

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

2 & 3 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:

Jeremiah 20:7-9
St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

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:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD
Please remember those who have gone before us:
Giovanna Andriano
Douglas Vannie
Sebastian Sindone
Maria Fatarella
Ivan Skuric
Fr Francis Elsing
Norma Williamson
Graham Atkin

FOR OUR SICK
John Carmichael



What is widely known as "The Prayer of St Francis," either as vocal prayer or in one of its sung settings, first came to light on the eve of World War I. No longer credited to the saint himself, it still encapsulates key themes from today's word of God:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.
Where there is discord, let me bring union. Where there is error, let me bring truth.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O Master, let me not seek as much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that one receives, it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Jacek 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR JACEK

Our Parish would like to wish Fr Jacek a Happy Birthday for this week. We pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be upon you, for good health, and may our Blessed Mother intercede for your every need.



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU



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



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

On this Father's Day, may I wish all fathers, grandfathers, and father-like figures within our parish community a very Happy Father's Day and all God's blessings. May God bless you abundantly with the courage and strength to accept your role as a leader, a model, a loving father, a grandfather, a stepfather, and a spiritual father after the example of the Holy Family. Happy Father's Day and may God bless you.

We also remember in our prayers fathers, grandfathers, and father-like figures who are no longer with us and who live forever in our memory.

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Dear God,
Bless all the fathers in our Parish.

We ask that you guide them to be good role models and loving to their children.

We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are.

Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen.

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

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S



PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

2ND & 3RD 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 Father's Day Appeal will be held this weekend on 2nd & 3rd of September 2023.

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.

Scan to Give



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.

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.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE - BE NOT AFRAID

The Inaugural 'Catholic Men's Conference' – BE NOT AFRAID is a one day conference for men (18+) The conference will include breakfast, coffee/tea, talks by guest speakers, adoration, confession, mass, lunch and an exclusive invitation and announcement to the men on the day. We're gathering as men to encounter Our Lord and increase our faith, hope, and charity in friendship to be the man God created us to be. Guest keynote addresses plus other special guests. They will focus on what it means to order your life, the why and how so we can live out our life to the fullest as fathers, brothers, sons, etc.

Date: Saturday, 16 September 2023

Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Location: St Mary's Cathedral Hall, St Mary's Road, Sydney NSW 2000

Cost: Tickets are \$55 and Concession Ticket is \$45.

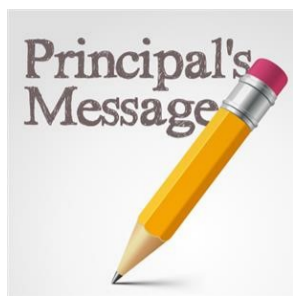
CLERGY and SEMINARIANS are FREE.

To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/CKKFQ>

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK - 3RD TO 10TH SEPTEMBER

This year National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message 'Every child in every community needs a fair go'. This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



Our Father's Day breakfast on Thursday morning before school was a successful event with our many attendees enjoying bacon and egg rolls. Particular thanks to Mrs Giovanna Conti and Mrs Laura McCarthy who were in their usual roles as caterers in chief. Many of the eggs were supplied by the school chickens, Schnitzel, Nugget and Stella. However, I must confess that our chickens received some assistance from Aldi.

It was wonderful that many of our fathers and grandfathers were able to stay for the Father's Day Mass with our parishioners. With Father Jacek enjoying a well-deserved break, the mass was celebrated by Father John Armstrong from the Seminary of the Good Shepherd at Homebush. We were very grateful to Father John for presiding over a beautiful celebration. Father John also assisted us in overcoming some difficulties with technology. He directed us to pray to the patron saint of the internet, St Isidore of Seville. I have discovered that there is a prayer you can say to seek the intercession of St Isidore every time you log on!

On Friday a group of our strong mathematicians completed the ICAS Maths Competition (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools). This was the last of the ICAS assessments for this year. Earlier in the term various students participated in English, Science, Digital Technologies, Writing and Spelling Competitions. These assessments are designed to push students to their academic limits, as well as test higher order thinking skills and problem-solving abilities. Our Assistant Principal, Mrs Melissa Hall, coordinates our participation in these events.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2023



Next weekend the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and our Parish celebrates Safeguarding Sunday.

To help us reflect on how we can listen to the voices of Children and Young people within our community the Safeguarding Office has developed a new resource for Children; the *Someone will listen to you Poster*.

The Safeguarding Office has also developed a resource pamphlet resource for Adults at Risk within our community. This resources helps Adults who may be at risk identify what abuse looks like for an adult as well as who

they can contact for support.



These resource can be accessed on the Safeguarding website:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

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](https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/)