

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

11 & 12 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:

Wisdom 6:12 - 16
Thessalonians 4:13 - 18
Matthew 25:1 - 13

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Tony Bou-Chahine
Patricia
Marion Kelly

ANNIVERSARY

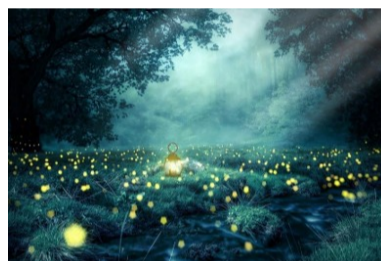
Vince Power

SICK:

Sharon Holliday

SPECIAL INTENTION:

Healing and strength and God's blessings for illness



"So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour". For all the explosive growth in humanity's knowledge of the cosmos, Jesus' simple words are as true as ever. Scientists theorise about the universe expanding beyond control or alternatively collapsing into itself. But however plausible these hypotheses are from a scientific point of view, their astronomical time scale leaves the day and hour beyond our ken. The possibility of a humaninduced catastrophe that brings life on earth to an end is much more plausible and proximate, but still uncertain.

Pope Francis urges us to hold together our belief in a glorious destiny for creation and our knowledge of the threats to its existence. He devotes three paragraphs of 'Laudato si' (199-201) to dialogue between religion and science. In his conclusion, he writes: "Even now we are journeying toward the sabbath of eternity, the new Jerusalem, towards our common home in heaven . . . In the meantime, we come together to take charge of this home that has been entrusted to us . . . Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of hope" (243-44). **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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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

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.

CWF NOVEMBER PARISH APPEAL

On behalf of this parish, we sincerely thank you for supporting the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal. Through your generous gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our community through our CWF agencies and ministries and to promote the good works of our faith in our seminaries, schools, and universities. If you still would like to support this appeal envelopes are provided in the pews. These can be placed on any of the collections. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. For more information, please visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

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.

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, Guilmant, Latry & Farrington! Free Admission with a Retiring Collection!

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>.

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.

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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>

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS

The annual Mass for deceased Clergy and Religious will take place on Wednesday 22nd November at 12 pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery. The celebrant will be Bishop Terry Brady. The Mass will be followed by a luncheon and refreshments in the adjoining lounge.

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 p.m. in the Presbytery. A sign-up sheet can be found on the back table.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

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 at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.



You can donate by scanning this QR code.



TAIZÉ EVENING OF PRAYER

(Ecumenical gathering)

Please join us for our TAIZE Prayer Service

When: 6pm on Tuesday 28 November 2023

Where: St Michael the Archangel Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

SUMMER SERIES 2023 - 2024

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Sydney is excited to present the 2023-24 Summer Series with events in Sydney, including world-renowned special guests **Matt Fradd**, **Jason Evert**, and **Dr Christopher West!** For more information on all the Summer Series events and to register, please visit <https://sydneycatholic.org/summer-series/>.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



This week we commenced our swimming program for the year at the Enfield Aquatic Centre. Every child in the school will participate in a swimming lesson every day for two weeks culminating in our Swimming Carnival on Monday 20 November. It's an ideal time for a swimming program leading into the warmer weather and the Christmas holidays. Our students have been participating with great effort and enthusiasm. I even noted that a couple of our senior students required a little nap after lunch yesterday.

Kindergarten led the school in an early Remembrance Day liturgy on Friday in the Therry Building. Our special guest was Mr Bob Duggan, one of our grandfathers and a former soldier. Mr Duggan was wearing his own medals and medals awarded to his father in the Second World War. This made this occasion very special for our students. Lest we forget.

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.



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.

CHRISTMAS INTERFAITH REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2023



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

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)

