

# **WELCOME TO** **ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

12 & 13 August 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:**

Kings 19:9, 11-13  
St Paul to the Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:22-33

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.  
Alleluia!



### **FOR OUR DEAD**

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Fr Francis Elsing  
Mercedes T Salvosa  
Norma Williamson  
Graham Atkin  
Gordon Fox  
Gladys Vannie

### **SPECIAL INTENTION**

Sebastian Sindone  
Maria Fatarella

### **ANNIVERSARY**

Frank & Agatha  
Zerafa (64th year)

### **FOR OUR SICK**

John Carmichael



We only hear the beginning and end of Paul's pain-ridden effort in Romans to make sense of his own people's unbelief in Christ. Here are a few things that biblical scholar N.T. Wright has to say about chapters 9-11. "[It] is one of the most careful and sustained arguments anywhere

in Paul's letters. . . At the vital point he insists, as he had done in synagogues from Antioch to Corinth, that the goal of the Torah, the aim and purpose of the whole narrative was the Messiah. . . This, then, is Israel's story, with Israel's Messiah as its climax. It is not, and never can be, a story cut loose from the story of Israel, as Marcion would argue later on and as perhaps some in Rome were already supposing. . . Paul here, we remember, is writing to head off any suggestion in the Roman Church that it's now time for the followers of Jesus to cut loose from their Jewish context and see themselves as simply a Gentile community" (Paul: A Biography, NY: Harper-Collins, 2018, 331-33).

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

## **CWF PARISH APPEAL**

For anyone who would still like to donate towards The Charitable Works Fund (CWF), envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed on any of the collection plates. All donations contribute to our Parish target.

## **St. Anne's Strathfield South Parish**

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## **St. Anne's Catholic Primary School**

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### **BLESSING OF MARY MACKILLOP STATUE**

After morning Mass, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, a Statue of Mary Mackillop was blessed in the school grounds. Thank you to the teachers, children, and parishioners who attended.



### **NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK**

On Sunday 13th August, the Church of Australia will conclude National Vocations Awareness Week. National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. Parishioners are asked to pray for current seminarians as they journey towards the priesthood. For more information, please contact the Vocations Office on 9307 8424 or via email at [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org)

### **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 15TH AUGUST**

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feast days of the year and a Holy Day of Obligation on the official Roman Catholic Church calendar. By tradition, the holy day is observed every August 15th. This year, the Feast of the Assumption occurs on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Mass times will be 9.15 am (with the students and teachers from St Anne's in attendance) and 6.30 pm.

### **LIVERPOOL CEMETERY MASSES**

The monthly Mass for those interred at Liverpool Cemetery has returned. The Mass is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30 am in the Padre Pio chapel. The next Mass will be on Wednesday 16th August at 10.30 am. Morning tea will be served following the Mass.

### **MEDITATION DAY AT ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY** **ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY, 121 ARCADIA RD, ARCADIA** **SUNDAY, 20 AUGUST 2023**

for our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day

Timetable: Arrival from 10 am to register for a 10:30 am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, periods of meditation, Mass, information exchange, and conclusion around 3 pm.

Book display and morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch. Masks are optional, recommend social distancing and vaccination for one's own personal protection.

Enquiries: Ann Lomas, [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) / 9653 2637 For possible accommodation in the Monastery Guest House please get in touch with Fr Michael Kelly: [mkelly@silvestrini.org](mailto:mkelly@silvestrini.org) / 0455 329 607



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### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

Preparations for Confirmation are held on Sundays at 9.00 am. Mass attendance during the program is required since the sacraments are an initiation into the Church and one of the basic features of our faith.

### **CONFIRMATION MASS**

***The Sacrament of Confirmation at St Anne's will be celebrated on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 5 pm by Bishop Terry Brady.***

### **GRIEF CARE**

Bereavement support groups provide ongoing help in various ways. The groups are a way of bringing people together in a safe space to share common life experiences and provide an opportunity for participants to communicate in a mutual understanding of shared experiences.

These groups are for anyone who has experienced a death, whether it is family, friend, work colleague or neighbour. Groups meet at different locations and days of the month.

If you would like more information about any of the groups, please either call or email:

(02) 9646 6936 or 1300 114 997

email: [care@griefcare.com.au](mailto:care@griefcare.com.au)

or visit [www.catholiccemeteries.com.au](http://www.catholiccemeteries.com.au)

### **"My Grief, My God and Me"**

*A retreat facilitated by Grief Care*

Step away from the busyness to nurture yourself and discern God's presence, at an unhurried pace.

When: Thursday 17th August from 10am-4pm

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

Cost: \$20 includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch

For more information, contact Ally on 0499 830 542.

### **RAISING FATHERS EVENTS 2023**

Join us for the RAISING FATHERS Evening as we unpack practical advice and share powerful, impactful, informative and instructional stories for fathering in today's world. This is a partnership with Robert Falzon and MenAlive.

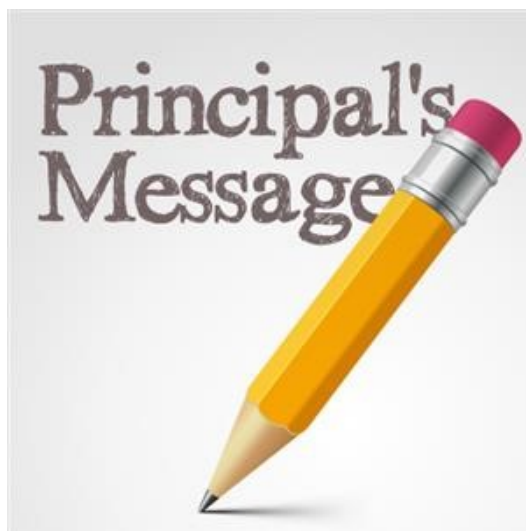
Tuesday, 29 Aug - Marist College Eastwood - 44 Hillview Rd, Eastwood /

Wednesday, 30 August - Patrician Brothers' College: 268 The Horsley Drive,

Fairfield / Thursday, 31 August - St Patrick's College: Francis St, Strathfield

Visit Raising Fathers Evenings 2023 Tickets, Multiple Venues (see above) | TryBooking Australia to attend one of the evenings. [Visit the event website](#)

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



As I mentioned last week, on Tuesday morning our school community joined with Father Jacek and parishioners to celebrate the feast of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. After Mass Father Jacek blessed our new statue of St Mary MacKillop in the school grounds. Thank you to Father Jacek, Mr Geoff Ticehurst and the parents, carers and parishioners who were able to join us for the blessing and a cup of tea. Mrs Karin Webb was able to be with us as a special guest courtesy of her new school. It was most appropriate that Karin could be with us as the statue was the result of one of her initiatives as our Religious Education Coordinator.

Last year St Anne's School participated in an "Inquiry and Review." This is a process that each of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese go through every five years to reflect on their successes and to plan directions to ensure continuous improvement. On Wednesday and Thursday, I was part of the panel at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Cabramatta as they went through this process. I enjoy visiting other schools. It is always an opportunity to pick up some bright ideas. Sacred Heart is a beautiful school with a culturally diverse community. They have just 6 native speakers of English out of 604 students.

Over the last few weeks, I have interviewed some bright sparks for Kinder in 2024. I interviewed a girl whose mother speaks to only in Italian. At the same time the father speaks to the girl only in Polish. However, when the parents speak to each other they use English because the mother doesn't speak Polish and the father doesn't speak Italian. Fortunately, the four-year-old could speak to me in English because I am not strong in Polish or Italian.

***"Preach the Gospel always and, if necessary, use words."***

Warm regards  
Phil Townsend



#### URGENT ACCOMMODATION NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP??

Female aged in her 50's is looking for immediate, affordable and long term accommodation. Either a furnished granny flat, studio apartment or room to rent within an existing occupancy with another female would be suitable. If you are able to help please call Rosemary directly on 0421 792 306.

#### **OREMUS: ONLINE PRAYER SERIES**

Strengthen your faith in Christ, your prayer life, and your confidence to pray with others. Join us online for this 3-week series on the Foundations of Prayer:

Wednesdays 6, 13 and 20 September 2023 @ 7:30 – 8:45 pm (**cost:** free)

Optional in-person retreat to follow on Saturday, 28 October, at St Martha's Leichhardt, 10 am – 4 pm, \$28.50 (+booking fees). Register for either or both opportunities at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events). All welcome.



#### **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](http://Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding and Child Protection)