

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

22 & 23 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 2:14, 22-33  
First letter of St Peter 1:17-21  
Luke 24:13-35

**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, you will show us the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us. Alleluia!



### FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

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

### FOR OUR SICK

Douglas



Pilgrims to the Holy Land with Emmaus on their wish list will find several places claiming to be the historic site. None have been confirmed. It's fitting that the original Emmaus remains elusive. Once the two disciples recognise Jesus in the breaking of bread, he vanishes from sight. There's no geographic place, Luke's story suggests, which secures the presence of the Risen One. Rather, he's to be found wherever the community breaks bread in his memory.

The breaking of bread is one of the defining features of the Christian community. Luke made that clear last Sunday. It prompts the question: does the Emmaus story shed any light on how the breaking of bread might be well celebrated today? A few thoughts come to mind. First, Jesus joins the disciples as they are abandoning Jerusalem and all they hoped for. He does not remonstrate with them or lay down pre-conditions for being in his company. He seeks them out and meets them where they are at.

Secondly, as he breaks open the scriptures the hearts of the two disciples begin to burn within them. What a noble aim for all ministers of the word! To proclaim and explain the word so well that the flame of faith is kindled in the hearts of all present! And thirdly, might the breaking of bread be such an experience of communion that, like the Emmaus disciples, everyone is eager to share their joy?

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

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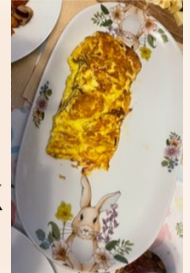


## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### THANK YOU FROM FR JACEK

I would like to thank the school and school chickens, Schnitzel, Stella, and Nugget for providing me with some of the first eggs laid. Also would like to thank Chef Sandra for the yummy omelette.



### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you to all who contributed to the Project Compassion appeal this Lent. So far we have collected \$10,905.40. This is an outstanding and generous amount. This money will be forwarded to Caritas which runs the Project Compassion appeal.

### HOLY LAND APPEAL

Thanks also to those who contributed to the collection on Good Friday for the upkeep of the holy places in the Holy Land. \$1948.25 will be sent to the Franciscan Friars (who have custody of the holy sites).

### ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL 2023



A national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders “who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacemaking operations” and “the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.” The liturgy recognizes their sacrifice, commends them to eternal life, and prays that justice and peace may dwell in our lands for ever.

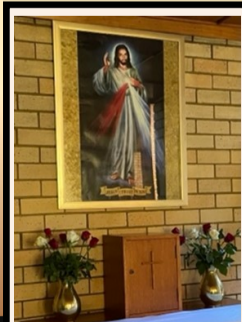
Mass will be celebrated at 9.15 am. Tea/coffee and Anzac Cookies will be available after Mass.

### ANZAC DAY TRADITIONS – ANZAC BISCUITS



ANZAC biscuits have become an iconic symbol of 25 April. But did you know that this humble bite was earlier known as a ‘soldiers’ biscuit’? While their origins date back to the 1820s, these sweet treats – made from common pantry staples like oats, sugar, flour, butter, golden syrup, and bicarb soda – were a popular fundraiser during WWI.

With their simple recipe and long shelf life, the biscuits also became a ‘go-to’ for Australian families to send to men fighting on the front lines.



### DIVINE MERCY

Jesus requested to St Faustina that the first Sunday after Easter should be the Feast of Divine Mercy and proclaimed in a special way. Thank you to all who attended the Divine Mercy Mass last Sunday. The Divine Mercy picture can now be found at the side altar in the church. This is a temporary one until the new one arrives.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S



### **40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS 28-30TH APRIL**

An annual event led by the Archdiocese of Sydney's Vocations Centre, featuring Holy Mass, confession and guided reflections before the Blessed Sacrament. Opening Mass on Friday 28th April at 7pm and concludes on Sunday 30th April with a Good Shepherd Sunday Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers.

For more information, please visit [vocationcentre.org.au](http://vocationcentre.org.au) or email [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8424. Sign-up for an hour of adoration at: <https://www.vocationcentre.org.au/booking/>

### **CWF MAY APPEAL**

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held on the weekend of 6th & 7th May. Appeal envelopes can be found in the pews.

**Donate to the Charitable Works Fund May 2023 Appeal**  
6th & 7th May 2023 is our parish appeal.

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.  
Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

Donate at [www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf)  
Or complete the parish envelope.

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### **1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH OF MAY**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday for the month of May falls on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.  
Mass at 9.15 with the Anointing of the Sick.  
Confessions will follow.

### **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.

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

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

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](#)

### **MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES**

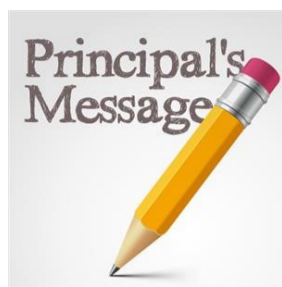
Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission.

**Date:** Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May, 2023

**Venue:** SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney  
See [www.mohmv.com.au](http://www.mohmv.com.au) for more information.



Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



The staff return to school on Monday for a Professional Development Day. The focus will be on teaching and assessing Reading. Of course, Tuesday is ANZAC Day and so the students will return on Wednesday. Wednesday is the day when the Amadeus Music program runs at school so the primary students will need to remember to bring their orchestral instruments to school on the first day of the term.

We have an Easter Hat Parade on Thursday and a commemoration of ANZAC Day on Friday morning. For the first weeks of the term students can wear either the summer uniform or the winter uniform depending on the weather.

We are looking forward to another busy term.

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/>

### **SAVE THE DATE: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated between Ascension and Pentecost, 21-28 May 2023.

This prayer takes on particular significance if it is celebrated with other local Christian congregations. Yet, even if this is not possible, the parish is encouraged to make prayer for Christian unity a focus of that week.

The theme for the Week in 2023 is "Do Good; seek Justice" (Is 1:70). Resources have been prepared for the Holy See and the World Council of Churches by a multi-denominational group in Minnesota USA, and have been slightly adapted for use in Australia. The resources include a poster for notice boards, with space to write in the details of any local celebration.

The full list of resources is available at:

<https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu23>.

### **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](https://www.archdioceseofsydney.org.au/safeguarding)