

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Word and Catechist Sunday 3 & 4 February 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:

Job 7: 1 - 4, 6 - 7
Corinthians 9:16 - 19, 22 - 23
Mark 1:29 - 39

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

David Jesudasan
John Galea

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alexandra

REMEMBRANCES:

Patricia Salim

SICK:

Sharon Holliday
Barry Foley



The book of Job, from which we hear a fragment today, is widely regarded as a masterpiece of literature. Like the grain of sand that provokes the production of the pearl, the troublesome and age-old question of human suffering has given birth to epic poetry. For all its length and beauty, however, the book offers no conclusive answer as to why the innocent suffer and why injustice is rampant in the world.

Contending both with well-meaning friends ("Job's comforters") keen to bring him to his senses and with almighty God, Job resolutely defends his claim of innocence, all the while subject to a welter of emotions. In the face of God's incomparable majesty, power and wisdom, Job is finally reduced to repentance and silence. We are left to wonder whether the only way we can hold together the world's pain and God's sovereignty is to surrender.

After wrestling with the painful issue of the fate of his fellow-Jews, Paul is prompted to exclaim: "How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! ... To him be glory for ever! Amen" (Rom 11:33.36).

Source Liturgy Brisbane

WELCOME



We welcome all our students, parents and carers, teachers, and school staff returning to our school and wish them every success in 2024.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



AUSTRALIA DAY MORNING TEA

Australia Day celebrations were a great success. A special thank you to everyone who helped to make this event so successful. A few photos from the day.



CATECHIST AND WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Catechist and Word of God Sunday will be celebrated this weekend. It coincides this year with Word of God Sunday in the Australian Church on 4th February 2024.

A special blessing for our Catechists will be given during the 10 am Mass. Our Catechists are committed and dedicated to bringing the Word of God to our State schools. Being a Catechist and bringing the Word of God to our children is an important Mission of the Church. Thank you to all our Catechists for your amazing commitment and representation of Christ and our Parish in the community.

*Have you considered being a Catechist? Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8
I then heard the voice of the Lord saying: Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? And I said, "Hear am I, send me."*



OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Opening School Mass will be on Friday 9th February at 10.15 am. This will be an additional Mass to the regular parish mass at 9.15 am. Parishioners are very welcome at the school mass.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

"It is not good that man should be alone—Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships," is the theme of Pope Francis' message for the 2024 commemoration of the World Day of the Sick, held on 11th February. Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers.

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 (St Anne's school attending) and 6.30 pm.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one main meal and two snacks) and abstinence (not eating meat). Fasting applies to those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

LENTEN PROGRAM 2024 – REPENT AND BELIEVE



Be Filled with the Love of God - Lenten Companion 2024 The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes, communities, and homes to reflect on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion REPENT AND BELIEVE: Be Filled with the Love of God. This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Marilyn Rodrigues, Mark Lysaght, Sister Maliya Suen, RSM, Dr Kevin Wagner, Hazel Lim, Fr Sam Lynch, and Fr Richard Sofatzis. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, the resource is available online at www.gomakedisciples.org.au and a copy of the free booklet is available from the back table. The Parish Lenten Program will be held every Tuesday of Lent commencing the day before Ash Wednesday Tuesday 13th February at 7.00 pm in the Parish House. Anyone interested in attending please leave your name on the list provided on the back table.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6.30 pm in the church. Commencing Friday 16th February.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Projection Compassion donation Boxes and Share Packs are now available on the back table in the Church.



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 Monday 5th February 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 Return 5.30 pm approx.

Cost: \$30 Payment at time of Booking

Bring your morning tea and lunch.

DIDASKŌ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Parish Renewal Team and the University of Notre Dame are delivering a five online short courses, each consisting of three evening sessions. Topics include Philosophy, Scripture, Theology, Christology, and Moral Theology.

Cost per course: \$35.

Enquiries and registrations:

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

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

Principal's
Message



I am pleased to report that our brand-new Kindergarten students have successfully completed their first two days of school. This means that they have approximately two thousand, six hundred and eight days to go. We haven't told them that! There were very few tears – perhaps a few from the parents. After the Kindies were settled into the classroom the parents and carers were invited to a “Tears and Tissues” morning tea.

On Wednesday evening the St Anne's crew again embarked on a St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol to Liverpool and Sadlier-Miller. Thanks to the generosity of our community the crew set out with eleven loaves of delicious sandwiches and forty-six hotdogs. There were also biscuits and a large tub of snack packs which had been assembled by Vinnies for St Anne's to distribute. Every sandwich, hot dog, biscuit, and snack pack was given out to the clients. There was nothing left when the patrol returned to the Bonnyrigg depot. Clients also receive tea, coffee, Milo and cordial. It was a successful evening. St Anne's are rostered on for every fourth Wednesday. If you are interested in supporting this endeavour our Assistant Principal, Mrs Melissa Hall, can be contacted at the school.

Our Opening School Mass is this Friday 9 February at 10.15am. Thank you to Father Jacek. Parishioners would be very welcome.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

UPDATE ON SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

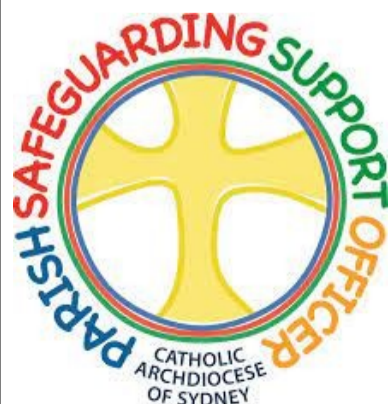
The Safeguarding Office has released its Induction and Refresher zoom training meetings for Safeguarding for 2024. It is highly recommended that you attend the first zoom meeting for the year which is as follows:

- 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.
- 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.

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 and 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)