

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Palm Sunday (Year A)

1 & 2 April 2023

## Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

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HOLY WEEK LITURGIES**

## **SUNDAY READINGS:**

Isaiah 50:4-7  
St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 27:11-54

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

## **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: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Alleluia!



### **FOR OUR DEAD**

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Pierina Lamari  
Stephen Nash  
Else Badinszky  
Louis Dick  
Margaret Power  
Gaye Lorraine Popp  
Jean x Mirette  
Ratinon

### **SICK:**

Sharon Holliday

The procession with palms in commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem (along with other features of our paschal liturgies) can be traced back at least as far as 4th century Jerusalem. Pilgrims flocked to the holy city after the peace of Constantine. One of them was a devout lady, perhaps a Spanish nun, named Egeria. Keen to share her experiences with her circle of friends, she kept a diary of her stay in Jerusalem around 384-385. It contains invaluable descriptions of the liturgies in which she took part.

On Palm Sunday afternoon, she reports, the faithful gathered with palms on the Mount of Olives and processed down to the city to the place of Jesus' resurrection (now the Church of the Holy Sepulchre), chanting on their way. Over 1700 years later, a procession with palms and chants still takes place on this day in churches around the world.

All four gospels contain a great deal of material in between Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his betrayal. They testify to the growing tension that eventually reaches crisis point. This in-between time is ignored by the liturgy, making today's transition from "Hosanna" to "Crucify him" shockingly abrupt. It's reminiscent of what happened in the synagogue in Nazareth where Jesus "won the approval" of his townsfolk only to have them swiftly become enraged and murderous (Lk 4:22-30). In each case, the time frame has been condensed but the trajectory of Jesus' reception truthfully reflected.

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass at 9.15 am
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass at 9.15 am.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 pm followed by Adoration until 11.00 pm
Good Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Stations of the Cross at 10.00 am
Good Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
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

**A Flyer setting out the timetable for Easter ceremonies can be found in the bulletin and on the table at the back of the Church. Please take one or a few home as you leave the Church.**

**Palm Sunday recalls an event in the Christian Scripture (The New Testament) of Jesus entering into Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches.** For Christians, it is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow him.

### VENERATION OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY

Kissing the Cross will not be permitted. Bowing to the cross is recommended or Touching the Cross is also allowed. Please sanitise your hands before and after.

### 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.

### 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 & 3.00 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).*





### LENTEN PROGRAM 2023

Our last Parish Lenten group session will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm in the Parish House. A special thank you to Jason for leading our Parish Lenten Programme this year.

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday at the Stations of the Cross and the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in many areas including schools, medical centres & orphanages which have been greatly impacted by the pandemic, as well as the disasters of war. The collection is also used to maintain 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

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



### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PALM SUNDAY) 1 & 2 APRIL**



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

**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.***

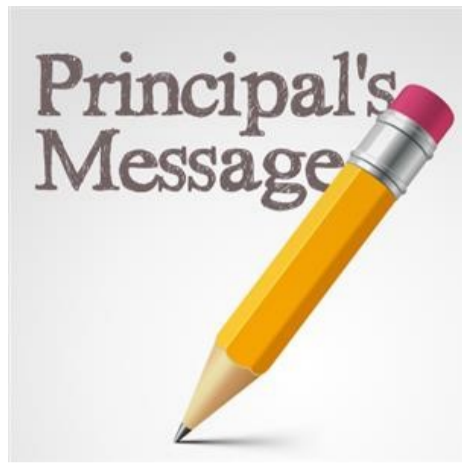


**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

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 or by calling 1800 024 413.

Dear Parents and Carers,



I am pleased to announce that our school chickens, Schnitzel, Stella and Nugget are beginning to earn their keep. The first two eggs arrived on Monday and up till the time of writing a total of seven eggs have been laid. We will have a Project Compassion Raffle next week and the prize is a half dozen of the freshest eggs in Strathfield South. The eggs are fresh, but they are not very big.

Our Project Compassion Football Tipping Competition this week featured the first perfect score of the season. Congratulations to Elias from Year Two for an eight out of eight performance.

Thanks to our Parents and Friends the school enjoyed a tasty Tuesday this week. A big percentage of our students enjoyed a hot dog with a juice and a jelly organised by the P & F.

On Wednesday evening the St Anne's community again provided the crew for the Liverpool Vinnies Night Patrol. This time the patrol was led by our Assistant Principal, Mrs Melissa Hall and our Family Faith Educator, Mrs Giovanna Conti. Again, I would like to acknowledge the support we receive from the parishioners in terms of donations and sandwich making.

This week Years 5 and 6 went to Reconciliation on Tuesday and Years 1 and 2 attended the parish mass on Thursday. Thank you Father Jack.

Warm regards  
Phil Townsend

### ST ANNE'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL DETAILS

#### SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Amended Date: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 12 noon.

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday 26th August at 5.00 pm during the vigil Mass.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.30 pm. For First Holy Communion in 2024.



### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S NETWORK: HOLY WEEK GATHERING



Together we can remove ourselves from the busyness of our day, quieten our minds and enter into our heart whether the Lord can be more present to us and we can hear His voice more clearly.

**Date:** Tuesday 4 April - **Time:** 7:30pm—9pm  
**Via Zoom in the comfort of your own home**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/66325784784>

### 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)