

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

6 & 7 May 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 6:1-7  
First letter of St Peter 2:4-9  
John 14:1-12

## 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, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!



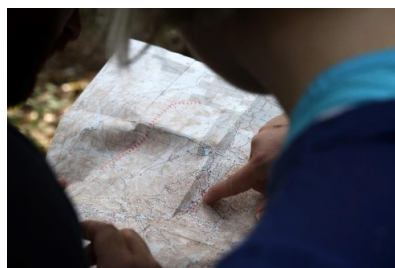
### FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Joyce Parisi  
Lui Farre  
Stephen Nash  
Silvana Musumeci

### SPECIAL INTENTION:

All Mothers on Mother's Day  
Adba Simon  
Salazia Saad



Two gems from today's word of God have found their way into the eucharistic prayers of the Roman Missal. One is from Moses' address to the Israelites at Mt Sinai, when he tells them they are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and God's

own people. Adopted by Peter in his first letter and applied to Christian believers, it is the centrepiece of the first preface for Sundays in Ordinary Time.

The other is Jesus' revelation to his disciples that he is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This terse text has been expanded for one of the prefaces of the Eucharistic Prayer for Special Needs and Occasions. Within this prayer addressed to the Father, it speaks of Jesus as "the way that leads to you, the truth that sets us free, the life that fills us with gladness".

The two texts illuminate each other. The more we wonder at the beauty and wisdom of Jesus, the more we see the grace and goodness of God at work in us. We have indeed been set apart to sing the praises of God who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

## MOTHERS' DAY



In celebration of Mother's Day, on the weekend of 13th/14th May, we invite parishioners at St Anne's to bring a flower and place it at the foot of Our Lady's statue to honour Mary, our Mother, and our own Mother and the mother figures in our lives.

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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.

### **CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL - 6-7 MAY**

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held this weekend 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May. 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.

Donate at: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf/> or Appeal envelopes can be found in the pews.

Give generously. Your tax deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

[Charitable Works Fund - Sydney Archdiocese 2023 - YouTube](#)

### **STATUE OF OUR LADY**



A new statue of Our Lady has arrived. The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary and we pray the Litany of Loretto. During this time the statue will remain in the Sanctuary of the church. After May it will be placed outside the church in a grotto. As to where the grotto will be, has not been decided as yet. I am open to your opinions and suggestions.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 to [team@griefcare.com.au](mailto:team@griefcare.com.au)



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### **MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE 2023 DRAWN FRIDAY MAY 12, 2023**

St Anne's Primary School is holding a Mother's Day Raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Money raised will go towards new playground equipment. I ask Parishioners to please support this school raffle.



**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

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**



First Holy Communion in our Parish will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00 pm. As the children with the support of their parents prepare for this wonderful sacrament, we ask that you remember our Parish children in your prayers asking for God's grace and blessings on these children.



### **WALK WITH CHRIST - SUNDAY 11TH JUNE**

**1:00pm - Festival at Martin Place**

**2:30pm - Procession from Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St**

Join us for this year's 'Walk with Christ' annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney to make a joyful public proclamation and act of worship towards the person of Jesus Christ (as King), and to invoke His blessing upon the city.

The presence of the Eucharist in this joyful liturgical act invokes the benevolent spiritual blessings of Christ onto the city and all who live there. The blessing is derived from He who has been "anointed to proclaim the good news to the poor ...to proclaim freedom for prisoners and sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." It is in this way that the Walk with Christ is part of the spiritual and civic life of the city and Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

***"Wherever it is possible in the judgement of the diocesan Bishop, a procession through the public streets should be held, especially on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ as a public witness of reverence for the Most Holy Sacrament, for the "devout participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic procession on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is a grace from the Lord which yearly fills with joy those who take part in it"***

***- Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Letter, Ecclesia de Eucharistia***

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, we have also entered the month of May. This is a time of special devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

### Principal's Message



May is also the time of the year when we think especially of our mothers. I am sure that all our Mums will be pampered next Sunday. On Thursday 11 May we will celebrate our Mother's Day Mass at 10.15am with Father Jack. We are hoping to see many mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, aunts, big sisters and carers on this important occasion. We will pray and give thanks for all our mothers, those that can be present and those who cannot. The mass will be followed by morning tea.

As always, I am embarrassed by and grateful to the mums, who work so hard to make Mothers' Day special for all. Special thanks to our powerhouse P & F mums and their helpers. I would also like to thank the parishioners who are able to support their Mothers' Day raffle after mass today.

We are beginning to plan a celebration of the music in our school. We want to have an opportunity for our infants classes and our various primary school ensembles to showcase their achievements in our Amadeus Project. You will be invited when these plans are finalised. Research has established that music is very good for young people. It boosts brain power, promotes well-being and improves memory.

Warm regards, Phil Townsend

### **SAFEGUARDING UPDATE**

It is important that all volunteers in the Parish should be aware of their Safeguarding requirements. Volunteers that require special training include the following:

Acolytes, Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Wardens – those who take up the collection on a Sunday.

Part of the requirements include completing Safeguarding and Child Protection training. The good news is the Archdiocese is organising zoom training next Friday 12 May from 9am to 10am (usually takes about ½ hour) for those volunteers who have not completed the induction training. To register for this training please email [safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org).

This is highly encouraged as this is a lot easier than going online and reading all the information before answering the questions along the way. As this is a compulsory requirement of the above Volunteer work, if anyone has not done the original induction training please register and attend your zoom next Friday. You will receive a certificate which a copy must be sent to the Parish Office.

### **ADULT CONFIRMATIONS**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered for Adults at St Mary's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 10.30 am. Registration forms of prepared candidates need to be returned to the Cathedral by no later than Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Anyone interested please contact the Parish office on Tuesday.

### **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://www.archdioceseofsydney.org.au)

