

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy (Year A)

15 & 16 April 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:

Acts of the Apostles 2:42–47
First letter of St Peter 1:3–9
John 20:19–31

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: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe! . Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Stephen Nash
Silvana Musumeci
Fayez and Lamia Yammine
Pierina Lamari
Else Badinszky
Louis Dick

ANNIVERSARY DEATH:

Fr Ray Weaver
(previous Parish Priest of St Anne's)



The Sunday that follows Easter Sunday has had many names. One was Sunday in White Robes ("Dominica in albis" in Latin) because it concluded the week during which the newly initiated wore their baptismal garments for daily instruction. This custom is

no longer observed, but the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults has this to say: "Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of postbaptismal catechesis . . . derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is . . . the Sunday Masses of the Easter season" (#237).

Today was also called Low Sunday, either because the liturgy was not as high in ritual as the Paschal Triduum or because the word "laud," meaning praise, was misheard as "low". Either way, this Sunday is distinctly high, not low, in spirit. The word of God bursts with inspiration. Luke pens an appealing portrait of life in the first Christian community. The apostle Peter waxes eloquent with an encouraging prayer of blessing, and John brings his gospel to a close with themes of peace, joy, faith and mission.

The day pulses with the power of the Spirit. As the psalm says: "This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad".

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THANK YOU ST ANNE'S SCHOOL

Thank you to the teachers and students from St Anne's for the beautiful Stations of the Cross that were prepared for the church. We have many talented artists here at the school.

EASTER THANK YOU



A BIG THANK YOU to all our parishioners who gave so generously of their time and talents to ensure our Easter celebrations were beautiful and holy.

May the Lord bless you a hundredfold for all that you have given to build our parish faith and life.

THANK YOU FROM FR JACEK

I would like to thank all those among you who have sent Easter cards, gifts, and well wishes for the Easter season. Your thoughts and actions are very generous and overwhelming. Thank you and God bless. Fr Jacek.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or Parish office.

SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

As you are probably aware, the death toll from February's earthquake in Syria and Turkey is now more than 50,000 and continues to rise as they clear the rubble. More than two million people are displaced because of the earthquake and a decade and more of civil war. The Christian population has been particularly devastated with little aid and support getting to Christian areas. Bishop Robert Rabbat, the Eparch of the Melkite Church in Australia has established an appeal for the people of Syria. The details of where to send your donation are:

Account: MCF DGR ACCOUNT
BSB: 062 784
Account No: 100011493
Ref: Syrian Appeal

As we enter these most holy days, please continue to pray for the people of Syria and Turkey who have been affected by this disaster.



ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day – Tuesday 25th April 2022. Mass will be celebrated at 9.15 am. Tea/coffee and Anzac Cookies will be available after Mass.

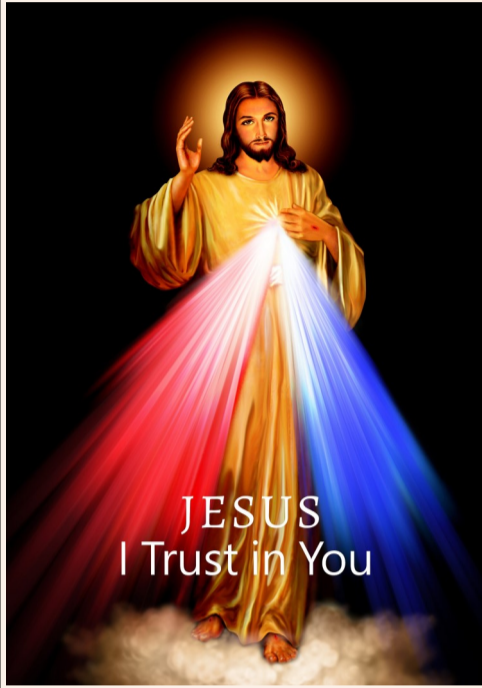
BISHOP ANTHONY'S EASTER MESSAGE 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjT9RWAY1pw>

FROM THE PASTOR'S



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 2023



Jesus requested to St Faustina that the first Sunday after Easter should be the Feast of Divine Mercy and proclaimed in a special way. In addition to our parish Mass timetable, there will be a special celebration at St Anne's at 2:00 pm: Confessions & 3 pm Mass

From the Diary of St Faustina, Jesus proclaimed: I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy (1109). Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300). The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).

CWF MAY PARISH APPEAL

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held on the weekend of 6th & 7th May. The CWF supports a range of charities and ministries, including the Good Shepherd Seminary, CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, and university, hospital and prison Chaplaincies. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so keep an eye out for them. You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH- OVERNIGHT WALKING PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN

Starts Friday 28 April 8:30pm, St Mary's Cathedral
with Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers.

Confession from 7:30pm.

Pilgrimage across 9 churches in Sydney's inner west.

Concludes Saturday 29 April, 6:30am, St Joseph's Enfield
with Mass followed by BBQ breakfast and celebration.

Adoration at each church followed by a short reflection on St Joseph.

Register now: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1032826>

Parishes are invited to share this video to promote the Camino:

[Camino of St Joseph - YouTube](#) or [this screen slide](#) at Mass

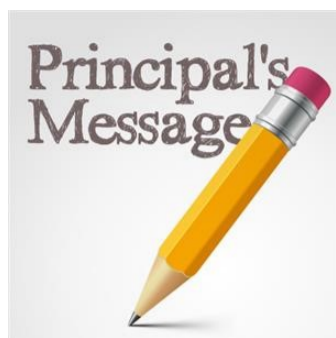
MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission.

Date: Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May, 2023

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney
See www.mohmv.com.au for more information.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Laura McCarthy will take up the position of Religious Education Coordinator at St Anne's School from the beginning of Term 2. Laura is another one returning to St Anne's. Laura Morris, as we knew her then, came to St Anne's as an intern in Kindergarten with Mrs Lowe in 2012. She subsequently taught Year 1 and Year 5/6 at our school until the end of 2018. Most recently Laura has been a Coordinator 2 and teacher at St Therese at Mascot.

I am delighted that Laura is returning. She is superbly qualified for the important position of REC. I am very grateful for the contribution that Father Jack made to this process.

In other news, Elias from Year 2 proved that his perfect score in Round 4 was no fluke as he managed seven out of eight in Round 5 of the Project Compassion Football Tipping. This made Elias our weekly winner for the second time in a row. Well done, Elias.

Speaking of consistent form I should mention that we are now getting three eggs most days from our school chickens, Schnitzel, Stella and Nugget.

Of course, our students and staff are now enjoying the Term break. The staff are at school on Monday 24 April for a Professional Development Day while the students return after ANZAC Day on Wednesday 26 April.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

AN EVENING WITH SHERRY WEDDELL



Join international speaker and author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus', Sherry Weddell for an evening dedicated to exploring the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives and renewing the Church for mission.

Endowed with spiritual gifts, each of us is chosen by God in a special way to witness to Christ in the world and to build His Kingdom here on earth.

Monday 22 May 2023 (Liverpool) and Wednesday 24 May 2023 (Strathfield)

Cost: \$30 plus booking fees. Refreshments served from 6:00pm – 6:45pm.

Registrations open at <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

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

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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