

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

26 & 27 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:

Isaiah 22:19–23
St Paul to the Romans 11:33–36
Matthew 16:13–20

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:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Douglas Vannie
Sebastian Sindone
Maria Fatarella
Ivan Skuric
Fr Francis Elsinge
Norma Williamson
Graham Atkin
Gordon Fox
Gladys Vannie

FOR OUR SICK

John Carmichael



“But you,” Jesus said, “who do you say I am?” Peter, impulsive as ever, dares to say, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”. We make the same profession whenever we recite the creed, but more out of habit than with audacity.

The Australian Jesuit poet and preacher Peter Steele had this to say in a homily at the turn of the millennium:

“To say that we believe in Christ our Lord, who is God’s only Son and his last word, is to say that we will never give up trying to love those whom God loves into being, and into being the siblings of Christ.

“If we are frank, this can seem an impossible agenda, when we look at some of ‘the others,’ and when we look at ourselves. . . There is a way for each of us, however dismayed or dejected or disarrayed we may be, a way for each of us to rise to courage and generosity; a way for today – and that is truly Christ’s way, is truly Christ being our way. And he is never more ‘Our Lord’ than when he is being that way” (Bread for the Journey, Melbourne: David Lovell, 2002, 247).

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

FIRST SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

The first Saturday Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Saturday, 2nd September at 9.15 a.m. Reconciliation will follow.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S



ANNUAL LEAVE

I will be away on leave till Tuesday 5th September. During my absence, the priests from Homebush Seminary will be looking after the parish. Please make them feel welcome.

WELCOME FR ADAM:



This week we welcomed Fr Adam my classmate from Germany to our Parish Community. Fr Adam will be visiting Australia for a few weeks and will be staying in the parish whilst he is here on holidays.

WELCOME, BISHOP TERRY BRADY

This weekend, we welcome to the faith community of St. Anne's Bishop Terry Brady who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

Thank you, Bishop Terry Brady, for celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation here at St Anne's. Congratulations to the candidates who were Confirmed by Bishop Terry Brady on Saturday night. As a parish family, we pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten and strengthen the Confirmed as they continue their journey of faith.



SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY – 27TH AUGUST

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement for 2023-24. Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which will be marked on August 27 this year.

This year's statement, Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, was launched in western Sydney on August 17 by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. "One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises," he said. We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society." For more information, please go to:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/08/22/social-justice-statement-2023-24/>

MENTION MY NAME

Parishioners are invited to a special Prayer Service to remember those who have lost their lives through suicide and pray for their grieving family, friends, caregivers, and first responders. When: Tuesday 12th September at 7.30 pm Where: All Saints Catholic Church, 48 George Street, Liverpool for further information please contact the Grief Care Team on 9646 6908 or email team@griefcare.com.au

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FATHER DAY APPEAL – NEXT WEEKEND 2 & 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

**PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION**

Each year our Archdiocese hosts the annual Father's Day Appeal to support retired priests and thank our Fathers for their wonderful service to our community.

The Priests' Retirement Foundation is a crucial part of the Sydney Archdiocese's charitable mission—to provide essential care and support for our sick and retired priests, giving them what they deserve in retirement such as suitable accommodation, health care, and other practical assistance.

Your gift is a 'thank you' to our priests who've contributed in many ways in your life. They are friends who've counselled, comforted and provided spiritual nourishment through their wisdom and willingness to teach. Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift will make a big difference to our retired Fathers who need our care.

Scan to Give



The Archdiocese will match every donation two-for-one. For example, if you give \$100, the Archdiocese will add another \$200, making your contribution worth \$300. Thank you.

Donate at www.ourfaithourworks/prf or complete the parish envelope.

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 August - 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](#)

FATHER'S DAY MASS - CEMETERY

Father's Day is a special day for many to reflect and show their love and appreciation to fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who may no longer be with us.

Liverpool Cemetery

10.30 am Saturday 2 September 2023
The Reflection Chapel

Kemps Creek Memorial Park

10.30 am Saturday 2 September 2023
The Pavillon

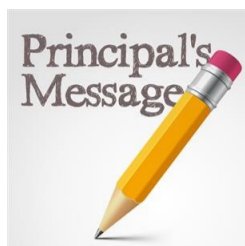
Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

12 pm. Saturday 2 September 2023
The Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel

Hospitality provided after Mass

RSVP by 26th August - marketing@catholiccemeteries.com.au

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



Our brains trust in Year 5 and Year 6 will be busy representing St Anne's this week. On Monday we have 9 students facilitated by Mrs Melissa Hall representing our school in the Robocup State Robotics Competition at Holy Cross College Ryde. Good luck to Jonath, Joshua and Scarlett from Year 6 and Arielle, Grace, Havana, Jennifer, Mary Rose, and Mia from Year 5.

On Tuesday we have a team of six students representing St Anne's in the inaugural Network Invictus Challenge at St Vincent's College, Ashfield. Our team for Tuesday is Scarlett, Nandakee and Jonath from Year 6 and Mia, Jayden, and Jennifer from Year 5. They will participate in challenges in Mathematics, English, Engineering, Art, Robotics, Creative and Critical Thinking and General Knowledge. We wish them all the best. Interestingly St Anne's is one of the smaller schools in the Network but we have the most teachers facilitating workshops for our Network's Gifted students!

Many parents and carers attended our book week parade and open classrooms on Friday. The book week parade was a spectacular conclusion to our morning assembly and included a parade around the block! Straight after the parade, parents and carers were welcome in our open classrooms for students to be able to share their writing.

Next Thursday 31 August I am looking forward to the Father's Day breakfast before school from 7.30am till 8.30am. There will also be a Father's Day Mass from 9.15am. See you there.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers. This will be a special occasion with Bishop Terry Brady and Father Jacek at 5pm Mass this weekend.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

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 or visit www.catholiccemeteries.com.au

CHANCERY REALLOCATION

The Chancery has moved to the new address of 38 Renwick St Leichhardt NSW 2040. The postal address is: Locked Bag 5040, Alexandria NSW 2015

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. 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