

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

18 & 19 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:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
St Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48

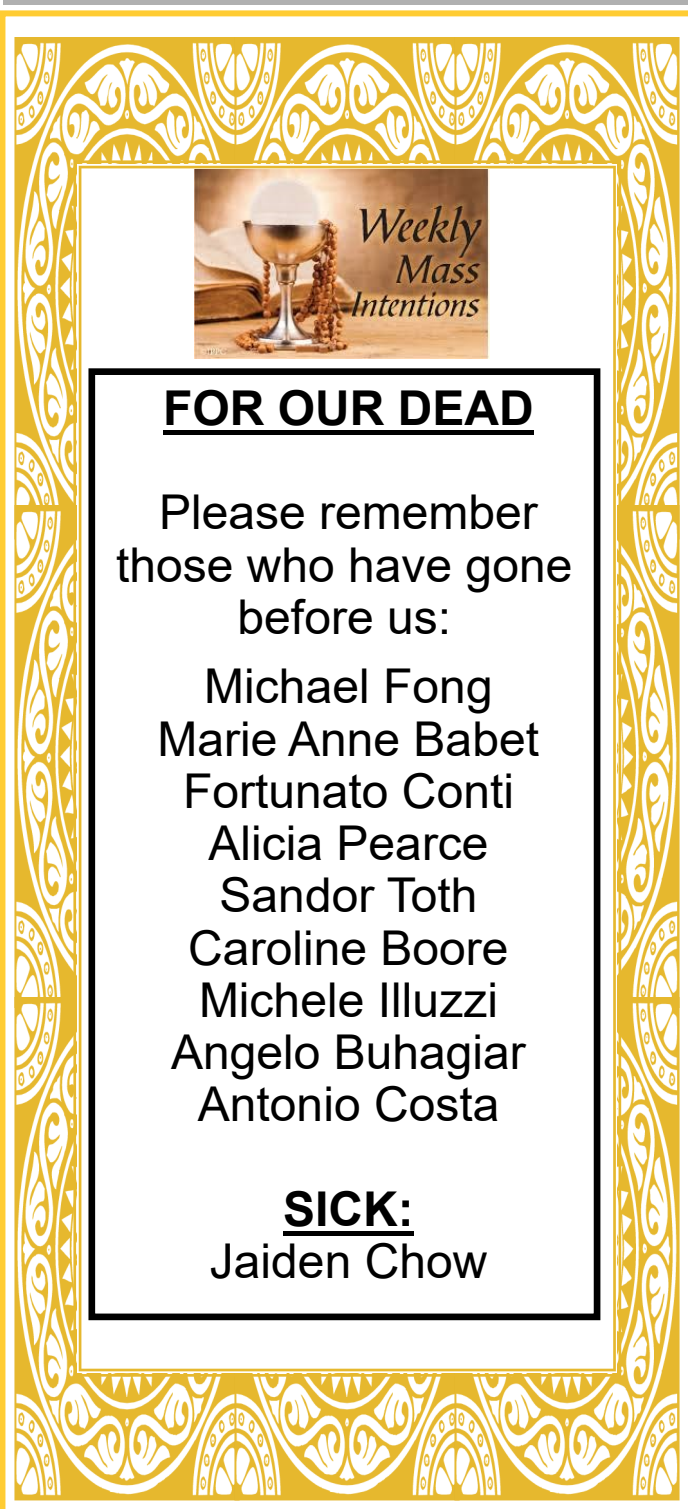
## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY


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: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him. Alleluia!

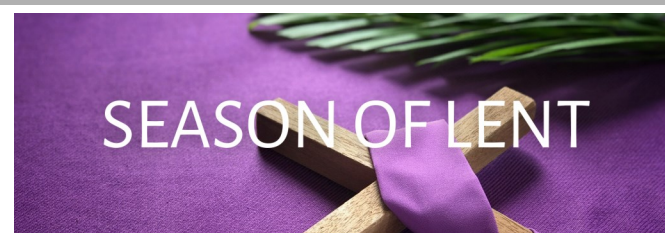


  
**FOR OUR DEAD**

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Michael Fong  
Marie Anne Babet  
Fortunato Conti  
Alicia Pearce  
Sandor Toth  
Caroline Boore  
Michele Illuzzi  
Angelo Buhagiar  
Antonio Costa

**SICK:**  
Jaiden Chow



Jesus' injunction that we be perfect "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" continues to inspire and to daunt. Those who are moved to redouble their efforts to achieve perfection would be wise (in Paul's sense of the word) to revisit what we've heard from his first letter to the Corinthians. A few Sundays ago, he reminded us that we had nothing to boast about because "our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom" are all God's doing, not ours. He put it more plainly in the letter to the Philippians. "I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts . . . I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ and is from God . . . All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings . . ." (3:9-10).

The demands that Jesus makes in the Sermon on the Mount – that we renounce anger, lust, falsehood, revenge and hate in favour of reconciliation, trueness of heart and love of enemies – free us from the illusion of becoming selfmade saints. They open our eyes to the grace of God that makes impossible things possible.

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

### "COME AND SEE" - OPEN DAY AT SEMINARY

Thinking about Priesthood?  
Want to know more about Seminary Life and Formation?

**Date:** Sunday 19th February  
**Place:** Seminary of the Good Shepherd  
52-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush

The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required of men training for the priesthood, and a guided tour around the Seminary.

### 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.

### ST ANNE'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL DETAILS

#### Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at  
12 noon.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 26th August at  
5.00 pm during the vigil  
Mass.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
at 6.30 pm. For First Holy  
Communion in 2024.

### 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.





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### LENT - ASH WEDNESDAY

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

*This a day of Fasting and Abstinence.*

Mass times and Distribution of Ashes are 9.15 am and 6.30 pm.  
St Anne's students will join us at the 9.15 am Mass.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

### GUEST SPEAKER WEEKEND 25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

We will have a guest speaker at all Masses on the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of February regarding 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.



### LENTEN PROGRAM 2023

Lent is fast approaching! We have received the Lenten Companion for 2023 from the Archdiocese and we are hoping to use it as the basis of a Lenten Group. 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. The Parish Lenten Program will be held every Tuesday of Lent commencing the day before Ash Wednesday Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00 pm in the Parish House. 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.

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Thousands of people have been killed after a catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southeast Turkey (officially known as Türkiye) and Syria, followed by another large earthquake only hours later. Thousands of deaths have been reported in Turkey and Syria, and the death toll is increasing by the hour. Freezing winter weather is only adding to the devastation, as the thousands left injured trapped or homeless are stuck in bitter cold and freezing rain. The quakes caused devastation in rebel-held northwest Syria, where entire buildings collapsed, leaving people trapped under the rubble. The time to act is now. We're in contact with Caritas Turkey and other Caritas agencies on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs.

#### **Become a CatholicCare Companion**

CatholicCare is searching for local volunteers to be with people as they experience times of change, challenge and uncertainty.

If you are a good listener who is caring, non-judgemental and compassionate, we'd love to hear from you.

The next volunteer training will be held on Tuesday 16 May.

To find out more, please call Jacqui Willoughby, Volunteer Coordinator on 0426 773 658 or 13 18 19.

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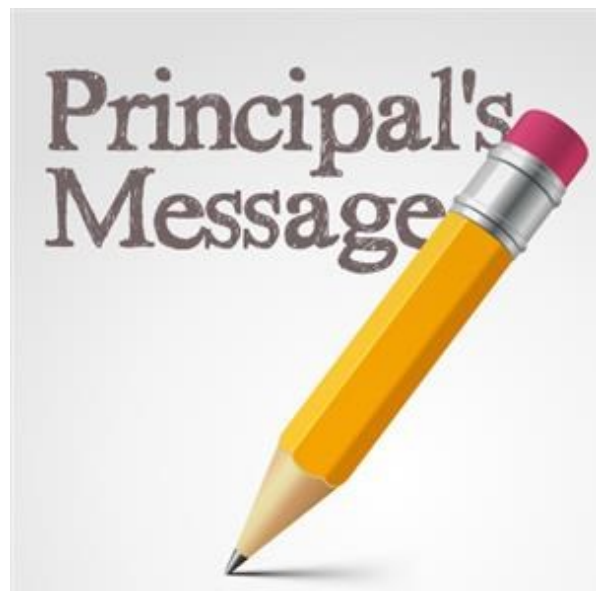
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Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

Last Monday 13 February St Anne's enjoyed a visit from Mrs Antoinette McGahan, Principal of Domremy College at Five Dock. Mrs McGahan and three of her students from Domremy spoke to our girls in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 about high school. St Anne's and Domremy are both part of the Ashfield – Olympic Park Network in Sydney Catholic Schools. Consequently, Domremy represents an option for our students when they complete primary school.



Our Welcome BBQ on Friday evening was a great family occasion thanks to the tireless efforts of our Parents and Friends. The smell from the BBQ was mouth-watering and my sausage sizzle was delectable. My compliments to the chef. We were pleased that Father Jack was able to make a guest appearance. The raffle was a highlight. There were many prizes thanks to the efforts of our volunteers to find our sponsors. Thank you to Little Boomers Basketball, Little Monsters Swim School, Taronga Zoo, Reading Cinema, Pure Gelato, Espresso Tony, By George Food and Coffee, The Topsy Tapster, Natures Best, Bunnings Greenacre and My Sensory Space who all donated prizes.

We will have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday this week and then the school will join the parish at 9.15am mass on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey.

On Friday this week we will have the media team from Sydney Catholic Schools at St Anne's to produce videos and photos to enhance our website, the Facebook page and the advertising for our Open days on Thursday March 2 from 3.30-5.30pm and Saturday March 11 from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Somebody might win an Academy Award!

Warm regards  
Phil Townsend

### 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.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

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

### 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)

