

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

7 & 8 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 5:1-7
St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 1:33-43

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:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Claire Power
Flavio Sanseverino
Peter Scoulis
Karen Simonet
Dr Miriam Yu
Matthew Raheb
Anna & Matteo Illuzzi

ANNIVERSARIES

Francesca Martino
Guiseppe Martino



As far as homilies are concerned, the psalm is certainly the poor cousin in the liturgy of the word, in fact doubly so. Most of the time the responsorial psalm is composed of a selection of verses from the parent psalm. Only when the original

psalm is very short is it prayed in full. Secondly, while it may be prayed devoutly, it is rarely preached on. More's the pity.

The psalms remain living prayers for today in the Judaeo-Christian tradition. They are astonishingly expressive of the whole gamut of human emotion, from the depths of despair to the heights of joyful praise. Trust, sorrow, remorse, pleading, puzzlement, thanksgiving, hoping, anger, vengefulness – all these and more are represented. Some psalms are intensely personal, others are communal, and many a mix of both.

The psalm for today – 117/118 – is one of the most frequently used in the Sunday lectionary and is well cited in the New Testament. It plays a significant role in the early Church's struggle to make sense of a crucified Messiah. It is well worth reading in full, reflecting on at length, and making it a personal prayer.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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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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.



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.

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.



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

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.

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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: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

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.

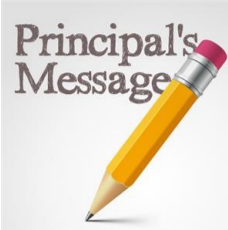
Following the Mass, families are invited to Cathedral Hall to witness and celebrate couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Registrations are essential to receive a certificate. RSVP at <http://www.trybooking.com/>

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>.



Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



Term Four is upon us. It begins with a bang for our senior class with the Year 6 Religious Education Test this week. This test is undertaken by all Year 6 students in the Archdiocese and many of the Year 6 students in Catholic schools across the state. I wish them all the very best. We will also keep the HSC students in our thoughts and prayers.

This term we will have events like our school photos, the two-week swimming program and our swimming carnival. We will also have Year 2 making their First Reconciliation. At the end of the term, we will celebrate the graduation from St Anne's of the Kindergarten class of 2017 – our above-mentioned Year 6. We have much to look forward to. And there are just 78 days till Christmas!

This Wednesday evening our St Anne's team will embark on the first St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol to Liverpool and Sadler Miller for Term 4. Again, I would like to thank the parishioners and families who support this endeavour. Mrs Melissa Hall, our Assistant Principal, coordinates this work. Melissa can be contacted through the school office on phone or email.

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.

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/>.

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)

