

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)

5 & 6 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.

## SUNDAY READINGS:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
St Peter 1:16-19  
Matthew 17:1-9

## 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:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; Alleluia!



### FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

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

### SPECIAL INTENTION

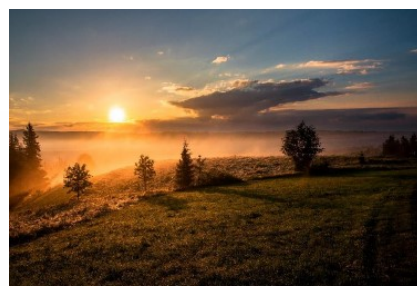
Kathleen Dowling

### ANNIVERSARY

Frank & Agatha  
Zerafa (64th year)

### FOR OUR SICK

John Carmichael



The Feast of the Transfiguration was established on August 6 in the Western Church by papal decree in 1457 in commemoration of the Hungarian forces' defeat of the Ottoman Turks the year before. It's ironic that a military victory

should have prompted the observance of such a profoundly spiritual event in the life of Jesus. Another papal decree – that of John Paul II in 2002 – included the transfiguration among five “luminous mysteries” he added to the Rosary. Here's what he wrote:

“The Gospel scene of Christ's transfiguration, in which the three Apostles Peter, James and John appear entranced by the beauty of the Redeemer, can be seen as an icon of Christian contemplation. To look upon the face of Christ, to recognise its mystery amid the daily events and the sufferings of his human life, and then to grasp the divine splendor definitively revealed in the Risen Lord, seated in glory at the right hand of the Father: this is the task of every follower of Christ and therefore the task of each one of us. In contemplating Christ's face, we become open to receiving the mystery of Trinitarian life, experiencing ever anew the love of the Father and delighting in the joy of the Holy Spirit. Saint Paul's words can then be applied to us: ‘Beholding the glory of the Lord, we are being changed into his likeness, from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit’ (2 Cor 3:18).”

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S



### FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP

Solemn Mass for the Feast of Mary MacKillop prepared by the teachers and students from St Anne's school will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 9.15 am. After Mass, a Statue of Mary Mackillop will be blessed in the school grounds. All are welcome.



### CWF PARISH APPEAL

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August 2023 Appeal will be happening this weekend, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of August. Please keep alive the vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities, and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring, and compassionate place.

Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you.

Envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed on any of the collection plates or donations can be made via [www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf). All donations contribute to our Parish target.

### 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.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Girls and boys who have received their First Holy Communion are encouraged to participate as an Altar Server. Parish training for altar servers is provided.

#### ***What is required?***

Altar servers serve during one of the weekend Masses.

Altar servers attend training sessions held in the Church.

If your child is interested in this program please contact Fr Jack after Mass.

### RAISING FATHERS EVENTS 2023

Join us for the RAISING FATHER'S 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.

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

[Visit the event website](#) to attend one of the evenings.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S



### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

Preparations for Confirmation have begun and are held on Sundays at 9.00 am. Children in 2023 who are enrolled in Year 6 and above, who have been Baptised in the Catholic Church, and who have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are eligible to enrol in the Confirmation Program. 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, call either (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.

### **OVERSHADOWED: FILLED WITH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

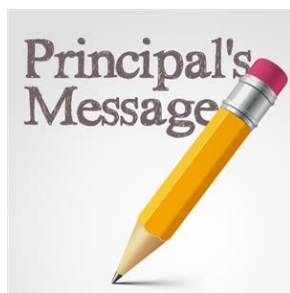
**18-20 AUGUST 2023**

**VENUE: CARMEL HOUSE, 345 ST ANDREWS RD, VARROVILLE NSW**

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat exploring what happens we say yes to the Holy Spirit. Experience the life-changing power of deepening in God's love, surrendering to Jesus and living under the grace of the Holy Spirit. Booking (by 11 August): <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBQX>

For further information, please contact Katherine  
([mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com))

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



This Monday, 7 August, we have a professional development day for the staff of St Anne's as we prepare for the implementation of a new English syllabus in 2024. We will be working with other Catholic schools in our Network with half of our staff at North Strathfield and the other half at St Vincent's Ashfield. Later in the year there is another day when we will be studying the new Mathematics document.

On Friday we had our Public Speaking Showcase in the Therry Building. We heard representatives from Kindergarten to Year 6 giving speeches in front of the school and parents and carers. I was reading recently about the fact that many adults find public speaking terrifying. So, it was wonderful to see students from every grade speaking with confidence in front of an audience. And I learnt something! Ricardo from Kindergarten spoke about Spiderman and how Peter Parker received his super powers after a bite from a radioactive house spider. This was news to me. I think it is fair to say that many students (and staff) were shocked to realise that this vital piece of information had previously eluded me. In any case congratulations to all involved.

This Tuesday morning our school community will join with Father Jacek and parishioners to celebrate the feast of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. After Mass Father Jacek will bless our new statue of St Mary MacKillop in the school grounds. All parishioners are invited to the blessing and to join us for a cup of tea afterwards.

Warm regards  
Phil Townsend

### **MEDITATION DAY AT ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY**

Invitation to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday - 20th August, 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

### **HSC STUDENTS**

Please continue to pray for our HSC students who are preparing for their HSC trials which started on 31st of July. May the Lord give them the gifts of wisdom, good judgment, knowledge, and courage. May He bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. Amen

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

