws, cost of living support and affordable, renewable energy.

**Speakers include:** NSW Treasurer Matt Kean and Shadow Treasurer Daniel Mookhey

**Date:** Tuesday 28 February

**Time:** 6:00pm for 6:15pm-8:15pm

**Venue:** The Morley Centre, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead

**Transport:** Within walking distance of Westmead station

**Attendance is free. Register online:** <https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-nsw-election-assembly-february-28>

For further information, contact Dr Michael Walker from the Justice and Peace Office. Email: [Michael.Walker@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:Michael.Walker@sydneycatholic.org)

### **“SISTERHOOD” CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

The Sisterhood conference is a weekend for women aged 18 plus to grow in their faith and encounter a community of like minded Catholic women committed to their faith. The conference will be held at The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops from 17th-19th March. This is a live in weekend. Places are limited. For more information visit [www.sisterhood.org.au](http://www.sisterhood.org.au) email [info@sisterhood.org.au](mailto:info@sisterhood.org.au)

### **“24 HOURS FOR THE LORD” EVENT AT SCHOENSTATT, MULGOA**

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and Our Lady in the Schoenstatt Shrine. When: Friday 17th March 6pm Mass, then Reconciliation 7:15 – 10.00pm. Saturday 18th March Reconciliation 10am-12pm, and 3pm-4.45pm with a Vigil Mass at 5pm. The Shrine will be welcoming people for prayer for the full 24 Hours. More details: [paulandramani@gmail.com](mailto:paulandramani@gmail.com)

### **LENTEN PROGRAM 2023**

The Parish Lenten group meets every Tuesday during Lent at 7.00 pm in the Parish House. The Sydney Archdiocese Lenten program is being followed.

The companion booklet is set out in a Lectio Divina style where we are invited to reflect on the Gospel for each Sunday and how it speaks to us in our own lives in a small group setting. Anyone interested in attending please leave your name on the list provided on the back table. The Lenten Companion 2023 is available from the back table. These booklets are free.



### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6.30 pm in the church.

### **MISSION: CHANGE THEIR LIVES ... AND YOURS**

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Palms has 35 positions listed on their website. On the website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

After losing her father when she was just 10 years old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school, and is now a mentor to other children in her village.



*Envelopes and Project Compassion donation boxes can be found on the back table.*

### **SAFEGUARDING AND MINISTERIAL INTEGRITY OFFICE**

From time to time we receive notifications regarding child protection. This is called SALT Compliance. All who are involved in Pastoral Care are due to complete proper training in regard to Child Protection.

The list of parishioners who are overdue for completing this training is long. These parishioners should have received notification from the Parish.

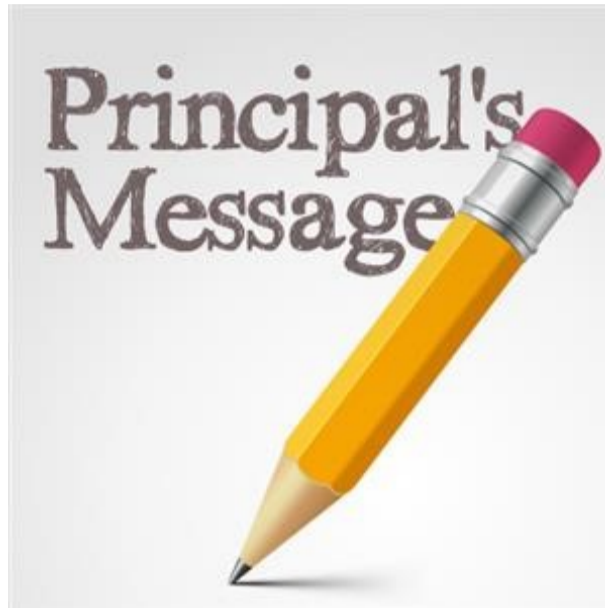
Please check your records and if these are not current you are required to complete the Safeguarding Training Course. These courses are available online.

A copy of the Certificate must be provided to the parish office as soon as possible.

Many thanks for understanding this serious matter.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

Pancakes with strawberry jam and whipped cream were well received by the students (and teachers) on Shrove Tuesday. The teachers explained this traditional practice leading into our Lenten fast. The school was then privileged to join the Parish mass on Ash Wednesday morning. The liturgy was prepared by our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Karin Webb. Sadly, for us this is the last liturgy to be prepared for us by Karin as she takes up the position of assistant Principal at Sacred Heart Villawood on March 6. It is sad for us, but I would like to congratulate Karin on this well-deserved appointment.



This week every class will be involved in a mathematical Problemathon. Every day the students will learn and apply a new problem-solving strategy culminating in a session on Friday where parents will be invited into the classes to participate in the action. Problem solved! Our Assistant Principal, Mrs Melissa Hall, is the brains behind this operation.

The first of our Open Days is on this Thursday March 2 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The second is on Saturday March 11 from 10.00 am to 2.00pm. I would be grateful if you could ensure that neighbours, family and friends with primary school aged children are aware of these times and dates.

Next Sunday the 10.00am mass will be a Family mass for St Anne's School. The school would like to provide a morning tea for the parishioners after mass. We hope to see you there.

Warm regards  
Phil Townsend

### SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

As part of the Safeguarding requirements of the Archdiocese of Sydney, each parish requires to appoint a Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO).

As our previous PSSO has moved to another Parish, we need to fill that requirement.

The Archdiocese is very supportive of the PSSO by providing training and the Parish Office is always there for any backup help.

The amount of time you may need to devote to this appointment would vary from an hour a month to a day when it is reporting time once a year and therefore is very ad hoc. You will work out of the Parish Office as all files contain confidential information.

If you are interested please see Fr Jacek to register your interest and we can then give you more information.



### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Website:** [Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding and Child Protection](http://Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding and Child Protection)

