

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)

25 & 26 November 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 34:11-12, 15-17
St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

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 Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father, David! Alleluia!



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

ANNIVERSARY
Anthony Herbert

SICK:
Sharon Holliday

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



As a servant of the poor and of peace, Dorothy Day belongs among the sheep of today's gospel, but with a voice of her own. Here's what she wrote in June 1946:

"What we would like to do is change the world--make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do. And, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, of the destitute--the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor, in other words--we can, to a certain extent, change the world; we can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world. We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever-widening circle will reach around the world. We repeat, there is nothing we can do but love, and, dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbour, to love our enemy as our friend" (Cited in Robert Ellsberg ed. Dorothy Day: Selected Writings, Maryknoll: Orbis, 2005, 98).

Source Liturgy Brisbane

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.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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 the altar.

FR JACEK ANNUAL LEAVE



Fr Jacek will be on leave from 6/11/2023 to 01/12/2023, returning to his homeland Poland to visit family and friends. Fr Pat Hurley will be looking after the Parish during this time. Please make him feel welcome.

FIRST SATURDAY – 2ND DECEMBER



The first Saturday Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Saturday, 2nd December at 9.15 am. Reconciliation will follow.

ADVENT PRAYER GROUP

An Advent group is being organised to be held in the parish. Consider joining a group and creating a space to prayerfully prepare for this season of hope, joy, and peace as we approach Christmas.

The group will meet on Tuesday nights commencing 28th November 2023 at 7 pm in the Presbytery. A sign-up sheet can be found on the back table in the church.



TAIZÉ EVENING OF PRAYER

(Ecumenical gathering)

Please join us for our TAIZE
Prayer Service

6pm

Wednesday 29 November 2023
St Michael the Archangel Chapel,
Rookwood Catholic Cemetery



CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza since 7th October has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict. The human toll has been devastating with more than 7,000 deaths across Israel and Gaza. Over 60% of the population have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. Caritas Australia is working with partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS), providing emergency shelter for over 1,200 people and cash support to over 7,100 families. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413


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APPEAL**
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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023 - FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Anne's Church on Thursday 7th December at 6.30 pm. The program has commenced. The next sessions are as follows:

Sunday 26th November and 3rd December at 9.00 am.

There is only one session each 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.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND THOSE HOPING TO CONCEIVE

All expectant mothers and those hoping to conceive are warmly invited to come to 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 10 December, with an opportunity to receive a special blessing from Bishop Richard Umbers with relics of St. Gerard Majella and St. Gianna Molla. Register before 1 December for catering purposes at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLMSM>

Monthly Memorial Masses

Rookwood Monthly Mass

Mausoleum of the Resurrection
1st Tuesday of the Month at 9.45am,
followed by Compassionate Companions

Liverpool Memorial Mass

Padre Pio Chapel
3rd Wednesday of the Month at 10.30am,
followed by Compassionate Companions

Kemps Creek Monthly Memorial Mass

OLOV Horsley Park
3rd Thursday of the Month at 10.30am,
followed by Compassionate Companions

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Parishioners are invited to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Twelve Days of Christmas at the Cathedral begins on the 14th of December and concludes on the 25th of December.

Festivities begin at 5.30 pm each evening with market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids, and live entertainment. Visit the Sydney Archdiocese website at christmasatthecathedral.org.au for more information.

CHRISTMAS INTERFAITH REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2023



Interfaith Remembrance Service
17th December @ 7.30pm
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
All Welcome

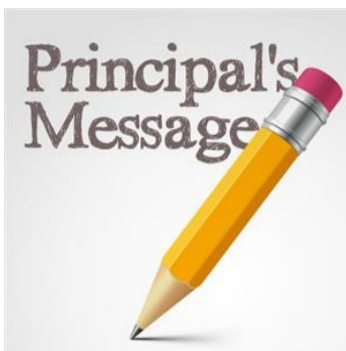
Catholic Cemeteries + Crematoria warmly invites you and your family to join us for our special Interfaith Christmas Remembrance Service to remember those we have lost in 2023.

When: 7.30pm at Sunday 17th December, 2023
Where: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
Presided by: Most Reverend Terence Brady Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Sydney

Live music performances - **ALL WELCOME**

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

As previewed last week our Swimming Carnival took place on Monday at the Enfield Aquatic Centre. It was a very successful day, and six school records were broken. As it happened all these records were broken by students who are in Year 6. Of course, it means that these champion swimmers will not be available to represent St Anne's next year. Unless we get them to repeat Year 6 of course.



On Wednesday we had the first day of our Kinder Orientation for our Kindergarten of 2024. Our newest students spent the morning in the safe hands of Mrs Francesca Lowe while the mums, dads and carers attended a "Welcome Meeting" in the Therry Building. The new kinders left looking smart in their "I am going to big school at St Anne's Strathfield South "T shirts. The girls and boys return for a second orientation day this Thursday. This time the mums and dads get to go out for coffee.

Our Parents and Friends are conducting a Christmas raffle again this year. Prizes include a Scenic World Family pass, Featherdale Wildlife passes, K Mart vouchers and a garden tool set. Tickets are \$2 and are available from the school office or school families. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas celebration on December 8.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

LISTEN TO THE WORD
PREPARE FOR HIS BIRTH
ADVENT COMPANION 2023

The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus. This free Advent Companion contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Christian Stephens, Rachel Vala, Milad Khalil, Sr Anastasia Reeves OP, and Fr Matthew Meagher.

Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. We have a limited amount of copies available for parishioners to take home. These are available from the table at the back of the church or visit www.gomakedisciples.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2024
COLUMBAN CALENDARS

St Vincent de Paul 2024 Columban Calendars are now available for \$10 each. Put your money in the envelope provided and put on 2nd collection plate.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S
GLOBAL GIFTS CARDS

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future. Order now to receive in time for Christmas at www.globalgifts.org.au

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