

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Easter Sunday (Year A)

8 & 9 April 2023

## Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Easter Saturday  
Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Easter Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am  
Easter Monday: 9:15 am  
Tues-Saturday: 9:15 am

Reconciliation - Saturdays from 9:45 am  
Baptisms, marriages and funerals, by appointment only.

## SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43  
St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9

**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: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!



### **FOR OUR DEAD**

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Stephen Nash  
John Skuric  
Silvana Musumeci  
Fayez and Lamia  
Yamine  
Pierina Lamari  
Else Badinszky  
Louis Dick

### **THANKSGIVING**

#### **MASS:**

Ambrose Chan  
(65th Birthday)



Our Lenten journey has come to completion. We accompanied Jesus all the way from the desert of temptation to his tomb. We had a sense of direction and the tension grew as we closed in on the city of Jerusalem. Now we have

arrived and find that we have crossed a threshold into a different kind of space.

We are not about to leave for a new destination so much as to explore the place where we have arrived. In the much-quoted words from T. S. Eliot's poem Little Gidding: "We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time". We spend the next fifty days discovering how different the world looks in the light of the resurrection.

This means that Pentecost is not our goal, as if we were deprived of the Holy Spirit until then. On the contrary, we spend the entire fifty days immersed in the Spirit. In partnership with John's gospel, the Spirit leads us into our heart of hearts where divine love dwells. In partnership with the Acts of the Apostles, the Spirit sends us out on our mission to announce the good news. It's a spirited season from start to finish.

**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.

### Christ as Risen! Alleluia!

*Dear Friends, peace, love and joy to all.*



*Easter brings so many promises of God to us, life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness triumphs over evil and eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny.*

*That is the true meaning of Easter. May Jesus who rose, body and soul, and is still alive and with us today, live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude. May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families. God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones.*

***Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!***  
***HAPPY EASTER*** from Fr Jacek



### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

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

### REMAINDER OF HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection 5.00 pm
Easter Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> April	Masses at 8.00 am & 10.00am
Easter Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass at 9.15 am

### THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are available on the seats. This offering goes towards the support of the active, retired and sick clergy in the Archdiocese. Please place your offering on either of the two collection plates. Thank you.



### EASTER TABLE PRAYER

Creator God and Lord of Life, You who call forth from the darkness of death all those who love You, we rejoice, on this Easter Sunday, in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Visit our home and this table with Your bright blessing of peace and life.

We pause in the midst of this prayer to remember all the holy dead of our family who live now in You and who await the final and glorious resurrection of the dead.

*Pause for silent reflection to remember those who have died.*

May they and we, because of our faith in You, our God, taste in the victory of life over death.

May the Risen Christ, our Lord and Savior, be our guest as we celebrate His resurrection with this Easter Sunday dinner.

Bless those whose work to prepare this meal has truly been a work of prayer, and bless all of us who shall share it with Easter love and joy.

May You, then, bless this table and this food, and each of us in Your holy name.  
Amen

\*Edward Hays, "Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for Worship in the Home"

### 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.

### EASTER WATER

Easter Water is available after Mass.



### **EASTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL**



### **Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**



Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.**

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.



## **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

Early bird closes April 12, 2023.

See [www.mohmv.com.au](http://www.mohmv.com.au) for more information.

### **FREE NATIVITY SCENES**

Free nativity scene statues of child Jesus, Mary, Joseph, wise men, shepherds and angel available. The statues are of plaster, painted, between 80cm and 100cm tall. Contact Brooke at St James' Forest Lodge for inspection, 02 9660 1407, or [info@bbjatholicparishes.org.au](mailto:info@bbjatholicparishes.org.au)

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 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).*



### **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.

### **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)

