

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

28 & 29 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.

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.



SUNDAY READINGS:

Exodus: 22: 20 – 26
1 Thessalonians: 1: 5 – 10
Matthew: 22: 34 – 40

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! All who love me keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD
Please remember those who have gone before us:
Tony Bou-Chahine
Patricia
Marion Kelly

ANNIVERSARY
Laura Dou-Chahine
Michael Cheeman Fong

REMEMBRANCE
Holy souls in Purgatory

SPECIAL INTENTION:
Healing and strength and God's blessings for illness

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS
Wednesday, 1st November at 9.15 am and 6.30 pm.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS
Thursday 2nd November at 9.15 am
(with the school attending) and 6.30 pm.

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. During each Mass, the Priest will take the Book of Remembrance and place it on a table in the Sanctuary.



NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

During the Month of November, we pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes for Masses for the Holy Souls during the month of November are available in the pews and may be placed on any collection plate.

FIRST SATURDAY – 4TH NOVEMBER

The first Saturday Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Saturday, 4th November at 9.15 a.m. Reconciliation will follow.

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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.



THANK YOU - FAMILY MASS

A special thank you to the teachers, students, parents, and parishioners who prepared and attended the Family Mass last Sunday. It was a very special celebration.

THANK YOU - CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you to all who donated to the Catholic Mission Appeal last weekend. For anyone who would still like to donate envelopes are available on the pews and can be placed on any of the collection plates.

PRAY FOR STUDENTS

Please continue to remember in our prayers all students who are sitting for exams. Please pray for them, their family, and the teachers who support them.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Online Information Session for 2024 Monday 30 October at 7.30 pm (AEDT). Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session
For more information contact: Dr Maureen Saclot ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/

ALL SOULS DAY MASS MEMORIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria are hosting Masses connected with All Souls Day at the following venues and times:



Liverpool Cemetery

Saturday, 4th November at 10:30 am The Reflection Chapel

Kemps Creek Memorial Park

Sunday, 5th November at 2 pm The Pavillion

Enq. & RSVP: marketing@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.



You can donate by scanning this QR code.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

SAFEGUARDING

As you are aware, Safeguarding Requirements are a part of being a Volunteer not only in the Catholic Church but all Organisations relating to Children. It is important to understand that even though you may not have dealings with Children, children see your role as important and therefore in their minds, someone they should be able to trust. Your role as Volunteers is very important to the running of the Church and we could not do and achieve what we do without Volunteer assistance.

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office was established in the Archdiocese of Sydney in November 2015 in response to the royal commission. The Safeguarding requirements have been in existence since November 2015 and yet we still have not got our records 100% in order.

The ACSL (Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd) are now auditing Parishes on a random basis to see how we have responded to the implementation of the Safeguarding Requirements. It is therefore imperative that you take your role as a Volunteer seriously and help us at the Parish Office to cross the T and dot the I.

If you are a Reader, Collector/Warden or Eucharistic Minister and have not completed any/some of the following documents, please contact the office on a Tuesday and we can help you with the paperwork.

1. Parish Volunteer Personal Details
2. Code of Conduct
3. Volunteer Registration – Acceptance Form
4. Working with Children Check (Office of Children's Guardian)
5. Safeguarding Training – If no training done Induction training or if you did training greater than 3 years ago, you must complete the Refresher Training. This is only available online, but please don't be daunted by this.

If you are a volunteer in any other Parish Role eg, choir members, Musicians, Finance Committee Counters Audio Visual Operators, flower arrangers and altar society, Offertory, hospitality workers, etc you will need to complete the following paperwork:

1. Parish Volunteer Personal Details
2. Code of Conduct
3. Volunteer Registration – Acceptance Form
4. Safeguarding Training (see above for options re the training)

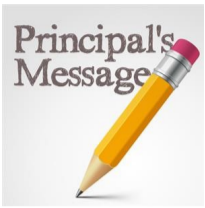
Many of the volunteers in this Parish have completed some of the above paperwork. We need your urgent co-operation in this matter to get our records up to date. Please **email the Parish Office** if you are a Volunteer and not sure where you are up to in your paperwork.

The Archdiocese Safeguarding and Child Protection Office has advised that 1 in 4 Parishes will be randomly chosen to be audited. We will know which Parishes are selection on 1 November and we have a very tight timeline to complete all the Paperwork associated with the audit. Once that is completed, they will be attending the Parish office to check each individual file. It is believed Parishes will be named and shamed with a ranking of how we have performed. We do not want to be seen as a Parish that has not performed well with Children's Safeguarding.

Call the Parish Office on a Tuesday if you want any questions answered.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

We have our school photos for 2023 on Monday. Consequently, this year's photo will be in our summer uniform. During this week I noticed two of our senior students studying the school photo from 2006 in the office. Our students observed that three of our current teachers were in the 2006 photo. And they haven't changed a bit!



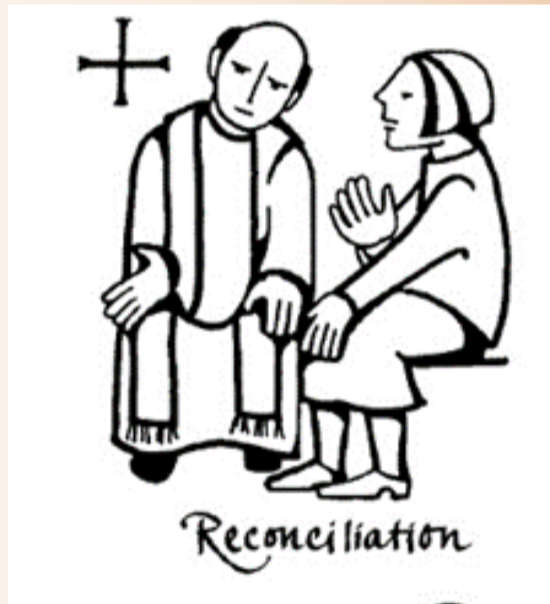
On Friday we will enjoy our Staff Spirituality Day for this year. The day has been organised by our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Laura McCarthy. The day of prayer and reflection will be facilitated by Mrs Ivanka Rancic who is an Education Officer from Sydney Catholic School's Mission and Identity Directorate.

This will be followed by the two-week school swimming program commencing on Monday 6 November leading up to the swimming carnival on Monday 20 November. We will be swimming at the Enfield Aquatic Centre.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023 **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

First Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Anne's Church on Thursday 7th December at 6.30 pm. Children of the Parish who are in Year 2 or higher and have been baptised are welcome to join. Please obtain an application form from the Parish office, fill in the enrolment form, and return it to the **PARISH OFFICE** at 11 St Annes Square by **12th November 2023** if you would like your child to participate. You can also scan and email your application to the parish email address (stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com). Please **DO NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL**. If the Parish Office is unattended, please place in the Parish Letterbox.



The program will be broken into four weekly sessions which the child and a parent will attend to discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation by working through the workbook. The 4 sessions are as follows:

***Sunday 12th, 19th & 26th November and 3rd December
at 9.00 am.***

***There is only one session per week, on Sunday.
Please attend a Vigil or Sunday Mass.***

Mass attendance during the program is required since the sacraments are an initiation into the Church, and one of the basic features of our faith is that we gather for Mass.

We are looking forward to assisting you and celebrating the next steps on your child's journey of faith.

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](https://www.archdioceseofsydney.org.au/safeguarding)