

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

21 & 22 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:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1 - 5  
Matthew 22: 15 - 21

## 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: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life . Alleluia!



**FOR OUR DEAD**  
Please remember those who have gone before us:  
Tony Bou-Chahine  
Laura Bou-Chahine  
Claire Power  
Flavio Sanseverino  
Peter Scoulis  
Karen Simonet  
Dr Miriam Yu  
Matthew Raheb  
Anna & Matteo Illuzzi

**FOR OUR SICK**  
John Carmichael



In his thoroughly-researched study of the apostle Paul (Paul: A Biography, NY: HarperCollins, 2018, 110112), scripture scholar N. T. Wright observes that in the ancient world to serve the living God was to abandon “the great pantheon of Greek and Roman gods”. And the “most obviously powerful divinity to be given up was Caesar”.

He suggests that Paul deliberately chose to journey to “key centres of Roman rule and Roman cult in the eastern Mediterranean,” such as “Ephesus, Philippi and Corinth”. “I suspect,” he writes, “that Paul was deliberately finding ways to make the point: there is one ‘Lord,’ one Kyrios, and it isn’t Caesar. The communities of those loyal to Jesus ... were marked by a confession of that loyalty that was extremely simple and extremely profound: Kyrios Iesous Christos, ‘Jesus Messiah is Lord’”.

Jesus’ reply to his adversaries was also simple and profound: “Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God”. After all this time, it still poses the uncomfortable question as to which gods we serve.

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

## 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.



### FAMILY MASS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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

### CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

This weekend we are holding a Catholic Mission Appeal to support the Salesian Sisters in their work in the Venilale Diocese of Timor-Leste as they bear witness to their community through programs like Maria Auxiliadora Clinic. Envelopes are available at the end of each pew.

### LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY

All families are invited to come to Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 10:30 am 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>

### 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.

Caritas AUSTRALIA

GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.

DONATE NOW  
[www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza)  
1800 024 413

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](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

### **DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE**

Pope Francis has called for a day of fasting, penance, and prayer for peace in the world on Friday 27th October 2023.

### **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: [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

### **CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

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

#### **Rookwood Catholic Cemetery**

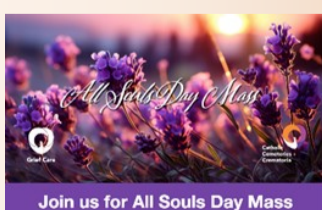
Saturday, 28th October at 12 pm Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel

#### **Liverpool Cemetery**

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

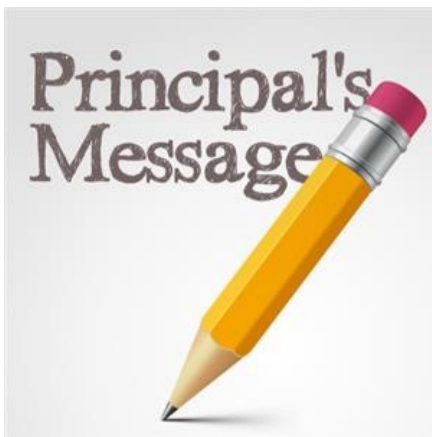
#### **Kemps Creek Memorial Park**

Sunday, 5th November at 2 pm The Pavillion



Enq. & RSVP: [marketing@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:marketing@catholiccemeteries.com.au).

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

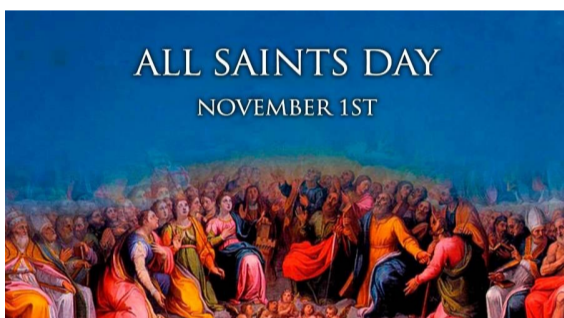


As I previewed last week, this week's staff meeting was again led by Sister Elizabeth Hellwig from Santa Sabina. The Dominican sisters were the first principals and teachers at our school. We are looking to embrace our Dominican identity as a community. Consequently, this work will be extended over time to include our students, our parents and families and our parish. I am very grateful that our pastor, Father Jacek, has been able to attend both staff meetings. One of the highlights on Tuesday was hearing the story of the journey of 8 Dominican Sisters to Australia in a sailing ship in 1867.

On Friday some of the keenest and most talented artists in our senior years participated in an art workshop conducted by Mr Chris Rochester, a specialist in Arts and Craft. This was to give our students the skills to enter the Portrait Prize for Sydney Catholic Schools. Chris will be at school again on November 17 to assist our students to finalise their entries. The entries are due on November 23 at 5pm. Thank you Chris and good luck to our girls and boys. I am looking forward to sharing the masterpieces with you!

On behalf of our school, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our parish family a very happy 70th birthday.

Warm regards  
Phil Townsend



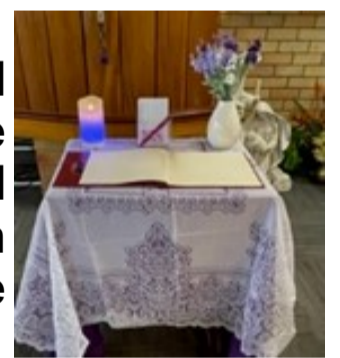
**ALL SAINTS DAY MASS**  
Wednesday, 1st November at 9.15 am and 6.30 pm.



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

### **THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

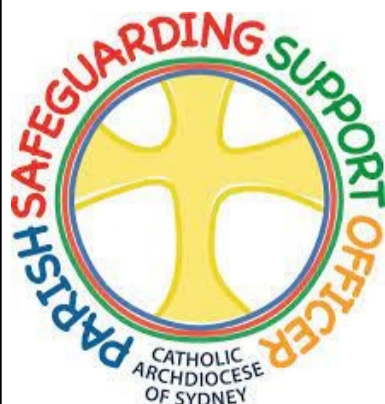
November is the month that we traditionally pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. A Book of Remembrance is located at the front of the church in which you are asked to write/print the names of deceased loved ones for whom we will pray during the month of November. During each Mass, the Priest 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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding and Child Protection)