

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

8 & 9 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:

Zechariah 9:9-10  
St Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

## 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:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!



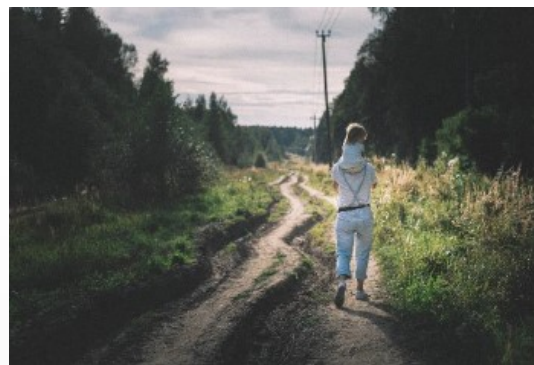
### FOR OUR DEAD

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



Scripture scholar Brendan Byrne concludes his commentary on Matthew's gospel, *Lifting the Burden* (Sydney: St Paul's, 2004), with an explanation of the title. It reflects "Matthew's emphasis on Jesus as healer, burden-lifting Servant, and Shepherd" (232). He goes on to say

of today's gospel reading: "... Jesus is here portraying himself as 'burden-lifting' in contrast to rival Torah interpreters (scribes and Pharisees) whom he sees as 'burden-imposing' (23:3-4). The ease and lightness do not stem from the requirements of mercy, which in fact remain very demanding. They can only stem from the relationship with Jesus ('Come to me . . .') and the 'knowledge' of the Father that relationship imparts (11:27). Those who truly know themselves to be drawn into the life of the Trinity (3:16-17; 28:19) can find their lives built into that outreach of mercy to the world that Jesus Emmanuel embodies".

Source: Liturgy Brisbane



### THANK YOU TO FR ANTHONY MIFSUD

A special thank you to Fr Anthony who looked after the parish while I was on annual leave.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S



### HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who opened their hearts and gave generously to the Holy Father's Appeal last weekend. If you missed our appeal weekend, it is not too late to give. Envelopes are still available in the pews and can be placed in our parish collection or you can 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)

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.

### SEA SUNDAY 2023

Sea Sunday is the day set by many Christian Churches to remember, celebrate, and pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work. It is officially held on the second Sunday in July. Seafarers work tirelessly in the high seas throughout the year bringing us more than ninety percent of the goods we need.

Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. The organisation cares for the spiritual, social, and material welfare of all seafarers. You can assist their work by your prayers and by making a financial contribution.

If you would like to assist this Catholic Ministry, donations can be made online via the Stella Maris website:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

(Donations over \$2 are Tax Deductable)

Donations can also be made via direct deposit:

Account Name: The Apostleship of the Sea

BSB: 062-784

Account Number: 100012583

Or please send cheques to: The Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris Australia, GPO Box 368, Canberra ACT 2601



### 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. Thank you.



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### PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2023 have been sent by email for those parishioners who have previously provided email addresses. However as things go, not all receipts with email addresses were sent. The system rejected a few. If you have not received your receipt by email when you have provided your email address, there is a printed one at the back of the church.

There are printed tax receipts for those parishioners who requested tax receipts in 2022. If your receipt is not at the back of the church, please complete the form **REQUEST FOR PLANNED GIVING RECEIPT** or contact the office on Tuesday and Janelle will email/print one for you.

If you no longer require a receipt for tax purposes, please fill in the form titled **"No tax receipt required for 2024 onwards"**

Thank you for your support of the Parish. May the wings of the angels carry you through the week ahead.

### 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.

## **SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING - ZOOM SESSIONS**

### **Important information for all Volunteers here at St Anne's**

The Safeguarding office is running a Zoom session for the Safeguarding Induction Training. Volunteers are required to firstly complete an Induction Safeguarding Training. This Training has an expiry date of 3 years. The upcoming Training course is 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>.

**To register, please email:**  
Email to: [safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org)

## **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>

## **BE TO ME A PRIEST AND A FATHER EVENT**

University Catholics are excited to host this event with international guest speaker Fr Carter Griffin from the U.S. who will be speaking on the topic of priesthood, celibacy and how we can support our priests in living out their spiritual fatherhood. Visit the University Catholics website for more information and to [register for the event](#).

**Date:** Wednesday 19th July 2023

**Time:** 6.30pm

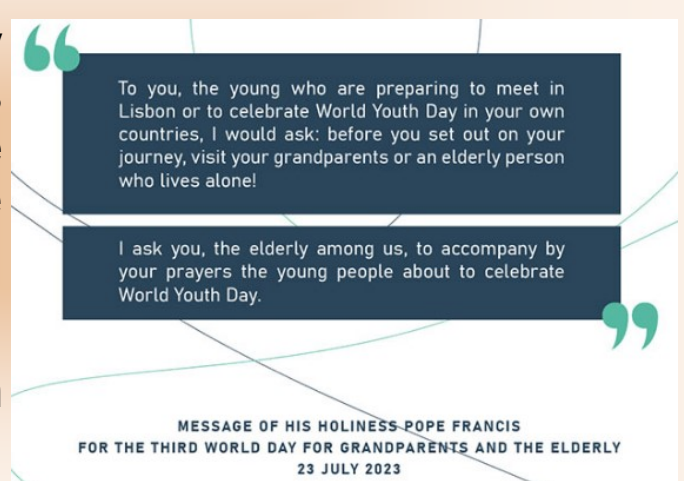
**Venue:** St Joachim's Parish Hall – Lidcombe

## **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY, 23 JULY 2023**

“From the elderly, we received the gift of belonging to God’s holy people” – Pope Francis

The upcoming World Day for Grandparents and Elderly will take place on Sunday, the 23rd of July. Pope Francis has provided an exhortation on the invaluable presence that our grandparents and elderly provide in the life of the Church. [Download the PDF booklet](#).

Further information – official prayer, catechesis on old age, and message from Pope Francis – can be found on the [sydneycatholic.org/life-marriage-and-family](http://sydneycatholic.org/life-marriage-and-family) 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 an 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. **Web-site:** [Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding and Child Protection](http://Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding and Child Protection)

