

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

4 & 5 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.

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:

Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10
Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
Matthew 23:1-12

Responsorial Psalm: In you, Lord, I have found my peace

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ. 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



Commenting on Matthew 23, scripture scholar Brendan Byrne remarks: "No text in the New Testament contributed more to the creation in Christian and wider imagination of the stereotype of 'the Pharisee' as a byword for hypocrisy, a caricature that inevitably rebounds on Judaism as such" (Lifting the Burden, Sydney: St Paul's, 2004, 169). He goes on to make four helpful points. One, there is no historical foundation for the depiction of the Pharisees as a class in this way. Two, highly polemical language like this was common in Jesus' day, including within the Jewish community. Three, the hostility expressed in this episode reflects the struggle of the Christian and Jewish communities to define themselves towards the end of the first century. And fourthly, Jesus is warning Christian communities in every generation not to be like this (169-170). Four very useful keys to interpreting Jesus' denunciation of the Jewish authorities.

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 a table in the Sanctuary.

FR JACEK ANNUAL LEAVE



I will be on leave from 6/11/2023 to 01/12/2023, returning to my homeland Poland to visit family and friends. During my absence, Fr Pat Hurley will be looking after the Parish. Please make him feel welcome.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

This weekend (4/5th November) will be the last Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal for the year. The CWF is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney and funds six agencies: Catholic Care—Catholic Chaplaincy Services—Confraternity of Christian Doctrine—Ephpheta Centre—Seminary of the Good Shepherd—Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. Your contribution to the CWF means that these agencies are able to assist thousands of people each year. Demand for these services has never been greater. Your contribution will help ensure the continued viability of their work. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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:



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.

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

THANK YOU - CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you to all who donated to the Catholic Mission Appeal. \$895.00 was donated from the Parish.



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ST MARY'S SINGERS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

St Mary's Singers will present liturgical choral music in St Mary's Cathedral at 7 p.m. on Friday, 17 November. The program will include works by Handel, Byrd, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Liszt, and Haydn.

Prices:

Premium: \$35
Concession: \$15

General: \$25
Under 16 years: free.

Registration: <http://www.trybooking.com/1097546>.

SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2023
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 17th November, from 12 pm to 2 pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2023>

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL DIRECTOR OF MUSIC FIRST ORGAN CONCERT

The new Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral, Daniel Justin, invites you to join him for his first Organ Concert on Wednesday 15th November at 7 pm. Music will include Bach, Guilman, Latry & Farrington! Free Admission with a Retiring Collection!

ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS

Annual Catechist Mass will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 19th November at 2.30 pm. All Catechists and families are invited to attend.

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.

VOLUNTEER ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE OFFICER

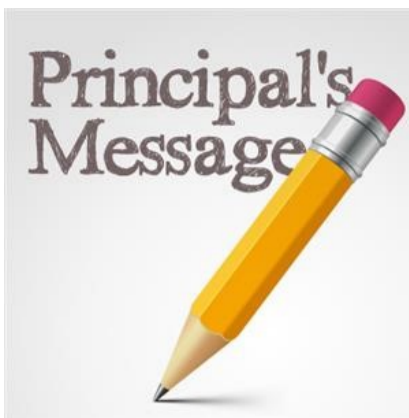
Are you a retired Accountant looking to contribute your financial skills to a Catholic Charity?



[Palms Australia](#) facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accountant will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad.

Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities.
Ph 9560 5333 OR E-mail kevin@palms.org.au

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



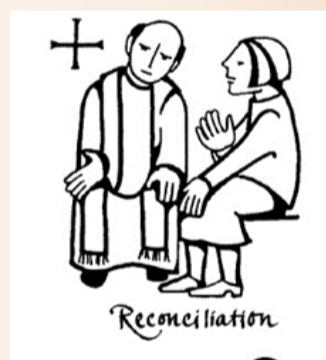
I would like to take this opportunity to offer every best wish to our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Laura McCarthy, her husband Jack, and their daughter Zara as the McCarthy family pauses to await the birth of a little sister or brother for Zara. Laura begins her maternity leave on Friday of next week. I am very grateful to Laura for her wonderful work for the parish and school in her second stint at St Anne's. I look forward to having exciting news to share with the parish in the next couple of weeks and I am hopeful that Laura will join us a third time!

On Wednesday of last week Mrs Karen Suttor and I attended a NAPLAN data day for Sydney Catholic Schools at Mount St Joseph College, Milperra. Mrs Melissa Hall attended a similar day for Assistant Principals on Monday. One session focused on outstanding results achieved by different schools. There are 150 schools under the SCS banner but the St Anne's, Strathfield South results in Year 5 Writing were an absolute standout. We were very pleased with our NAPLAN results across the board this year, but special congratulations are deserved by our Year 5 cohort and all the teachers that contributed to this amazing result.

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)

