

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

9 & 10 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:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

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:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 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

Beth



Pope Francis issued his encyclical, Fratelli tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), on the eve of his namesake's feast in October 2020. It's a lengthy exposition of the neighbourly love about which Paul reminds the

Romans today. Here's an introductory paragraph (#8):

"It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women. Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together... By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together. Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all".

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND APPEAL:

Thank you to all who donated to the Priests' Retirement Father's Day Appeal last weekend. Your donation will help care for our sick and retired priests. For anyone who would still like to donate envelopes are available on the pews and can be placed on any of the collection plates.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to the priests from the Good Shepherd Seminary for looking after the parish while I was on annual leave. Thank you also to the parishioners for making the priests feel welcome.



THANK YOU FROM FR ADAM

Dear Parishioners of St Annes' and Fr Jacek, thank you so much for welcoming me to your generous hospitality during my holiday in Australia. This is not goodbye but till we meet again. I hope to visit again sometime soon, God willing. May God bless you all and keep you in His loving care. *Fr Adam.*



THANK YOU FROM FR JACEK

I would like to thank all those among you who have sent Birthday cards, gifts, and well wishes. Your thoughts and actions are very generous and overwhelming. Thank you and God bless. Fr Jacek.

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

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.

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>

FROM THE PASTOR'S



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY



This 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 resource 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 resources can be accessed on the website:

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



FAMILY MASS

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



'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>

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>

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



I enjoy “The Sound of Music” that resonates around our school on Wednesdays as our string ensembles and concert bands participate in the Amadeus Music Program. I am delighted to invite parishioners, parents, and carers to the first public performances since the introduction of Amadeus at St Anne’s at the beginning of the year. Our primary school musicians will perform on the playground at 2.20pm on Wednesday 20 September. Each of the four groups will play a number of pieces in a short concert.

Congratulations to our senior students who represented our school in the Network Invictus Challenge at St Vincent’s College Ashfield and/or the RoboCup State Robotics Competition at Holy Cross College, Ryde, last week. Our two teams in Robotics came third and fifth in the state out of 36 teams. They were under the expert direction of our Assistant Principal, Mrs Melissa Hall. Congratulations to all involved.

I look forward to seeing you at our Family Mass at 10am next Sunday 17 September. All are invited to enjoy morning tea after Mass.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

FEAST OF EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS:

The feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross falls on Thursday 14th of September. Mass as usual at 9.15 am.



14 Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Originally this day commemorated the dedication of Constantine’s Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in the fourth century; after the celebration, the wood of the cross was venerated. The feast spread in the West after the recovery of the relics of the cross from Persia in the seventh century. A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the “lifting up” of the Son of Man on the Cross, into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

R U OK? DAY IS ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2022



It’s not unusual to feel a range of emotions in these challenging times including stress, anxiety, fear, sadness, disappointment, frustration or panic. Put simply, it’s normal to not feel okay. So, take this opportunity to reach out to family and friends and ask them how they are going. Connect with someone for a walk, phone, send a text, or organise a video call. A friendly message shows your care and support.

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.archdioceseofsydney.org.au/safeguarding)