

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

17 & 18 February 2024

Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Wednesday - Friday 9:15 am
Saturday: 9:15 am

Reconciliation - Saturdays from 9:45 am
Baptisms, marriages and funerals, by appointment only.

SUNDAY READINGS:

Genesis: 9: 8 – 15
1 Peter: 3: 18 – 22
Mark: 1: 12 – 15

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.



Responsorial Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Elias Aslan
Barbara Abella
David Jesudasan
John Galea

ANNIVERSARY:

Marcus Byrne
(4 years)

SICK:

Joyce McDonald
Sharon Holliday
Barry Foley

SEASON OF LENT

Lent extends from Ash Wednesday until sundown on Holy Thursday, when the Easter Triduum begins. The traditional period of 40 days, established from the 4th century CE, is calculated by excluding Sundays (for re-creation) and including Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It reflects the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, when under testing by Satan, he clarified his purpose and deepened his awareness of, and relationship with God's life-giving Spirit. In Lent, we followers of Jesus are called to clarify our purpose and deepen our awareness of his ongoing presence through the same Holy Spirit. We do so through the three Lenten pillars: prayer, penance and charity.

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 16 February.



OPEN DAYS

Thursday 7 March 4.00pm-6.00pm
Saturday 9 March 10.00am-2.00pm

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FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK



SEMINARY OPEN DAY

Discernment cannot be just prayer and talk, it needs action! Visiting a seminary, speaking with seminarians, and meeting other discerners will provide important clarity for any discerner.

FEB | 18th | 2024

TIME: 8:30AM - 3:00PM

The Seminary of the Good Shepherd
50-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush NSW 2140



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER ONLINE



sydneyvocations.org

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 2024

On Tuesday 13th February as part of our Lenten preparation St Anne's parishioners made a very meaningful pilgrimage to Our Lady of Mercy Shrine at Penrose Park. Thank you to Fr Jacek Cichy and Jason Gereis for organising such a special day. Special mention to Deacon Joseph for his role in the Liturgical Celebrations.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 17 & 18 FEBRUARY



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.



Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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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 at 7.00 pm in the Parish House. Anyone interested in attending please leave your name on the list provided on the back table.

DIDASKŌ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We cannot love what we do not know (St Augustine) God is forever revealing Himself to us. Have you ever been curious to find out more? Join Chris Wolter online for a thought-provoking short course titled *God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology* that will make learning about God both enjoyable and accessible.

DATES: Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024
TIME: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm
MODE: Online via Zoom
COST PER COURSE: \$35 for individuals

To find out more and to register, visit <https://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko/>.

A LENTEN RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SAINT CECILIA

Women of all ages are invited to participate in a Lenten Retreat Day hosted and lead by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia. This retreat day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we strive to live the Paschal Mystery throughout the year. The retreat day will include all day Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, talks by the Sisters, personal testimony, a Holy Hour, and discussion groups.

Morning tea and lunch are included. A \$20 fee assists with covering retreat expenses. Women who have attended previous retreat days with the Sisters are encouraged to bring a friend to this event.

DATE: Saturday, 16 March at St Mary's Cathedral Hall: 10am to 4pm
All day Adoration (in the crypt) and confession.

For more information and to register: <https://bit.ly/3RRAKfa>
For questions, please contact the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia at sydney@op-tn.org

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

Principal's
Message



Our Open Days are fast approaching as we commence the enrolment period for 2025. The St Anne's Open Days are in Catholic Schools Week and will be on Thursday 7 March from 4.00pm – 6.00pm and on Saturday 9 March from 10.00am – 2.00pm. Please advertise these dates to your families, neighbours, and friends. You do not need to be Catholic to attend a Catholic School. Some of our very supportive families are not Catholic.

On Shrove Tuesday our students enjoyed the traditional pancakes before the start of Lent. I was very surprised that many students chose to have their pancake with cream and no strawberry jam. What's going on? On Ash Wednesday our primary classes attended the parish mass at 9.15am while Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 participated in an Ash Wednesday liturgy led by our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Pina Cesarano. Thank you to Father Jacek and Mrs Cesarano for helping us to mark the beginning of the season of Lent.

Year 3 and Year 5 have commenced their preparation for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This year, for the second time, NAPLAN is in Term One with the test window commencing on Wednesday 13 March. The idea of moving NAPLAN to Term One was to give teachers and students more time to respond to the results. NAPLAN is now mostly online so schools should receive results promptly. The only exception is the Year 3 Writing assessment which will always be a traditional pen and paper task.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

UPDATE ON SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

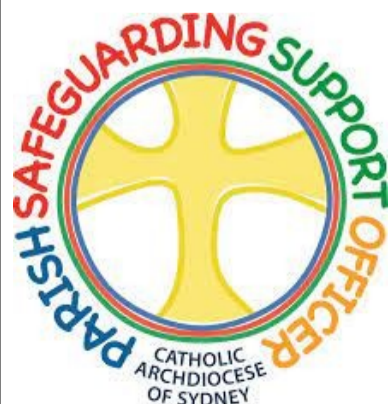
The Safeguarding Office has released its Induction and Refresher zoom training meetings for Safeguarding for 2024. It is highly recommended that you attend the first zoom meeting for the year which is as follows:

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.

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)