

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

4 & 5 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.

SUNDAY READINGS:

Genesis 12:1-4
St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9

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: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him . Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

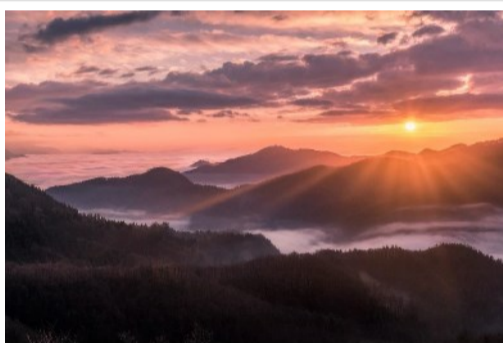
Louis Dick
Margaret Power
Gaye Lorraine Popp
Jean x Mirette
Ratinon
Michael Fong
Marie Anne Babet

ANNIVERSARY:

Felix Szelestowski
Lorraine Grace

SICK:

Jaiden Chow



It may be a remote association with the transfiguration, but the book of Exodus tells of Moses "going up" (Mt Sinai, presumably) with three companions, his brother Aaron and nephews Nadab and Abihu, plus seventy elders. There they "gazed on God" (24:11). When the time comes for Jesus to go up "a high mountain," he too takes three companions, Peter, James and John, and there they gaze on glory.

This is the second time these companions are chosen to accompany Jesus. The first was the raising of the daughter of Jairus, the synagogue official. Curiously, Mark and Luke name the trio (Mk 5 :37; Lk 8:51) but Matthew makes no reference to their presence (9:25). The third and final time that Jesus has them accompany him is the agony in the garden (Mt 26:37). Having witnessed Jesus' power over death and then his heavenly glory, the sight of him in such deep distress must have been traumatic. No wonder they took refuge in sleep.

Our companionship of Jesus may not reach such heights or plumb such depths, but is sure to have its highs and lows – moments when we glimpse the beauty of grace, and moments when we feel dark and lost. At times like that, Peter, James and John are our companions too..

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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FROM THE PASTOR'S



FAMILY MASS

Our next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 5 March 2023 at 10.00 am. This Mass will be prepared by the teachers, parents, and students from St Anne's. Morning tea will follow. All are welcome to attend.

"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

"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 email info@sisterhood.org.au

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION: SYDNEY CATCH UP

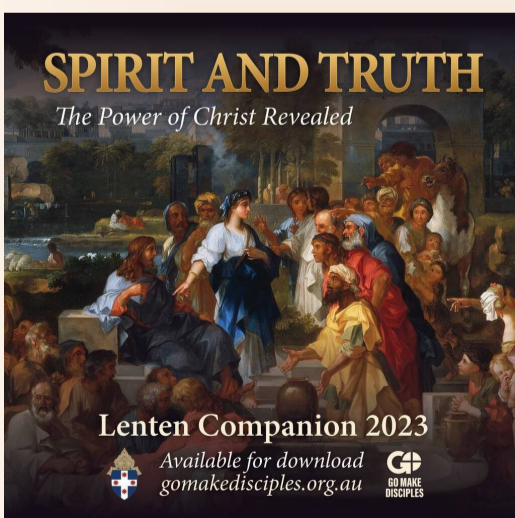
Everyone is welcome at this family event on **Saturday 18 March**, organised by our Catholic movement, founded in 1969. We will explore some of the deepest questions of life: "How am I?" "What is worth living for?" "Why is there suffering and death?"

Kids entertainment and a food truck will be on site throughout the day.

Location: St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 3 Thomas St, Lewisham
Time: 10am-5pm.

For more information, contact Filippo Begnini on 0481 355 692 or email cl.australia.newzealand@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

PALMS

As Palm Sunday is fast approaching, does anyone have any large palm branches that they would like to donate? These would be used to decorate the church for Palm Sunday. Please contact Fr Jacek for further details..

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the hospitality table last weekend. \$350.00 was raised towards our Project Compassion Appeal.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 4 & 5 MARCH



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children. Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

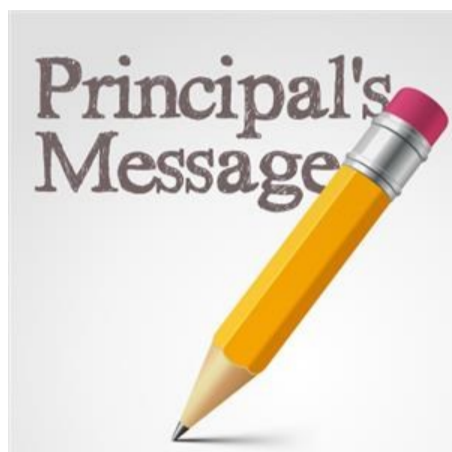


Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

Last Wednesday evening it was again the turn of St Anne's volunteers to provide the crew for the Liverpool Night patrol. The volunteers left Vinnies at Bonnyrigg with ten loaves of sandwiches and a tub full of snack packs and returned with nothing! It is clear that more people are finding things to be difficult in our community. Grateful thanks to the parishioners whose donations and sandwich making assist this work. St Anne's next turn is Wednesday 29 March.



We enjoyed our first School Open Day for the year last Thursday afternoon. The staff did a wonderful job in highlighting the many aspects of teaching and learning at the school – everything from Maths, Music and Religious Education to Gardening, Chess and Chickens. Our senior students did fantastic work as our ambassadors as they guided our visitors around St Anne's. Our next Open Day is next Saturday 11 March. Again, I would ask you to draw the attention of your neighbours, friends and families to this opportunity to see what our school can offer.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

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.

To find out more call

131819

Catholiccare.org

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WHAT IS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT CALLED?

The term "**Laetare Sunday**" is used by most Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican churches. The word comes from the Latin laetare, the singular imperative of laetari: "to rejoice".

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.



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

