

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

14 & 15 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:

Isaiah 25:6-10
St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Responsorial Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so 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



However disappointing it is that the English-speaking Churches have failed to agree in full on the translation of the Lord's Prayer, we still pray with one voice for "our daily bread". This is remarkable, given that no one knows for sure what the word translated as "daily" really means. The Greek word is too rare for useful comparisons to be made. It could mean "for today" or "for the future" or something like "super-essential". That ambiguity opens up fruitful possibilities.

"For the future" connects the petition with today's first reading. Isaiah's vision of the messianic banquet fires our imagination of what the end-times promise – an inclusive gathering of humankind communing at a table laden with food and wine. Even if we persist in saying "daily bread," we can still let this glorious vision of the culmination of God's rule come to mind.

"For today" fits with the complementary perspective that Paul provides in his address to the Philippians. He's ready, he says, "for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach". He's learnt to be content with what wealth or poverty the day has in store for him. However much or little there is, he can make do on the "bread for today". That's a freedom that citizens of affluent consumer societies can only pray for.

HSC STUDENTS

Please continue to remember in our prayers Year 12 HSC students. Please pray for them, their family, and the teachers who support them.

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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.



We have a parishioner who would like a lift to Mass on a Saturday evening. She lives in Strathfield at Strathfield Gardens Retirement Village. If anyone is able to help with transport please call the Parish Office on 9642 1523.

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.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS COLLECTION

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

The annual Catholic Missions Collection in our Parish will take place on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of October. Your donation will help support the work of Catholic Missions.

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 at <http://www.trybooking.com/CJTNF>

FAMILY MASS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Our next Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd October 2023 at 10 am. This Mass is being organised by the school. All are welcome to attend.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES **ENGLISH TEACHERS, YOUTH WORKERS & YOUTH MINISTERS**

The Cagliari Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2024 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Australia and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be. Cagliari volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliari volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliari volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link:

<http://cagliari.org.au/>

Applications close October 31st, 2023. Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliari Project. Email: hichaaba@salesians.org.au

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/>.

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:

Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

Saturday, 28th October at 12 pm Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel

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.



Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

On Monday we have a Staff Development Day. Half of our staff will be at St Vincent's, Ashfield with the other half at St Joseph's, Enfield. We will be working with the other Catholic schools in the Ashfield/ Olympic Park network to prepare for the implementation of the new Maths syllabus in 2024.



On Tuesday our staff meeting will again be led by Sister Elizabeth Hellwig from Santa Sabina. Sister Elizabeth is a noted historian, and she is assisting us in reconnecting with our Dominican charism. The Dominican sisters were the first principals and teachers at our school. We are looking to embrace our Dominican identity as a whole school community and we are very grateful to have the expertise of Sister Elizabeth available to guide us on this journey.

I look forward to seeing you at our Family Mass at 10am next Sunday 22 October. This will be the final Family Mass for the year. After all there are only 70 days till Christmas. All are invited to enjoy morning tea after the Mass.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

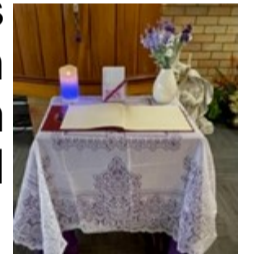
Wednesday, 1st November at 9.15 am and 6.30 pm.

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.

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT 2023

Discover and celebrate how our Australian faith communities creatively live out God's mission, to inspire and grow participation and community.

- 2 Inspirational Keynotes
- 10 Interactive Workshops

Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and a great day of networking!

DATE: Wednesday, 25 October 2023 **TIME:** 10am – 4.00pm **LOCATION:** Hornsby RSL

COST: \$99 PMN members / \$149 non-members

To book, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1109149>

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)

