

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

20 & 21 January 2024

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:

Jonah 3:1– 5, 10
Corinthians 7:29–31
Mark 1:14–20

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me your ways, O Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

David Jesudasan
John Galea

ANNIVERSARY

Johanna Ruhl
Antonino Costa

SICK:

Sharon Holliday
Barry Foley
Bernard Moses
Kenny Leung



In the "Ordered" (rather than "Ordinary") Time of Year B, the evangelist Mark is our principal guide. At the outset of this first and shortest gospel, Mark sets out his intent: "The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God." He writes in plain Greek, with a

journalist's flair for story-telling and an eye for vivid detail. He presents Jesus as an authoritative teacher and powerful liberator from demonic powers. He highlights the disciples' inability to accept Jesus' messianic suffering. The only human being to confess Jesus as Son of God is the Roman centurion on Calvary.

A brief reminder that through Ordinary Time, the gospel is the anchor text of the liturgy of the word. The first reading, always from the Old Testament, is chosen for its connection to the gospel. The psalm, in turn, complements the first reading. The reading from the New Testament is quite independent of all the others. After our series from 1 Corinthians, the other letters we hear from are 2 Corinthians, Ephesians, James and finally chapters 2-10 of Hebrews.

Source Liturgy Brisbane

THANK YOU

The family of the late Tony Grace would like to say thank you to all who attended the Mass on Monday.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

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.

OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS - MASS & PROCESSION

Bridget Sakr from the Heartfelt Community has invited the Sydney community to join her in procession devoted to Our Lady of Good Success at St Joachim's Parish, Lidcombe. The procession will take place following Mass at 7.00pm on Our Lady's feast day, 2nd February 2024 at St Joachim's Church in Lidcombe. This event will be preceded by a Novena to Our Lady, which will commence on 24 January and conclude on 1 February. Bridget is hoping to pledge 20,000 participants to pray the novena. You can scan the QR code to make your pledge.

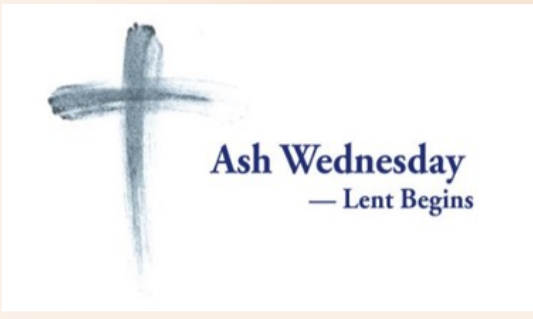


MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE - BLESSING OF THROATS

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.

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ASH WEDNESDAY – 14 FEBRUARY 2024



The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday
14th February 2024.

This a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

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

SEASONS OF RENEWAL: LENT AND EASTER

Join us online as we explore practical ideas that parishes can implement in these sacred seasons, so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that Jesus gives. All welcome!

Tuesday 30 January: 10 - 11 am

Thursday 1 February: 3 - 4 pm

Wednesday 7 February: 12:30 – 1:30 pm

To register for the workshop, visit www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 2024

To celebrate Fatima Day the Parish is organising a bus to Penrose Park. If you would like to join the Parish Pilgrimage on this day, please leave your name with Fr Jacek, and Jason Gereis or contact the Parish Office by 31st January to put your name on the list.

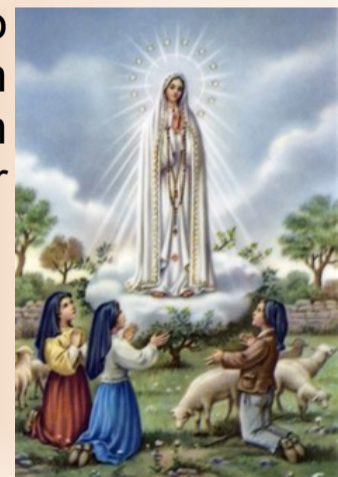
When: Tuesday, 13th February 2024

Where: St Anne's Square Strathfield South

Time: Depart 8.00 am sharp and Return 5.00 pm approx.

Cost: \$30

Please kindly remember to bring your own morning tea and lunch.



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:

24-25th February 2024 at St Luke's Revesby
(no overnight stay).

More information and registration at:

www.trybooking.com/CMGTS



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 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.

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 / \$15 concession/student

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

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

DIDASKŌ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Parish Renewal Team and the **University of Notre Dame Australia** are delivering 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. **Cost per course is \$35 pp**

To find out more and to register, visit

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

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](https://www.archdioceseofsydney.org.au/safeguarding)

