

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

30 September & 1 October 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:

Ezekiel 18: 25-28
St Paul to the Philippians 2: 1 - 11
Matthew 21: 28 - 32

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: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Francesca Martino
Guiseppe Martino
Anna Illuzzi
Matteo Illuzzi
Matthew Raheb
Sha an Ching
Robyn Keenan
Giovanna Andriano
Douglas Vannie
Sebastian Sindone

FOR OUR SICK

John Carmichael



The issue of personal and collective responsibility for our actions is complex and controverted. The prophet Ezekiel's exclusive focus on individual responsibility makes sense as a sharp corrective to the Israelites who

blamed the misfortune of the exile wholly and solely on the sins of their forebears. Neither extreme can satisfy us. We are acutely aware of being caught up in the fallout from the actions, attitudes and policies of earlier generations, just as we know that the choices we make in our personal lives have ramifications for others.

These are existential issues. To give but three examples of the way the individual and the corporate are intertwined: the dispossession of the Indigenous peoples of Australia, the perpetration and cover-up of child sexual abuse by Church personnel, and the poisoning of the earth's atmosphere by greenhouse gases. There are no easy answers as to our personal responsibility for historic wrongs, but denying them is no answer.

What is clear is that we must do our best to right the wrongs of the past and be willing to submit our present assumptions, aspirations and behaviour to scrutiny. This is not a descent into paralysing guilt, but an ascent to freedom. Nor is it a project we embark on alone, but a shared enterprise guided by the Spirit of wisdom and truth. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

FIRST SATURDAY - 7 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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DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

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

SAINT OF THE DAY FOR OCTOBER 4: ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI. MEMORIAL

Francis Bernardone was born in 1181 at Assisi, Umbria, Italy. The son of a wealthy cloth merchant, he lived a lavish and irresponsible life. At the age of twenty, he went to war against Perugia, but was captured and imprisoned. During his imprisonment he experienced a vision from Christ and changed his life completely. He left all his possessions and embraced complete poverty, taking the Gospel as his rule of life.



He wore ragged old clothes, begged for food and preached peace. He began to attract followers, and in 1209 with the papal blessing he founded the Friars Minor (Franciscans). Then in 1212 with St. Clare of Assisi he founded the foundation of the Order of "Poor Ladies," now known as the "Poor Clares." He also founded the "Third Order of Penance" (the Third Order) which included lay people. He was the first person (recorded) to receive the stigmata (the five wounds of Christ) in 1224. He died on October 4, 1226 at Portiuncula, Italy. He was canonized by Gregory IX less than two years later.

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.



[The purpose of the Holy Rosary](#) is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death and resurrection.

The ["Our Father"](#) prayer reminds us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation.

The ["Hail Mary"](#) prayer reminds us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence.

The ["Glory Be"](#) prayer reminds us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

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.

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

On Saturday 7th October we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary was instituted to honour Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. Pope St. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary for victory. The Rosary, or the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is one of the best prayers to Mary, the Mother of God. Pope Benedict XVI invited all families to pray the Rosary for the intentions of the Pope, the mission of the Church and peace. "It is as if every year Our Lady invited us to rediscover the beauty of this prayer, so simple and profound." The Rosary, a "contemplative and Christocentric prayer, inseparable from the meditation of Sacred Scripture," is "the prayer of the Christian who advances in the pilgrimage of faith, in the following of Jesus, preceded by Mary," said the Pontiff.

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



'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, 10 places left.



Date: Saturday 7th of October

Place: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa

RSVP: by 2nd October at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1105197>

7 CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE

The Emmanuel Community invites parishioners and families to the 7 Churches Pilgrimage on October 14 2023. Join pilgrims as they walk to significant church sites in Sydney and reflect on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Starting at 9:00am at Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney and finishing at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Randwick. Please register to receive more information and updates: <https://forms.gle/3bAFMmpyXmm3muN27>.



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 1800 753 959.



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. A Book of Remembrance is located at the front of the church in which you are 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 Priest will at each mass take the Book and place it on a table in the Sanctuary during Mass.

VIRTUOUS MAN—MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

The Sydney Vocations Centre is organising a Silent Retreat for Men. 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. From the 20th-22nd October at Mary's Towers, Douglas Park. To register and for more information, visit:

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED



Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit: www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren

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 and 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

