

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

24 & 25 June 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:

Jeremiah 20:10–13
St Paul to the Romans 5:12–15
Matthew 10:26–33

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify. Alleluia!



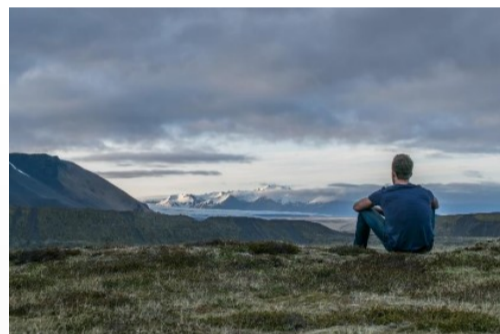
FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Patrick Joseph Vannie
Beryl Fernandes
Fr Giovanni Giampietro
Wahib, Nohad,
Marianne & Roly
Maram Mark Bemba
Ronnie Africa

FOR OUR SICK

Beth
Lian Chow



Five months after preaching at the funeral of his martyred friend Rutilio Grande, and less than three years before his own assassination, Archbishop (now St) Oscar Romero spoke thus of the prophet Jeremiah: "You heard today in the first reading

the accusations: 'Death to that Jeremiah! He's demoralising the soldiers and all of the people . . .' See how the accusations against the prophets of all times are the same. When the prophet bothers the consciences of the selfish, or of those who are not building with God's plans, he is a nuisance and must be eliminated, murdered, thrown into a pit, persecuted, not allowed to speak the word that annoys".

Both Grande and Romero followed in the footsteps of Jeremiah. Both took Jesus' words to heart. They refused to succumb to fear. They declared themselves for Christ before the might of earthly powers. Both paid the price.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH OF JULY



1st Saturday for the month of July falls on the 1st of July. Mass at 9.15 am with the Anointing of the Sick.

Confessions will follow.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S



HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the annual Holy Father's Appeal next weekend – 1st and 2nd July – for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you. Donate by phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection. Envelopes will be available next weekend or visit the link below:

www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal

ANNUAL LEAVE

I will be on annual leave from 26th June to 7th July. During this time Fr Anthony Mifsud will be looking after the parish.

CATHOLIC CARE HOPE APPEAL

This year, over 300 young women aged 16-24 in Metro Sydney will be at risk of having their recently born or soon-to-be born child removed from their care.

CatholicCare Sydney's HOPE program works to prevent the need for a Child Protection Response by supporting vulnerable young families overcome intergenerational disadvantage and trauma. Please donate today to give vulnerable young families HOPE for the future. For more information or to donate go to: <https://fundraise.catholiccare.org/appeal>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: JOIN MARY MACKILLOP PLACE!

Mary MacKillop Place (MMP) holds a special place in Australia and for our Church. In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, our mission is to create sacred oasis of welcome peace, pilgrimage, education, community engagement, personal and spiritual growth, and social action for all. At its core is the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, where the tomb of St Mary MacKillop rests, together with the Museum that shares the inspiring story of her life. Situated in North Sydney and conveniently accessible by public transport, MMP is currently in search of enthusiastic volunteers who will warmly welcome and assist visitors to the MMP Museum. If you enjoy interacting with people and have some spare time, please get it touch! Whether it's for a couple of hours, a day or two a week, fortnightly or month, we would love to have you on board! Rest assured, all necessary training and support will be provided. For more information or to express your interest, please contact Sr Annie Bond, Ministry & Mission Manager, or send an email to annie.bond@mmp.org.au or 8912 4899.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new planned giving envelopes for 2023/2024 can be collected from the back table in the church. If you are not currently part of the planned giving program but would like to join, please contact the parish office either by email or phone. We will ensure a new set of envelopes will be available to you as well.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING - ZOOM SESSIONS

Important information for all Volunteers here at St Anne's

The Safeguarding office is running Zoom sessions for the Safeguarding Induction Training and Safeguarding Refresher Training courses. Volunteers are required to firstly complete an Induction Safeguarding Training. This Training has an expiry date of 3 years.

If you have completed Safeguarding Training before 2021 you will be required to complete a Refresher Training course. The Refresher course also has an expiry date of 3 years. Each form of training takes about 1 hour maximum, particularly if you complete the Training via zoom link.

There are 2 upcoming Training courses available as follows:

Induction Training: **Zoom:** Tuesday 11 July 2023 9am to 10am
To register for the online training please go to:
<https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>.

Refresher Training: **Zoom:** Monday 3 July 2023 9am to 10am.
To register for the Online Refresher Training please go to <https://forms.gle/4q1tu1Y8qE15VWjUA>.

To register for all zoom training

Email to: safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org.

Advise you wish to register for zoom training for either Induction or Refresher Safeguarding Training

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 much 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.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

Principal's
Message



I would like to thank all the parishioners who were able to attend our Family Mass last Sunday. It was a wonderful occasion made special by Father Jack. Particular thanks to those who were able to join us for morning tea after mass. Next time we will need to do a better job with the morning tea invitation as we had scones, jam and cream left over.

On Thursday our senior students travelled to Domremy College in Five Dock to see the College's Musical, 'The Addams Family.' Our students travelled in a bus provided by Domremy and really enjoyed the show. This generous invitation came about because St Anne's and Domremy both belong to the Ashfield – Olympic Park Network of Catholic Schools.

This Thursday Years 5 and 6 will be on an excursion to the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Concord as guests of the Enfield – Croydon Park RSL Sub-branch. They will learn that this walkway is "a living, growing memorial, an educational resource and a principal site of commemoration honouring all those who fought and served for Australia during World War Two." We are very grateful to the RSL for this opportunity.

Years 3 & 4 will end the term with a bang with an excursion to Taronga Zoo on Friday. They have been studying a Geography unit based on the Earth's Environment strand, "How can we be more sustainable in the way we use places and environments?" The students will explore the zoo as well as participate in a hands-on workshop in a 'Habitat Classroom.'

These events will bring us to the end of Term Two.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend



Australia is one of only a small list of countries that use 1 July to 30 June as the financial year. In comparison the US use 1 January to 31 December and the UK is more unusual, being 1 April to 31 March for government. UK businesses can choose any 12 month period.

PURPOSE NIGHTS | BLACK AND WHITE NIGHT



Our first ever Purpose Nights event is happening June 27th and we can't wait to have you! There will be a live music concert, food trucks, talks, adoration, confession, bonfires, and a Q&A panel!

Topic: 'What is Truth?'

Dress code: Black and White Clothing!

Open to students across Sydney in years 9-12

Date and Time: Tuesday 27th June, 5.30 PM to 9PM.

Venue: St Christopher's, Holsworthy 205 Heathcote Rd, Holsworthy

Registrations are essential. For more information and to register, visit the [event page](#)

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](#)