

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

16 & 17 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:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7
St Paul to the Romans 14:7–9
Matthew 18:21–35

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 kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Malcolm Vannie
Giovanna Andriano
Douglas Vannie
Sebastian Sindone

FOR OUR SICK

Beth

SPECIAL INTENTION

Peter Eric Sloey



What makes forgiveness of others possible and necessary, the gospel parable implies, is a vivid awareness of the infinite mercy with which God enfolds us all. Etty Hillesum, a young Dutch Jewish woman who died in Auschwitz in 1943 at the age of 29, had every reason to be embittered, hateful and unforgiving against her captors, but was blessed with extraordinary insight into the world of grace. In a letter written a few months before her execution, she wrote:

“The misery here is quite terrible, and yet, late at night when the day has slunk away into the depths behind me, I often walk with a spring in my step along the barbed wire. And then time and again, it soars straight from my heart – I can’t help it, that’s just the way it is, like some elementary force – the feeling that life is glorious and magnificent, and that one day we shall be building a whole new world. Against every new outrage and every fresh horror, we shall put up one more piece of love and goodness, drawing strength from within ourselves. We may suffer, but we must not succumb”.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

FAMILY MASS

Our next Family Mass will be held this Sunday 17 September 2023 at 10 am. This Mass has been organised by the school. All are welcome to attend.



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



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>



2023 is on track to be world's hottest year on record, temperatures exceed 1.5C above pre-industrial levels for first time. As Spring heats up, please remember to be sun smart.



FROM THE PASTOR'S



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 CHRISTIAN'S FINAL JOURNEY

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Catholic funerals on **14 November 2023**. It has been designed for all those interested in Catholic funerals including parishioners, clergy, Funeral Directors, Bereavement Teams, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries and Family Faith Educators, and all school staff.

Catholic practices around burial and cremation will be investigated as well as **preparation of a funeral (for future discussion with the funeral celebrant)** and how to support the grieving. It will be held at:

Venue: Club Ashfield, 1-11 Charlotte Street Ashfield NSW

Time: 9am-5pm (registration from 8.30am). Registration is essential by 9 November.

Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook) (\$120 for Funeral Directors who will receive certification for 5 years.)

Enquiries: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au or 02 9701 4751

For more information, and to register, go to:

www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training

DIDASKŌ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Parish Renewal Team has partnered with the **University of Notre Dame Australia** to deliver a series of five **online** short courses, each consisting of three evening sessions. Topics include Philosophy, Scripture, Theology, Christology, and Moral Theology. Ideal for beginners and those interested in continuing their formation.

Cost per course: \$35 per person or \$100 per Parish Group for an in-person gathering (+ *booking fees*).

To find out more and to register, visit:

<https://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko/>

On behalf of the Parish Renewal Team,
The University of Notre Dame Australia presents

Didaskō

Adult Faith Formation

From the comfort of your own home, or gathered in-person with a parish group, join us online to learn more about Jesus and His Church; to study; to discuss; and to ask questions. We are bringing the university lecturers to you!

2023	Oct	Goodness, Beauty, Truth: An Introduction to Themes and Thinkers in Philosophy Dr Catherine Wessellhoff Thursdays 6, 12 and 19 October 2023, 7:30pm - 8:45pm
	Nov	The Scriptures: A Conversation with God Every Day Dr Peter Holmes Thursdays 2, 9 and 16 November 2023, 7:30pm - 8:45pm
2024	Mar	God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology Chris Heller Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024, 7:30pm - 8:45pm
	Apr	Christ the Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfective Way: An Introduction to Christology Fr Benjamin Johnson OFMConv Mondays 15, 22 and 29 April 2024, 7:30pm - 8:45pm
	May	Moral Theology: God, the Good, and the Meaning of Life Christian Stephens Thursdays 9, 16 and 23 May 2024, 7:30pm - 8:45pm

Cost: \$35 per person, \$100 for Parish Groups (+ booking fees)
Online Via Zoom
Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko/

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



On Tuesday our Year 3 and Year 4 students benefitted from the third visit to St Anne's by the senior Science students from St Vincent's College, Ashfield. The high school girls and boys have been mentors as our students have designed and conducted scientific investigations. The students from both schools have enjoyed this My Science project.

The first principal and teachers at St Anne's were Dominican sisters from Santa Sabina at Strathfield. A feature of our Annual Plan for this year is to begin to appreciate and understand the Dominican charism that is a part of our history. To begin this journey, Sister Elizabeth Hellwig OP, a historian from Santa Sabina, conducted our staff meeting on Tuesday afternoon. I was delighted that Father Jacek was able to join us for this meeting.

A reminder that you are invited to our first Amadeus performances at 2.20pm on Wednesday 20 September. Our primary school musicians will perform in our playground. The two concert bands and the two string ensembles will each play a number of pieces in a short concert.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

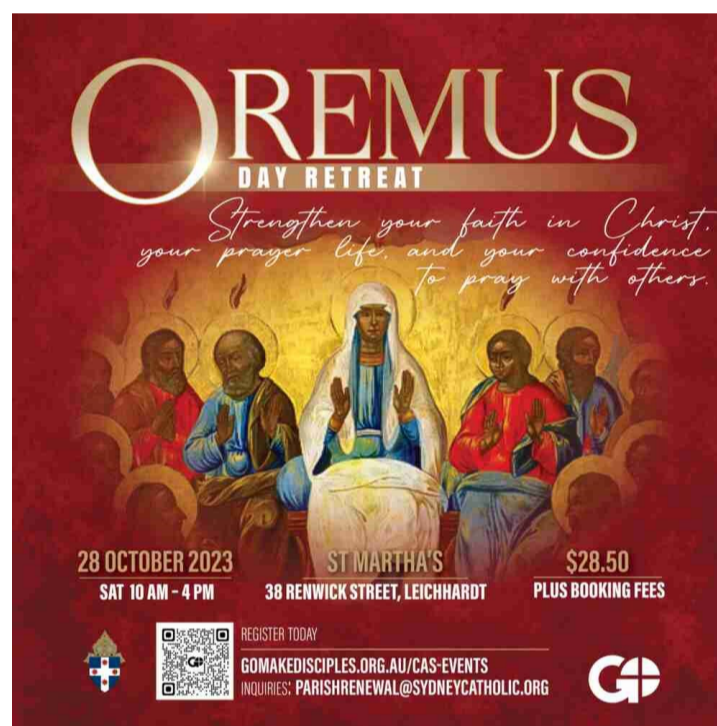
In the beautiful grounds and chapel at St Martha's Leichhardt, deepen your relationship with Christ, renew your prayer life, and grow in confidence to pray with others. Includes Mass, Confession, adoration, talks and more.

\$28.50 per person (plus booking fees).
Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea provided.

Doors open at 9:30am

NB: St Martha's was most recently the premises of Sydney Catholic Schools, and is now the premises of your retreat hosts, the Parish Renewal Team.

To register, click [here](#).



VIRTUOUS MAN: MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT THE VIRTUOUS MAN

20-22 OCTOBER 2023

REGISTRATION: \$120 | AGE: 18-35 YRS

Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park

RETREAT DIRECTOR: FR DANIELE RUSSO



The Sydney Vocations Centre is holding organising a Silent Retreat for Men from 20-22 October 2023 at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park. The retreat will allow participants to come away and grow in love for our Lord and kindle their desire to give Him glory by their way of living.

For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://vocationcentre.org.au/events/mens-silent-retreat-2023/>.

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](#)

