

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

23 & 24 September 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 55:6-9
St Paul to the Philippians 1:20 - 24, 27
Matthew 20: 1 - 16

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 near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son . Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Sha an Ching
Robyn Keenan
Giovanna Andriano
Douglas Vannie
Sebastian Sindone

FOR OUR SICK

John Carmichael

SPECIAL INTENTION

Margaret Small
Rosaria Liotta



All of the letters written in Paul's name, whether certainly by him or by an author invoking his name, begin with a greeting. Sometimes the lectionary includes this greeting, sometimes it doesn't. We don't, for example, get to hear how the letter to the Philippians begins. Here's the opening verse: "From Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus, together with their presiding elders and deacons". A few things about this are worthy of note.

First of all, Paul, who often enough insists on his unique apostolic authority, presents himself in partnership with Timothy. He describes them both as servants or slaves – of Christ Jesus. Using the same word, Paul will write of Jesus as assuming "the condition of a slave" (2:7). The members of the community are called "saints," not, of course, because they have been through a canonisation process, but because they have received the Spirit of holiness. The community has an emerging leadership structure; there are "presiding elders and deacons". These terms don't have the meaning they acquired later when Church offices became more systematised. Only time will tell how successfully the Spirit is guiding today's Church towards a new era of servant leadership.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

FIRST SATURDAY - 7TH OCTOBER

The first Saturday Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Saturday, 7th October at 9.15 a.m. Reconciliation will follow.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

This Sunday, we celebrate World Day for Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis focuses on the theme, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay." In the message, he points out that for a healthy society, there should be "the freedom that should always mark the decision to leave one's native land."

Migration movements throughout the world continue unabated. The Pope insists that we should always be "ensuring that that freedom is a widely shared pastoral concern." The Pope reminds us, once again, that there are Biblical examples of refugees. We think first of the experiences of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Pope notes, "The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt was not the result of a free decision." He then insists that, "The decision to migrate should always be free, yet in many cases, even in our day, it is not." He reminds us of St John Paul II who stated that there should be a real commitment "to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one's own country." For migration to be truly a choice that is free, "efforts must be made to ensure to everyone an equal share in the common good, respect for his or her fundamental rights, and access to an integral human development.

We are children of God, and we place ourselves in God's hands. As do those who make difficult choices about whether to migrate or to stay. Whatever happens, our communities are free to choose how to respond. Will our actions show that God's greatness cannot be measured?

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

God, Father Almighty,
grant us the grace to work tirelessly
for justice, solidarity and peace,
so that all your children may enjoy
the freedom to choose whether to
migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce
all the horrors of our world,
and to combat every injustice
that mars the beauty of your children
and the harmony of our common
home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit,
so that we can reflect your tender love
to every migrant whom you place in
our path,
and to spread in hearts and in every
situation
the culture of encounter and of care.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EMERGENCY APPEALS – MOROCCO / LIBYA



Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water, and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

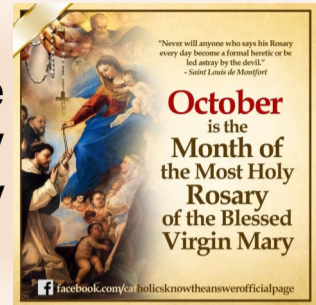
DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

A reminder that daylight saving begins (1st October) in NSW. Please remember to turn your clocks forward next Sunday 1st October for the beginning of Daylight Saving.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

It is a tradition in the Catholic Church to dedicate October to the Most Holy Rosary. The Rosary is prayed before the weekday Mass at 8.45 a.m. We also encourage you to pray the rosary either as a family or with other households.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY – SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

On Saturday 7th October we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.

HSC STUDENTS

Please remember in our prayers Year 12 students as they prepare for HSC exams in October. Please pray for them, their family, and the teachers who support them.

NEW HOME FOR THE SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESAN CHANCERY

The Sydney Archdiocesan Chancery has moved from Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street Sydney, which it has occupied since 2003, to St Martha's, 33 Renwick Street Leichhardt, the former Sydney Catholic Schools Centre. The Chancery is the administrative office of the Archdiocese.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 28TH SEPTEMBER-1ST OCTOBER

National Catholic Conference—a conference for everyone, from leaders to first time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for 4 days of real world formation, renewal of faith and powerful worship. For more information and to register, scan QR code or go to:

igniteconference.com.au



'YOU ARE NOT ALONE' RETREAT DAY

"You Are Not Alone" is a retreat day for couples who are struggling or have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth.

The day will include meals, talks, prayer, reflection, and sharing. The Emmanuel Community will facilitate the retreat with the support of the Life Marriage and Family Team. Due to the sensitive nature of this experience, spaces will be limited.

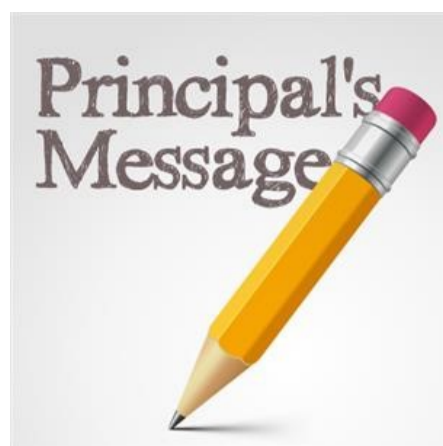


Date: Saturday 7th of October

Place: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa

RSVP: by 2nd October at <http://www.trybooking.com/CKWXP>

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



Our first celebration of our Amadeus Project took place on Wednesday. Our two concert bands and the two string ensembles played a number of pieces in a short concert. Thank you to the parishioners, parents and carers who were able to attend. The show was a great reflection of the work of our Music teacher, Mr Andrew Grahame and our Amadeus tutors, Mrs Ursula Luxton, Mr Michael Brown and Mr James West. It was also a testimony to the hard work of our musicians in the primary classes. We are now looking forward to having regular performances. Watch this space.

This term we have also participated in a dance program on Thursdays. On Thursday afternoon each of the classes performed their prepared dance for the rest of the school and our families. This performance was the culmination of our focus on the Creative Arts in Term Three.

This weekend marks the beginning of the September School Holidays. Shortly after the holidays our Kindergarten Classroom will be party central. There are only 7 girls in kindergarten but three of them have a birthday on October 20.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

FREE SEMINAR ON WILLS FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Writing or updating a Will can be a complicated task. So, looking after your loved ones during this process is often challenging. This is why the Sydney Archdiocese is delighted to announce a FREE SEMINAR designed to make the world of Wills and Elder Law easier to comprehend and navigate.

When: Thursday 12 October 2023, between 10.30am-12.00pm

Where: St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt

Note: light refreshments will be available on the day. All are welcome. Parking available on site. Please scan the QR code below to register or visit: www.trybooking.com/CLCJW. Alternatively, call Tony Maricic on 1800753959.



LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY

All families are invited to come to Mass on Sunday 22nd October at 10:30 at St Mary's Cathedral, with an opportunity for renewal of marital promises and a special blessing for families. Following the Mass, families are invited to Cathedral Hall to witness and celebrate couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Registrations are essential to receive a certificate. RSVP before 6th October at: <http://www.trybooking.com/CJTNF>

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is the month that we traditionally pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. From next week, a Book of Remembrance will be located at the front of the church in which you asked to write/print the names of deceased loved ones for whom we will pray during the month of November. Envelopes for November Masses are also available. The Celebrant will at each mass take the Book and place it on a table in the Sanctuary during Mass.

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 safeguarding-enquiries@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://www.archdioceseofsydney.org.au/safeguarding)

