

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

18 & 19 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:

Proverbs 31: 10 - 13, 19 - 20, 30 - 31  
Thessalonians 5:1 - 6  
Matthew 25:14 - 30

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit! 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

Predictions of the end of the world seem to occur with remarkable frequency. So far they have proved false in every case. What is striking is that they are almost always fuelled by fear and the threat of doom.



Christians have been living for over two thousand years in expectation of the end times, and still do. Sometimes this expectation has been shot through with great anxiety, even terror, but this is an aberration. The only authentic Christian stance is one of hope.

We know nothing about how or when the world as we know it will come to an end, but it is a core Christian conviction that this end will be a consummation not a catastrophe. God will ultimately bring his loving purposes for creation and humankind to fulfilment.

The vigilance that the writers of the New Testament call for is not motivated by fear but by desire – the desire to be alert and awake and ready to live fully in the present moment.

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.



Sunday 19 November 2023 is the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of not turning away. Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the elderly Tobit, who says to his son, “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tobit 4:7).

### **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.

### **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.

### **CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL**

The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza since 7 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 5,700 Palestinians have been killed so far, nearly half of them are children, while more than 15,000 people have been injured in Gaza. Over 1.4 million people (60% of the population) have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

Caritas Australia is working with our partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS), providing emergency shelter for over 1,200 people and cash support to over 7,100 families so far. We are also assisting with household items, including mattresses, blankets and other materials and support for food assistance and water, sanitation and hygiene. 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



## FROM THE PASTOR'S

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### 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

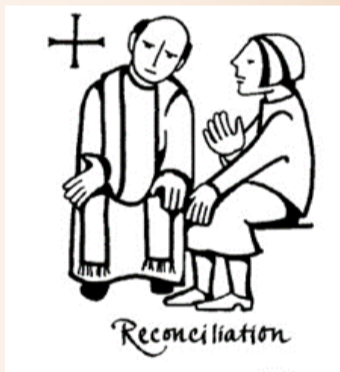
When: 6pm on Wednesday 29 November 2023

Where: St Michael the Archangel Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023 - FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Anne's Church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm.

The program has commenced with children and a parent attending and discussing the Sacrament of Reconciliation by working through their workbook. The next sessions are as follows:



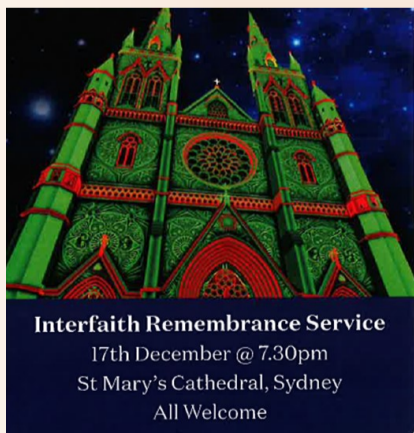
***Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.00 am.***

***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

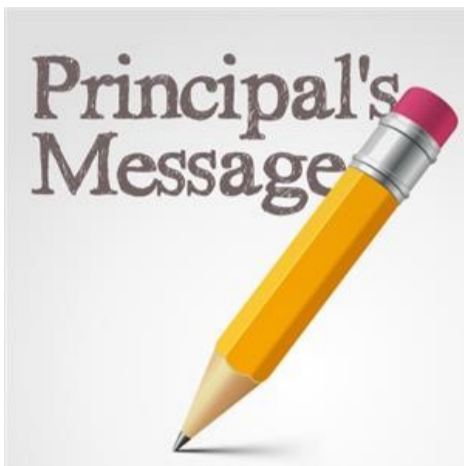
**Where:** St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

**Presided by:** Most Reverend Terence Brady Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Sydney

Live music performances - **ALL WELCOME**

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday this week our school hosted the Ashfield-Olympic Park Network Principal's meeting in the Therry Building. The visiting principals were very complimentary about the staff and students of St Anne's. Quite a few of the principals had never been to St Anne's before. Special thanks to Noah (Year 3) for his Acknowledgement of Country. His family identify with the Biripi Mob from Taree. Thank you also to Latia and Zarife (Year 6) for leading the principals in the Angelus. One of the advantages of our network is that it provides opportunities for our students. An example of this is the Literacy initiative currently being offered by Domremy College at Five Dock. Mia, Jennifer, and Grace (Year 5) are currently immersed in this project.



I received a very special message during the swimming program. The bus driver we had on Thursday has been driving buses for many years. He sent a message to say that the students from St Anne's were the politest students that he had ever had on his bus. I think we can all feel proud about that!

On Monday we will be back at the Enfield Aquatic Centre for our Swimming Carnival. We are expecting our swimmers to be in good form after swimming every day for two weeks.

Warm regards  
Phil Townsend

## 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

### **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](http://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](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)

