

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A) - Mother's Day

13 & 14 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.

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.



SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17
First letter of St Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

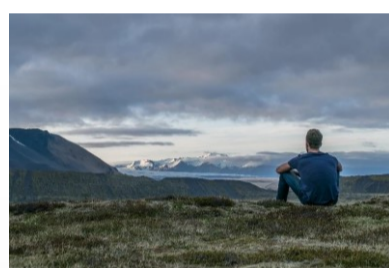
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD
Please remember those who have gone before us:

Ronnie Africa
Giovanni Biordi
Josephine Cameron-Smith
Joyce Parisi
Lui Farre

SPECIAL INTENTION:
All Mothers on Mother's Day
Bernadette Sarju
Bridged Vasudewan
Joan Datt



One of the most wonderful moments in the celebration of the paschal mystery occurs at the start of the Easter Vigil. The great candle has been lit from the Easter fire. It heads the procession into the darkened church. Once inside, it's astonishing to see

how much light that single candle can shed, before the others are lit and the space becomes a forest of flame.

Light and darkness are at play in Jesus' farewell discourse. It begins with the departure of Judas from the supper. In an immensely powerful phrase, John simply says: "It was night" (13:30). When the discourse finally ends, Jesus departs with his disciples into the shadows of the night. Framed by darkness, Jesus' prayerful reflections with his disciples suggest the image of a candle illuminating not just their faces but their hearts.

After all this time, Jesus' words still have the power to kindle hope and love in our hearts. They are deceptively simple yet deeply mysterious. Only in those who take the time to ponder them will their profound promise be fulfilled.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

MOTHERS' DAY



In celebration of Mother's Day this weekend, 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

CWF THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting the CWF May Parish Appeal held last weekend. If anyone still would like to support this appeal envelopes can be found in the pews. These can be placed on any of the collection plates or you can donate at: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf/>.

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

Charitable Works Fund - Sydney Archdiocese 2023 - YouTube



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums and mother-like figures! It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother's Day in the Month of Mary. Today, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only through gifts, flowers, or cards but also through our prayers for them. Let us pray for all of our mothers, including those who are no longer with us. And let us remember that we have a Mother in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary. May the Mother given to us by Christ on the cross be ever at our side!



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. Where the grotto will be has not been decided as yet. I am open to your opinions and suggestions.

Happy Mother's Day

Blessing Prayer for Mothers

Lord God,
through your creative power, you give birth to all
and love all as a mother loves her child.
Bless these women who are mothers.
When they worry for their child,
hold them in your care.
When they work to provide a home for their child,
stand beside them.
If they mourn for their child,
hold them in your love.
When the joy of their child overtakes them,
laugh with them.
Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of your love;
a symbol to their children and all who they encounter.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



Thank you to everyone who supported St Anne's Primary School Mother's Day Raffle.

THANK YOU TO STUDENTS AT ST ANNE'S SCHOOL

A special thank you to the students from St Anne's who have prepared inspirational messages and best wishes for this very special occasion of Mother's Day. They can be found on the walls of the church. Please take some time to read them.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will take place in our Parish next weekend 20th/21st May. A representative from St Vincent de Paul will speak at all Masses.

Vinnies
good works

 Strength and support Your support helps dedicated volunteers to work with people living in poverty, and provide assistance when life is tough.	 Clothing and essentials Together we can provide basic essentials such as blankets, clothes and toiletries to resolve dignity in times of need.	 Food in tough times Your donation can provide money for groceries, reducing hunger and removing a major stress for families.	 Help when bills are due You can help us provide financial support with household expenses to families who are struggling to make ends meet.	 A place to rest and recoup Your donation enables us to help people like Jenny and her family find a safe place to sleep when they have nowhere else to go.
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LIVES CAN CHANGE WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO HELP. PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TODAY.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



First Holy Communion in our Parish will be held on Sunday 4th June at 12.00 pm. Preparation classes continue on Sundays at 9 am or Wednesdays at 4 pm.

WALK WITH CHRIST - SUNDAY 11TH JUNE

1:00pm - Festival at Martin Place

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

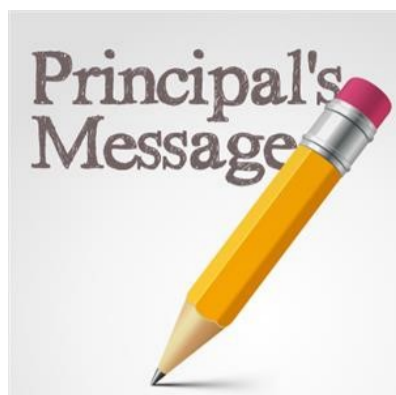
Join us for this year's 'Walk with Christ' annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney to make a joyful public proclamation and act of worship towards the person of Jesus Christ (as King), and to invoke His blessing upon the city.

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,



St Anne's School acknowledged Mothers' Day on Thursday with a special mass celebrated by Father Jack. We prayed for the mothers who could be there and those who could not. Mass was followed by morning tea in the Therry Building. The morning tea was largely organised by our Family Faith Educator, Mrs Giovanna Conti with the assistance of our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Laura McCarthy. The idea was that the mothers were not required to arrange their own morning tea.

The Mothers' Day raffle was different. The Mothers' Day raffle was organised by the mothers. However, they were very grateful for the support they received from the Parish and Father Jack. Various parishioners won some of the prizes. Kathy won Pure Gelato, Maria Soo won a Botanik Eco Salon voucher, Joelle won Pure Gelato and a Beauty by Norma J voucher, Julie won a Strathfield Super Bowl voucher while Robyn and Anne won Gift Cards which were donated by Father Jack.

The raffle was to raise money for playground equipment, and we already have new net-balls, basketballs, footballs and handballs. One of the new footballs can be seen on the roof of the library. We also have fresh sand in our sandpit kindly donated by Sandhub in Dunlop Street. Thank you to all for your support.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

BEGIN THE PATH TO DISCOVERING YOUR CHARISMS!



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.

Talk commences at 7:00 pm

Registrations close on Monday 15 May at 4:00 pm

open at <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered for Adults at St Mary's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday 28th May 2023 at 10.30 am. Registration forms of prepared candidates need to be returned to the Cathedral by no later than Friday 19th 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. 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)