

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

27 & 28 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 2:1-11
St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

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, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love . Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD
Please remember those who have gone before us:
Ramon Kasala
Robert Wasniowski
Ronnie Africa
Giovanni Biordi
Josephine Cameron-Smith
Joyce Parisi

SPECIAL INTENTION
Yvonne MacDonald



“Spirit-filled evangelisers means evangelisers fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit”. So Pope Francis begins the final chapter of his manifesto, The Joy of the Gospel. What is the good news that Spirit-filled evangelisers proclaim? Paul, writing to the Corinthians, condenses it in the simplest of phrases: “Jesus is Lord!”

Francis expands on this. “Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. . . It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life . . .

“However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history. . . Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelise are instruments of that power.” (#276) .

Source: Liturgy Brisbane



1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH OF JUNE

1st Saturday for the month of June falls on the 3rd of June.
Mass at 9.15 with the Anointing of the Sick.
Confessions will follow.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

REMINDER - HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID AND FLU

With winter now approaching we are reminded to be aware of ourselves and those around us. To help reduce the spread of viruses in our community, we ask that you stay up to date with vaccinations and stay home if you have cold & flu symptoms. Thank you.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion in our Parish will be held on Sunday 4th June at 12.00 pm. Please remember the children in your prayers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

If you would like to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal envelopes are still available on the pews. This envelope can be placed on any collection plate.



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

It is important that all Parishioners are aware of the importance and responsibility of our Volunteers to meet the Child safety requirements. This week I bring your attention to the requirement of a Working with Children Check.

All Safeguarding requirements are on the Archdiocese Website and the website of the Office of the Children's Guardian.

Office of the Children's Guardian regulates and oversees organisations in NSW because children and young people have the right to be safe.

The Archdiocese Safeguarding Office has been advised that Churches within the Archdiocese will be audited by the Office of the Children's Guardian this year.

It is the Church's obligation to participate in the audit but more importantly, we are required to meet the Regulations set down for Volunteers.

The first responsibility (among others) is to ensure that volunteers in certain Parish roles that DO require a WWCC, have one.

In our Parish the following roles are required to hold a WWCC which must be verified by the Parish:

Parish Secretaries, Sacramental Group Leaders, Catechists in State Schools, Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers, Ministers of the Work/Readers/Lectors, Parish Collectors and Eucharistic Minister.

If we do not meet the requirements of the Office of the Children's Guardian, the Priest and the Church will be fined and the amounts are substantial.

I urge any volunteer in the above categories that do not have a WWCC to immediately obtain one and forward a copy to the Parish Office. Please check that your WWCC has not expired, and you need to renew it. There is no cost associated with holding a WWCC and if you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office on a Tuesday and we will be able to answer your queries.

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



28 May **Pentecost Sunday** (This, the "fiftieth day", concludes the season of Easter, the continuous single festival of the risen Christ. Pentecost, the Jewish feast of harvest, which also commemorates the giving of the Law of Moses, was the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles (see Acts 2:1ff). The event has been celebrated on this day at least since the third century. The joy of Pentecost is that the risen Christ breathes upon the Church and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" [John 20:20]). **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE GLOBAL SYNOD ON THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION

Dioceses across Australia have been asked to join together for a time of prayer on Wednesday 31 May on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will entrust the work of the upcoming Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to Our Lady on this special feast day. Resources are being developed to support parishes which will be shared online. [View With Mary - Sharing Synodal Resources](#)

Mary, the mother of God, is always with us on the synodal path, for she is also 'Mother of the Church' (Mater Ecclesiae); mother of all those who are companions and disciples of her son. Whenever we are feeling lost, confused, or hesitant about the way, we only have to look to her to point out the way. Mary does not speak. She does not need to. She only needs to direct our gaze to her son. In her wordless gesture, she sums up the whole mission of the Church. Even when the People of God are 'in via'—on the journey—they are always in mission. The two cannot be separated, for there is but one way and one object of our desire, one source of our life and our hope: Jesus Christ. (Towards a spirituality for synodality, p.45)

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

Principal's
Message



National Sorry Day or the National Day of Healing in Australia is held on 26 May. One event held on this day is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Commemoration Service at the ANZAC Memorial, Hyde Park South. Our indigenous students, Noah and Arlo, with their dad represented St Anne's and their Biripi people at this important occasion on Friday. I was honoured to be with them.

Our school participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime event on Wednesday with many schools across Australia reading 'The Speedy Sloth' by Rebecca Young on the same day. Simultaneously we had nineteen students representing St Anne's at Eastern Creek in the Sydney Catholic Schools Cross Country Championship. Altogether 4140 students attended Sydney Motorsport Park over two days. Our students performed with enthusiasm. Congratulations to Samuel J from Year 3 who won the gold medal in his multi class event.

We celebrated the Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians on Thursday. This was the day after the actual feast. Thanks to Father Jack we had a special mass at 10.15am. We commissioned Siena from Year 6 as an altar server at this mass. This followed the commissioning of Litia, Gabi, Viola and Harry last Sunday. Congratulations to all. It goes without saying that parishioners are always welcome on these occasions.

We are looking forward to First Holy Communion.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

MULTICULTURAL MASS SUNDAY CELEBRATED BY BISHOP VINCENT LONG

For the Parramatta Diocese and Sydney Archdiocese. Open invitation for Migrant Chaplains of both Dioceses and people from all ethnic communities.

DETAILS:

Date and Time: Sunday 18th June at 2pm

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral

If you have questions please contact Fr Roland Maurer EV or Kylie Cullen at immigration@sydneycatholic.org

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES- THEIRS.... AND YOURS

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

Explore 35 positions on our website (www.palms.org.au), where you can also read stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Contact us for further information on potential assignments for you or someone you know. Phone: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.

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. 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