

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday (Year A)

29 & 30 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, 36-41
first letter of St Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

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: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want .

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD
Please remember those who have gone before us:
Laura Bouchahine
Joyce Parisi
Lui Farre
Stephen Nash
Silvana Musumeci
Fayez and Lamia Yammine
Pierina Lamari

FOR OUR SICK:
Doug Myers



One thought leads to another, as the saying suggests. Jesus' teaching on the good shepherd brings to mind the prophet Ezekiel's oracle on the shepherds of Israel (34:1-31). That in turn prompts recollection of St Augustine's lengthy sermon 46, "On the Shepherds". It's been suggested that this oration may have taken over two hours to preach! Here is a tiny but timely fragment on Augustine's responsibility as a pastor.

"I must distinguish carefully between two aspects of the role the Lord has given me, a role that demands a rigorous accountability, a role based on the Lord's greatness rather than on my own merit. The first aspect is that I am a Christian; the second, that I am a leader. I am a Christian for my own sake, whereas I am a leader for your sake; the fact that I am a Christian is to my own advantage, but I am a leader for your advantage.

"Many persons come to God as Christians but not as leaders. Perhaps they travel by an easier road and are less hindered since they bear a lighter burden. In addition to the fact that I am a Christian and must give God an account of my life, I as a leader must give him an account of my stewardship as well".

Source: Liturgy Brisbane



1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH OF MAY

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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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.



ANZAC DAY - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended our Anzac Day Mass and Morning Tea last Tuesday. Many thanks to all who prepared the hospitality table and made the Anzac Cookies.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.



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.

MAY CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 13 May 2023. Honouring our Lady to intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia.

Commencing at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon.

We look forward to you joining us in Prayer. For further enquiries please contact us on - 0403 578 994.

MOTHER'S DAY MASSES

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria invite all to attend Mother's Day Masses on Saturday 13th May at the following Cemeteries:

Kemps Creek: 10.30 am in the Pavilion
Liverpool: 10.30 am in the Reflection Chapel
Rookwood: 12.00 noon in Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel.

Refreshments will be provided after Mass at all locations. For catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 5th May to team@griefcare.com.au

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ST ANNE'S P&F MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE 2023



DRAWN FRIDAY MAY 12, 2023

Each year at St Anne's we hold a Raffle. This year we will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for new playground equipment for our wonderful students.

Each ticket is \$2
or you can purchase 3 tickets for \$5
and 6 for \$10

PRIZES TO BE WON:

Botanik Eco Hairdressing vouchers
The Chef's Wife Bistro Vouchers
Strathfield Superbowl passes
Cocktail/Mocktail assorted box
Norma J Hairdressing &
Beauty Vouchers
Pure Gelato Vouchers

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

St Annes Primary School is holding a Mother's Day Raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses. I ask Parishioners to please support this school raffle.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



First Holy Communion in our Parish will be held on Sunday 4th June at 12.00 pm. Preparation classes commence this Sunday 30/4 and are held on Sundays commencing at 9 am or Wednesdays from 3/5 at 4 pm.

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.



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/>

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



Our Easter Hat Parade was a great success on Thursday morning with every student in the school participating. The parade was organised by Ms Anna Marcucci and our Year 6 students participating in the Pope Francis Award for this year. The Pope Francis Award gives students a faith-based volunteering opportunity in the school and parish.

On Friday morning we were delighted to have four returned servicemen share our commemoration of ANZAC Day. Mr Murray Turner, Mr Peter Long, Mr Bob Duggan and Mr John Thornton were our distinguished guests. Mr Duggan is a grandparent in our school while Mr Thornton is the President of the Enfield – Croydon Park RSL Sub-branch. Their presence added to a very special and solemn occasion.

The last round of the Project Compassion Football Tipping Competition was Round 6. We saw another display of “girl power” with Siena J from Year 2 and Mary Anne from Year 3 winning with 6 out of 8. It was a very tricky round. Siena and Mary Anne both cleverly tipped the Raiders to beat the Broncos.

Our Parents and Friends’ Association are conducting a Mothers’ Day Raffle. There are many prizes including Botanik Eco Hairdressing vouchers, The Chef’s Wife Bistro Vouchers, Strathfield Superbowl passes, Cocktail/Mocktail assorted boxes, Norma J Hairdressing & Beauty Vouchers and Pure Gelato Vouchers. A dozen fresh eggs provided by the school chickens, Schnitzel, Nugget and Stella will also be a prize! Raffle tickets will be available after the three masses next weekend. Each ticket is \$2, or you can purchase 3 tickets for \$5. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 12 May. Money raised will go towards new playground equipment.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

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:



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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](https://www.safeguardingandchildprotection.org.au)