

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

25 & 26 March 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.

## 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.



## SUNDAY READINGS:

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die. Alleluia!



### FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Else Badinszky  
Louis Dick  
Margaret Power  
Gaye Lorraine Popp  
Jean x Mirette Ratinon

### ANNIVERSARY:

Jozef Szelestowski  
Kathleen Simpson

### SICK:

Sharon Holliday



Two imperious commands bring the story of Lazarus to a dramatic climax. The first is Jesus' charge to his dead friend, "Lazarus, here! Come out!" The second is his order to the on-lookers, "Unbind him, let him go free". The first

testifies to Jesus' power over life and death, the second implicates us in the service of others' freedom. Each gives food for thought.

The first invites us to muse on how much we dwell in the realm of life and how much in the realm of death. Paul wrestles with this question in the early chapters of his letter to the Romans. Long before that, Moses put it to the people in these words: "I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life, then . . ." (Dt 30:19). That's what Lent is all about, choosing life.

Paul has something else to say in a passage from Romans often used at funerals: "The life and death of each of us has its influence on others" (14:7). When we choose life and embrace our freedom, we help set others free from the unseen web of death in which they are entangled. Life and freedom are Jesus' gift to those who want them enough.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 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.

### ST ANNE'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL DETAILS

Sacramental  
Preparation



#### SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Amended Date: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 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.

### WALKING WITH OUR LADY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

A Women's Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia

**Date:** 1st April – Time: 10 am-4 pm

**Where:** St Peter Chanel Church, 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala

Along with talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Register online:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CGHGO>



### ST ANNE'S CHURCH HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE



#### 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION: THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 7.00PM

#### HOLY THURSDAY

7pm – Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration until 11pm.



#### GOOD FRIDAY 7th APRIL

10.00am - Stations of the Cross

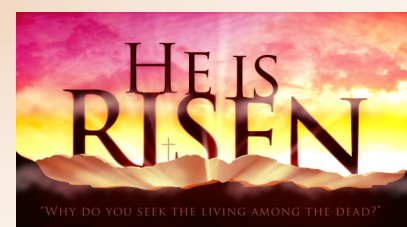
3.00pm - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

#### EASTER VIGIL 8TH APRIL

5:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

#### EASTER SUNDAY 9TH APRIL

Masses are at 8:00am, 10.00am





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### 2<sup>ND</sup> RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR LENT

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held at St Anne's Church on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00 pm.

### PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday falls next weekend. The 10 am Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 will commence with a Procession with Palms beginning from the school grounds. All children, their parents, and parishioners are welcome to join this procession. Please gather in the designated area 10 minutes before Mass starts.

Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday, the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter, commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is associated with the blessing and procession of palms.

### 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.

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



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**25 & 26 MARCH**



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

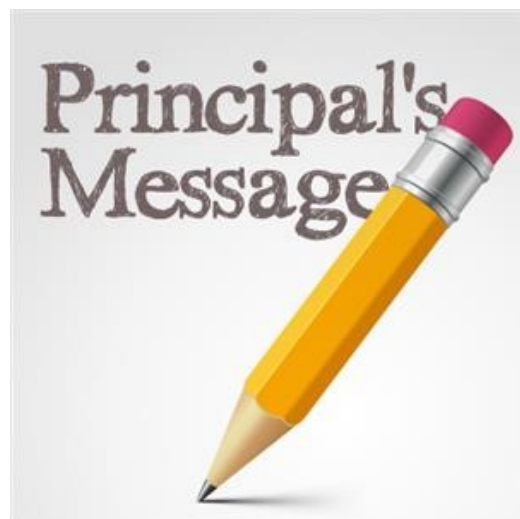
Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

### **Please donate to Project Compassion 2023**



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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

Dear Parents and Carers,



The first Kindergarten interview for the class of 2024 took place last Thursday afternoon. Kindergarten interviews continue this Wednesday 29 March and on Saturday 1 April.

This week we celebrated Harmony Day with a mufti day on Tuesday. It was a colourful celebration of the cultural diversity in our community. The proceeds of the gold coin donation will go to Project Compassion. Year 3 and Year 5 completed NAPLAN on Wednesday with the assessment of numeracy. The fact that most of the assessments are now online should mean that we will receive the results quite promptly.

In Round Three of our Project Compassion Football Tipping Competition “girl power” came to the fore with Grace and Mary Rose from Year 5 both scoring 6 out of eight. Grace pulled off the remarkable double of tipping the mighty Raiders and winning a tipping competition. Extraordinary! Congratulations to our champion football tipsters!

Our school chickens, Schnitzel, Nugget and Stella, are 22 weeks old on Tuesday so fresh eggs should begin arriving any day now.

The school is looking forward to hosting the start of the Palm Sunday procession before 10am Mass next week.

“Preach the Gospel always and, if necessary, use words.”

**Warm regards  
Phil Townsend**

### **DAYLIGHT SAVING**



Just a reminder that daylight savings ends at 3am on Sunday 2nd April. Don't forget to wind the clocks back! No reason to be late to Church



### **MARY MACKILLOP PLACE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER GARDINERS**

Mary MacKillop Place, situated in North Sydney, accessible by public transport, is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteer gardeners. Are you someone who enjoys being surrounded by nature's beauty while spending time outdoors? Mary MacKillop Place is a welcoming sacred space, a unique oasis away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Our extensive and stunning gardens are an essential part of this peaceful spiritual haven.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help us maintain these beautiful gardens. No prior gardening experience is necessary, and all the training, supplies and support you need will be provided. If you are someone who would welcome the opportunity to garden be it for couple of hours, a day or two a week or fortnight we need you! Please contact Sr Annie Bond Ministry and Mission Manager or email [annie.bond@mmp.org.au](mailto:annie.bond@mmp.org.au)

### **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)