

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

24 & 25 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.



## READINGS:

Book of Genesis: 22: 1 – 2, 9 – 13, 15 – 18  
Romans: 8: 31 – 34  
Mark: 9: 2 – 10

## Responsorial Psalm:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my Beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

The 2nd Sunday of Lent encourages obedience to God through the examples of Abraham and Jesus. Abraham's readiness to sacrifice Isaac and Jesus' submission to His Father's will during the Transfiguration both exemplify profound obedience rooted in trust and love.

On this Sunday, the mystery of the risen and glorified Christ seated at the right of the Father is anticipated. This is what happened in the mystery of the transfiguration which the Gospel presents: **"To glory, through the cross."** God gave his Son to die for us (2nd reading), but the Passion is the way that leads to Resurrection (Preface).

Thus, we have to live the mystery of the cross always, and especially during these days of Lent, full of hope that one day, **if we are faithful to Christ and His Church till death**, we will also resurrect. By participating in the Eucharist of the glorious body of Christ, we become partakers of the eternal goods of heaven.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH OF MARCH

1st Saturday for the month of March falls on the 2nd of March. Mass at 9.15 with the Anointing of the sick. Confessions will follow.



## 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

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S

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### FAMILY MASS



Our next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 3rd March 2024 at 10.00 am. This Mass will be prepared by the teachers, parents, and students from St Anne's. Morning tea will follow. All are welcome to attend.

### ST ANNE'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL DETAILS



#### Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 at 12 noon.



#### Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 31st August at 5.00 pm during the Vigil Mass.



#### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Thursday 14th November at 6.30 pm for First Holy Communion in 2025.

### PALMS

As Palm Sunday is fast approaching, does anyone have any large palm branches that they would like to donate? These would be used to decorate the church for Palm Sunday. Please contact Fr Jacek for further details.



### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 24 & 25 FEBRUARY**



**Ronita** is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.



Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. "I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

### **PLEASE DONATE TO PROJECT COMPASSION**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://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 here. 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](http://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.

<b><u>DATES:</u></b>	Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024
<b><u>TIME:</u></b>	7:30 pm – 8:45 pm
<b><u>MODE:</u></b>	Online via Zoom
<b><u>COST PER COURSE:</u></b>	\$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

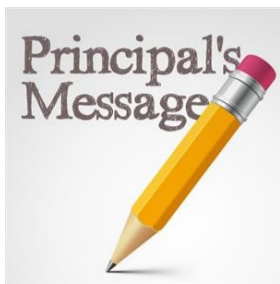
Women of all ages are invited to participate in a Lenten Retreat Day hosted and lead by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia. This retreat day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we strive to live the Paschal Mystery throughout the year. The retreat day will include all 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](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



Our Stage Two (Years 3 and 4) “My Science” commenced with a bang on Thursday. Fortunately, it was not a real bang. The “My Science” project encourages students to undertake hands-on scientific investigations to solve a problem or question linked to real-life issues. We are grateful for the support of scientists from our school and parish community. These mentors make this project possible and effective.

Thursday was also “Crazy Sock Day” at St Anne’s. The gold coin donations meant that we raised \$156 for Project Compassion. In the meantime, our Project Compassion NRL Football Tipping Competition continues. It is 50 cents for a ticket and the top scorer (or scorers) in each round win a prize. For this weekend, because of the early Easter, the students are trying to pick the results in the round of trial matches! I believe this is harder than the “real thing.” Next week is a Project Compassion cupcake stall.

As you know our Open Days are fast approaching. As previously reported, they are on Thursday 7 March from 4.00pm – 6.00pm and on Saturday 9 March from 10.00am – 2.00pm. We are looking to showcase the many special aspects of life at our school – everything from Mathematics and English to Amadeus music, chess and Robotics. We want to highlight our vibrant Religious Education Program, our Social Justice Programs, and our relationship with the Parish. We want people to know about our Sports programs, the Buddy program, School Wide Positive Behaviours for Learning (SPBL), Bounce Back, Peer Support, Wellbeing Week and Before and After School Care. Your support is appreciated.

Warm regards  
Phil Townsend

### **UPDATE ON SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

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

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

