

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

11 & 12 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:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

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: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. 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



On the feast of St Joseph in 2018, Pope Francis published an apostolic exhortation "On the Call to Holiness in Today's World". He may have surprised some by warning about modern-day gnosticism. Here's a passage that complements today's reading from Paul to the Corinthians.

"Thanks be to God, throughout the history of the Church it has always been clear that a person's perfection is measured not by the information or knowledge they possess, but by the depth of their charity. 'Gnostics' do not understand this, because they judge others based on their ability to understand the complexity of certain doctrines. They think of the intellect as separate from the flesh, and thus become incapable of touching Christ's suffering flesh in others, locked up as they are in an encyclopaedia of abstractions. In the end, by disembodiment of the mystery, they prefer 'a God without Christ, a Christ without the Church, a Church without her people.'" (#37)

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

WELCOME: We welcome all our students, parents and carers, teachers, and school staff returning to our school and wish them every success in 2023.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S



RIP FORTUNATO CONTI

During the Requiem Mass on the 9th of February, we farewelled Fortunato Conti. We thank the family for their generous donation to the Parish. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

"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. Brunch will be provided.

For more information, please visit vocationcentre.org.au, email vocations@sydneycatholic.org or call the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424. Online Registration form for catering purposes: <https://forms.gle/rhYT6ZupMj47RL7G7>.

RSVP by Wed. 15th February.

Every enquirer's details are kept confidential.

ST ANNE'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL DETAILS

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 21st May 2023 at 12 noon.

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 23rd 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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

LENT



The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday 22nd February.
This a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Mass times and Distribution of Ashes are 9.15 am and 6.30 pm.

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 25TH/26TH FEBRUARY

We will have a guest speaker at all Masses on the weekend of the 25th and 26th 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 21st 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Please take home a Project Compassion box and or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world.

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.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



Thank you to Father Jack and the parishioners who ensured that our Opening School Mass was special occasion on Friday

This week we have Parent Information Nights on Valentine's Day. On the same evening there is a special meeting regarding the Year 5 and 6 Sport and Recreation Camp in March. We are not completely unromantic as the last meeting will be over before 7pm. We have a "Welcome BBQ" this Friday from 5pm. Parishioners are particularly welcome. You could have a Sausage Sizzle for \$3, buy a ticket in the P & F Raffle, win a great prize and be home by 7pm!

Chess lessons with the Sydney Academy of Chess commenced on Friday morning. On Wednesday St Anne's was filled with the sound of music as the orchestral component of the Amadeus Project commenced in the Primary classes.

We would like to extend an invitation to parishioners to join us in running the Liverpool St Vincent de Paul Van Service once a month on a Wednesday. You may volunteer to help once a month, every second month or even once every 3 months. The Night Patrol volunteers meet at Bonnyrigg at 7:30pm. We travel in the Vinnie's van to Liverpool and Sadleir-Miller to give out food and coffee. We return to Bonnyrigg and clean up finishing at approximately 10:30pm. Those helping in the van need to complete online training and gain a working with children and police check. For Food Making you can make one or two loaves of sandwiches at home and drop them to school. There is a sandwich making guide we will share with you if you volunteer to help. The sandwiches will need to be delivered before 3pm on the Night Patrol days. If you have questions phone Melissa Hall (Assistant Principal) or me at school on 9642 6149. Alternatively, please send an email to info@stastrathfield.catholic.edu.au

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

The Pastoral Care Team from St Vincent's Hospital Darlinghurst led by Sr Helena Naif is offering a 40 hour Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Course at All Saints Parish Liverpool.

Dates: Mondays: 6, 13, 20, 27 February, 6 & 13 March Time: 9 am – 3:30 pm

Where: All Saints Liverpool Parish: Loreto Place Room 1 (Off street parking available, entrance from Elizabeth Street between Bigge and George Streets).

CPE is an experiential based program for those who exercise ministries of care in schools, hospitals, nursing homes or private homes. If you are in a ministry of care to others you may be interested in this course. Depending on your circumstances, the parish may be able to subsidise the cost of the course for you.

Please contact Fr Jacek if you are interested.

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. 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

