

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

13 & 14 January 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:

Samuel 3:3-10, 19  
1st St Paul to Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

## Responsorial Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become children of God. Alleluia!



## FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

David Jesudasan  
John Galea

## ANNIVERSARY

Colleen McCunnie

## SICK:

Sharon Holliday  
Barry Foley  
Bernard Moses  
Kenny Leung



Our Year B journey through Mark's gospel is a little patchy. We heard the opening verses, devoted to the preaching of John the Baptist, on the Second Sunday of Advent several weeks ago. The next few, Mark's account of Jesus' baptism, are naturally allocated to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The episode after that is the temptations of Jesus, which we always hear about on the Second Sunday of Lent. Finally, because Mark's is the shortest of the gospels, the lectionary makes up for the shortfall with several passages from John. Strangely enough, that means we hear the story of Simon and Andrew's call two Sundays in a row. It's John's version today, next week it's Mark's. Today we also begin a series of five readings from 1 Corinthians chapters 6-11. The first reading and psalm vary from Sunday to Sunday, as they are chosen in combination with the gospel.

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## MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LATE TONY GRACE

A memorial Mass for the late Tony GRACE will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at St Anne's. 6 pm Rosary/Cenacle and 6.30 pm Mass.

All are welcome

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S

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### **MASS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY—FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 9.15 AM**

Come together to pray for our country, to give thanks for the gift of our rich history, people and diverse cultures, and to pray for unity within our country.

Happy



### **AUSTRALIA DAY MORNING TEA**

Please join us on the green outside the church in celebrating Australia Day after mass on Friday, 26th January 2024. Stay for morning tea and take the opportunity to stop for a break from commitments and have a chat. All parishioners, families, and friends are welcome ... the more the merrier!

### **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**



The Feast of the Presentation will be celebrated on Friday 2nd February. Mass as normal at 9.15 am. This feast marks 40 days since the joyful birth of Jesus. It is a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless candles at this Mass. These candles then stay with the family during the year and are lit to remind them of Christ the light, especially during storms or placed in the hand of a dying person. You are invited to bring candles to be blessed on this day.

### **MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE – BLESSING OF THROATS**



On Saturday 3rd February 2024 we celebrate the memorial of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. Tradition tells us that while Blaise was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat. The blessing of throats will take place following the 9.15 am Mass.

### **AN EVENING WITH CHRISTOPHER WEST: MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM**

Following Dr Christopher West's Made for More presentation earlier this year, he returns to Sydney to dive deeper with families to rediscover authentic masculinity and femininity. This not-to-be-missed one-night presentation will provide a hopeful and redemptive understanding of our creation's original and glorious meaning as male and female.

**DATE:** Saturday, 20 January 2024

**VENUE:** All Saints Liverpool Catholic Parish, 48 George Street, Liverpool

**TIME:** 7:00pm - 9:30pm. (Doors open at 6:30pm)

**PRICE:** \$20 general admission. \$15 concession/student

For more information on the evening and to purchase tickets, visit:

<https://sydneycatholic.org/summer-series/>



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### ASH WEDNESDAY – 14 FEBRUARY 2024



Ash Wednesday  
— Lent Begins

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

*This a day of Fasting and Abstinence.*

Mass times and Distribution of Ashes are  
9.15 am and 6.30 pm.

### OF LIFE AND LOVE MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 2024

Engagement is a beautiful time to intentionally prepare for your vocation. The 'Of Life and Love' Marriage Preparation Weekend will help you to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage, offer practical wisdom from married couples and provide opportunity for discussion and prayer.

Of Life and Love is a recognised marriage preparation course. The course will take place on the 24-25th February 2024 at St Luke's Revesby (no overnight stay). More information and registration at:

[www.trybooking.com/CMGTS](http://www.trybooking.com/CMGTS)

### OUR LADY'S GROTTA

Our Lady's Grotto is slowly taking shape. I would like to thank everyone who has donated, helped prepare and maintain this area.



### UPDATE ON SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

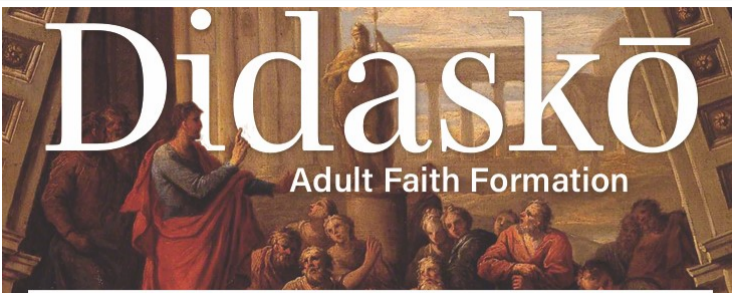
The Safeguarding Office has released its Induction and Refresher zoom training meetings for Safeguarding for 2024. It is highly recommended that you attend the first zoom meeting for the year which is as follows:

1. **Induction Training:** Tuesday 20 February 2024 from 9.00am to 10.00am  
Induction Training is for all volunteers who have not previously done any Safeguarding Training.
2. **Refresher Training:** Tuesday 27 February 2024 from 9.00am to 10.00am  
Refresher Training is for those volunteers who have previously completed the Induction Training three or more years ago. It must be renewed.

To register for Zoom training you need to email [safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org) and advise them you will be participating in their Training and they will reply with the zoom link.

If you are not confident in doing the zoom training from your own computer or do not know how to download the zoom app on the computer and would like to complete the training by zoom rather than online please email the parish office or phone the parish office on a Tuesday and Janelle will register you and then you can participate in the zoom session at the Parish Office on the 20 February or 27 February.

As Safeguarding Training is mandatory for all volunteers, please take this opportunity to complete this requirement.



## DIDASKO ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Parish Renewal Team has partnered with the **University of Notre Dame Australia** to deliver a series of five **online** short courses, each consisting of three evening sessions. Topics include Philosophy, Scripture, Theology, Christology, and Moral Theology. Ideal for beginners and those interested in continuing their formation.

**Special Offer for parishes:** Make the most of this opportunity by gathering a group in-person and sharing the learning experience with others.

**Cost per course:** \$35 per person or \$100 per Parish Group for an in-person gathering (+ *booking fees*). To find out more and to register, visit

<https://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko/>.

From the comfort of your own home, or gathered in-person with a parish group, join us online to learn more about Jesus and His Church; to study; to discuss; and to ask questions. We are bringing the university lecturers to you!

- 2023 **Oct** Goodness, Beauty, Truth: An Introduction to Themes and Thinkers in Philosophy *Dr Catherine Wesselhoff*  
Thursdays 5, 12 and 19 October 2023, 7:30pm - 8:45pm
- Nov** The Scriptures: A Conversation with God Every Day *Dr Peter Holmes*  
Thursdays 2, 9 and 16 November 2023, 7:30pm - 8:45pm
- 2024 **Mar** God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology *Chris Wolter*  
Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024, 7:30pm - 8:45pm
- Apr** Christ the Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfective Way: An Introduction to Christology *Br Benjamin Johnson OFM Cap*  
Mondays 15, 22 and 29 April 2024, 7:30pm - 8:45pm
- May** Moral Theology: God, the Good, and the Meaning of Life *Christian Stephens*  
Thursdays 9, 16 and 23 May 2024, 7:30pm - 8:45pm



## JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITIES RECHARGE GATHERING

This January, the Jesus Light of the World Communities in Rockdale are hosting a ReCHARGE gathering with praise, worship, prayer, empowerment and fellowship.

### Timings:

- 2.30 pm - Rosary
- 3.00 pm - Praise and Worship
- 3.30 pm - Talk
- 4.30 pm - Prayer Ministry
- 5.00 pm - Afternoon Tea

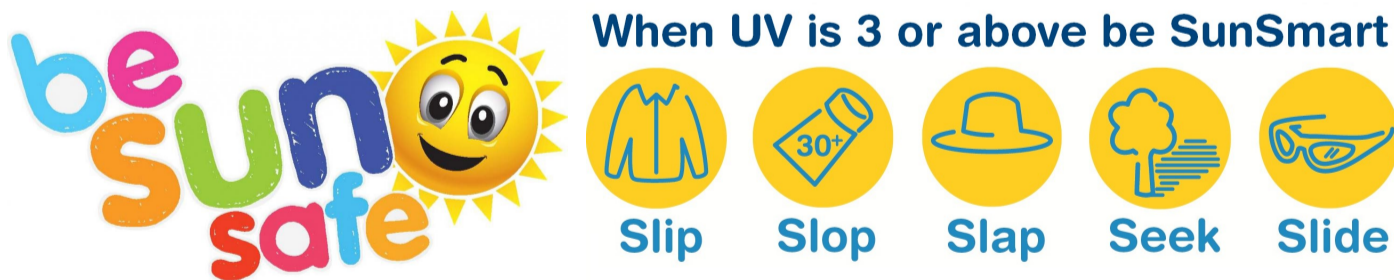
### Speakers:

- 20 January - Rev Fr Rey Sentillas MI
- 27 January - Nestor Aldana

**Venue:** St Joseph Parish Hall Walz St., Rockdale, NSW  
(Parking entrance at Parker)

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## 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)

