

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday (Year A) 10 & 11 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:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
1st St Paul to the Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

Responsorial Psalm:

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! .

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!



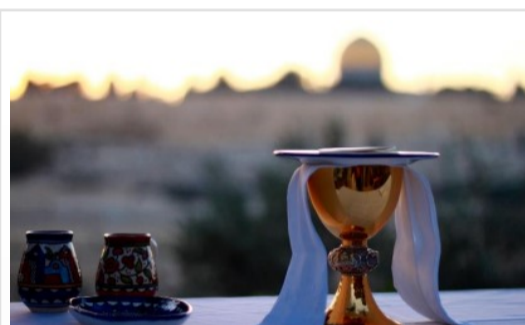
FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Mark Bembia
Ronnie Africa
Josephine Cameron
Smith
Dorothy Rouse
Lincoln Fox
Jerome D'Rozario
Giovanni Biordi
Joyce Parisi
Lui Farre

FOR OUR SICK

Peter Scoulis
Ann Cincotta-
Tangney



Jesus' teaching on the bread of life in John 6 falls into two closely related parts. In the first, Jesus presents the bread of life as the word and wisdom of God. In the second (starting from the beginning of today's reading), he speaks more in eucharistic terms. It's

a smooth transition from word to sacrament, reflecting what Vatican II said about the Mass: "The two parts which in a sense go to make up the Mass, viz. the liturgy of the word and the eucharistic liturgy, are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #56).

Two parts, one single act of worship. This synthesis is echoed in the post-conciliar documents. The General Instruction on the Roman Missal declares ". . . in the Mass is spread the table both of God's word and of the body of Christ" (#28). The Introduction to the Lectionary puts it this way: "The Church is nourished spiritually at the twofold table of God's Word and of the Eucharist – from the one it grows in wisdom and from the other in holiness" (#10).

It's fair to say that ensuring the community is truly nourished from each table is a work in progress.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY



Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. May you all grow in the light and love that comes from receiving our Lord Jesus Christ and may He continue to bless you and your families.

THANK YOU



The First Communion Mass was solemn and beautiful and I offer thanks to the many who worked so hard to make it a wonderful celebration. I ask you to continue to pray for the children and their families that they will stay close to Christ and His Church and bear witness to the Lord in their lives.

FAMILY MASS

Our next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 18th June 2023 at 10 am. This Mass is being organised by the school. All are welcome to attend.



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 Word/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.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

The annual Holy Father's Appeal will be held across the weekend 24th & 25th June. This appeal, also known as Peter's Pence, is a gesture of solidarity with the universal Church to support the works of the Holy Father Pope Francis.

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY

Parishioners from all ethnic communities are invited to join together in Mass to celebrate Multicultural Sunday, next Sunday 18th June in St Mary's Cathedral at 2.00 pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long from Parramatta Diocese, together with Migrant Chaplains from Sydney Archdiocese and Parramatta Diocese. Any enquiries, please contact Fr Roland Maurer EV or Kylie Cullen at immigration@sydneycatholic.org

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

It is almost the end of the financial year and the new planned giving envelopes for 2023/2024 can be collected from the back table in the church. If you have contributed during the last 12 months you will automatically receive new envelopes.



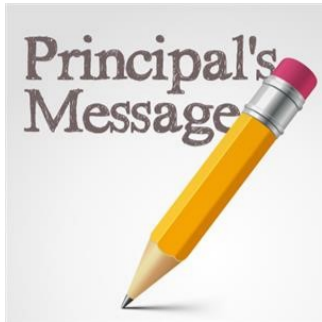
If you are not currently part of the planned giving program but would like to join, we invite you to consider joining the Planned Giving programme to continue your support to our Parish. If you would like to join the planned giving programme, please contact Janelle either by email or phone. Janelle will ensure a new set of envelopes will be available to you as well.

The Parish also have Credit Card BPoint services available for either weekly or monthly deductions. A separate form is needed to be completed and Janelle can provide same to you if requested.

ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE FOR REFUGEE WEEK 2023

We invite you to an online prayer service to commemorate Refugee Week from 18 to 24 June. The prayer service will be broadcast live at 7pm AEST on Tuesday, 20 June 2023. [Click here to register.](#)

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



The First Holy Communion last Sunday was a very special occasion. The church was absolutely packed. Congratulations to all the First Communicants and their families. It was a great team effort between the parish and the school. Grateful thanks to Father Jack, Sandra and Lorraine from the Parish Sacramental team working in partnership in with Giovanna and Laura from the school in the preparation of the students. Anthony and George and the parish musicians were the icing on the cake.

On Tuesday evening four members of our staff listened to Pasi Sahlberg, the noted Finish educator, in the Utzon Room at the Opera House. His theme was around the importance of play for children, and he said that “as children’s daily playtime has been steadily shrinking during the past two decades, their wellbeing and health overall have also suffered.” Unstructured play time promotes creativity, resilience and mental health. Please note that play time is not to be confused with screentime!

We are looking forward to our Sports Carnival at Campbell Athletic Field on Thursday. Our students will all run, jump and throw to the best of their ability. The various colour house teams have been preparing their cheers for the big day at every opportunity. I think I know all the cheers off by heart.

We are also looking forward to the Family Mass next Sunday at 10am. We are hoping that parishioners will be able to join us for morning tea after mass.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

10 June Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (This feast, originally Corpus Christi, arose in thirteenth century Belgium in response to debates about the real presence and as a result of an upsurge in eucharistic peity. Its extension to the entire Western Church was first decreed by Urban IV in 1264. The feast celebrates the mystery of the nourishing and enduring presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist). **Liturgy Bris**

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](#)