

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)

11 & 12 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:

Exodus 17:3-7
St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

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: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. 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:

John & Juvana
Rodrigues
Lilly Dennis

SICK:

Sharon Holliday
Joe Simon



There are no witnesses to Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman. He and she are alone at Jacob's well, away from the village in the heat of the day. The sparseness of the scene makes Jesus' claim all the more telling. He has water to give, he tells her, that will become a "spring of water gushing up to eternal life" (Jn 4:14, NRSV) in those who drink it.

It's a different setting altogether when he cries out later in similar words, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink" (7:37-38, NRSV). This time Jesus is in a Jerusalem thronged with pilgrims for the feast of Tabernacles. It's "on the last day of the festival, the great day" that he declares this to all and sundry. Like the Samaritan woman, they too are told that "out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water".

These wonderful promises of Jesus bring to mind many appealing texts about water, spirit and life in the psalms and prophets, such as Psalm 77/78, Ezekiel 47:1-12, Isaiah 44:3 and Zechariah 14:8. They also offer a timely reminder at this stage of Lent, that it's the water flowing from Jesus' pierced side that signifies the outpouring of the Spirit upon his disciples.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

FEAST DAY OF ST PATRICK- FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

9.15 am Mass at St Anne's – (Wear something green).

St Patrick's Day will be celebrated with a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday the 17th of March – at 10.30 am. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Terry Brady.

"24 HOURS FOR THE LORD" EVENT AT SCHOENSTATT, MULGOA

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and Our Lady in the Schoenstatt Shrine.

Friday 17th March

6 pm Mass then Reconciliation 7:15 – 10.00 pm.

Saturday 18th March

Reconciliation 10 am-12 pm, and 3 pm-4.45 pm with a Vigil Mass at 5 pm.

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



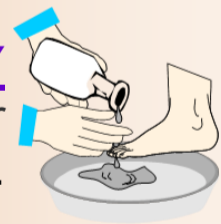
ST ANNE'S CHURCH **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE**



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

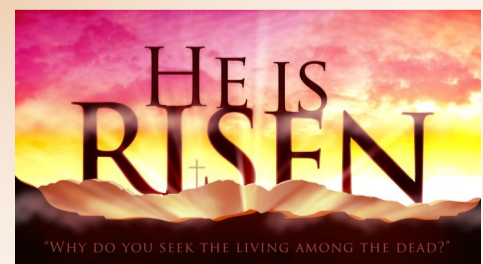
3.00pm - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

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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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR LENT

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

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. On our website you can also read news from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know. Phone: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or visit our website: www.palms.org.au



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 11 & 12 MARCH



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought. While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

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, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to all the parishioners who were able to join us for morning tea after our Family Mass last Sunday. Thank you also to Father Jack for making our children so welcome. Our plan is to have a Family Mass one Sunday each term to celebrate the links between our school and parish.



The 1st Round of our Project Compassion Football Tipping Competition at St Anne's was won by John Paul from Year 4. A score of five out of eight would not usually win but few thought that the Panthers would lose at home and even fewer thought that the Dolphins would beat the Roosters in their very first game. Well done John Paul.

Our Year 5 and 6 students are very excited about their Department of Sport and Recreation Camp on Milson Island in the Hawksbury River starting Monday. I am sure they will have a fantastic time. Our students will have some experiences that they will never forget.

Finally, I wish Years 3 and 5 all the best for NAPLAN which begins next week. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. There is a window of time over the next two weeks when these assessments will take place. All but one of the assessments are now online. The exception is the Year 3 writing test which will always remain as a pen and paper task. I know our students will do their very best and we will be very happy with that.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

DAY OF UNBORN CHILD

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the Day of Unborn Child. It is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn.

Where: St Mary's Cathedral

When: Sunday 26th March

SCHEDULE

10:30 am Mass (Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP as Principal Celebrant)
12 noon Angelus, followed by a prayerful street procession led by Archbishop Fisher.
1:30 pm Benediction

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN – IDENTITY, VOCATION & MISSION

24-26 March at Seminary of the Good Shepherd

50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush

This retreat is for men 18-35 years old at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to the Priesthood. This is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in an ideal environment for you to really focus your attention on listening to God. The weekend includes Mass, talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, adoration, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians and discussions.

Retreat Speakers: Opening Keynote: Bishop Danny Meagher, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, Fr Edmond Travers MSC, External Spiritual Director, Seminary of the Good Shepherd and Fr Joseph Gedeon, Parish Priest of St Jerome's Parish, Punchbowl

Registration: \$99 - Registration is essential! *Every inquirer's/participant's details are kept confidential.

For any enquiries, please contact the Vocation Centre on (02) 9307 8424 or email at vocations@sydneycatholic.org

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

