

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1 & 2 July 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:

2nd bk of the Kings 4:8-11, 14-16  
St Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42

## 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:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Alleluia!



### FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Mary Agnes  
Arokianather  
Patrick Joseph Vannie  
Beryl Fernandes  
Fr Giovanni  
Giampietro  
Wahib, Nohad,  
Marianne & Roly  
Maram Mark Bembia  
Ronnie Africa

### FOR OUR SICK

Beth  
Lian Chow



Jesus concludes his missionary discourse today without mentioning baptism, while Paul offers teaching on baptism without mentioning mission. Is there no connection between them? Pope Francis insists there is: "In virtue of their baptism, all the

members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19) . . . Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are 'disciples' and 'missionaries,' but rather that we are always 'missionary disciples.' If we are not convinced, let us look at those first disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully: 'We have found the Messiah!' (Jn 1:41). The Samaritan woman became a missionary immediately after speaking with Jesus and many Samaritans came to believe in him 'because of the woman's testimony' (Jn 4:39). So too, Saint Paul, after his encounter with Jesus Christ, 'immediately proclaimed Jesus' (Acts 9:20; cf. 22:6-21). So, what are we waiting for?" (The Joy of the Gospel #120)

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

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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 this weekend – 1st and 2nd July – for which we ask your support. Envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed in our parish collection, donate by phone 1800 753 959 or visit the link below:

[www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal)

The appeal highlights the global charitable causes spearheaded by Pope Francis, and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, refugee crises, and poverty. It is an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we humbly ask you to give what you can. 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.

### **ANNUAL LEAVE**

I will be on annual leave till the 7th of July. During this time Fr Anthony Mifsud will be looking after the parish.

### **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](mailto:annie.bond@mmp.org.au) or 8912 4899.

### **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 inter-generational 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>



## 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, please email:

Email to: [safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org).

Please 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 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.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

Principal's  
Message



On Thursday of Week 9 I attended a meeting of schools and other educational institutions from the Strathfield Municipality. This meeting was hosted by the Mayor of Strathfield, Karen Pensabene. The purpose of the meeting was to address concerns around traffic and road safety in our council area. The Strathfield Traffic Committee highlighted the fact that U-turns, 3-point turns, and double parking are the practices that must be avoided near our school and every school. These are the things that cause the accidents. On the other hand, things like the traffic queues around schools are quite safe. They can be annoying, but they are safe. Having said that, the traffic queue in the afternoon at St Anne's dissolves in five minutes. If you arrive after 3.15pm the queue has disappeared!

This week most of the Parent/ Teacher meetings for Semester 1 were completed. These meetings are most important as they highlight the partnership between our families and our school as we seek the best possible outcomes in learning for each of our students.

We return from the end of term school holidays on Monday 17 July. We have an Open Day on Saturday 5 August from 10am till 2pm. Please make a note of this date and advertise it to your families, friends and neighbours. Many people don't know that our school is tucked away in our corner of Strathfield South. Others confuse it with St Anne's Anglican Parish in Strathfield.

Warm regards  
Phil Townsend

### SEA SUNDAY 2023

Sea Sunday will be marked this year on Sunday, July 9 2023. Please see the [Sea Sunday 2023 resources](#).

For further information, please contact the national director of Stella Maris, Roslyn Rajasingam, by calling 0482 910 245 or emailing:

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### SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Forthcoming tri-diocesan social justice evening, coming up on Wednesday 26 July between 6 pm to 8:30 pm at Catholic Institute of Sydney, Strathfield (99 Albert Road Strathfield NSW 2135). We will be discussing the 2022-23 Social Justice Statement of the Australian Bishops, on the subject of family and domestic violence. The direct link to the event registration page is <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/653360527927>

### 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.

### 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](#)