

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

10 & 11 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:

Leviticus: 13: 1 – 2, 44 – 46  
1 Corinthians: 10: 31 – 11: 1  
Mark: 1: 40 – 45

## 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:

I turn to you, O Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!



## FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Elias Aslan  
Barbara Abella  
David Jesudasan  
John Galea

## SICK:

Joyce McDonald  
Sharon Holliday  
Barry Foley



We can thank the Corinthians' rather chaotic community life, with its factions, charisms and questions, for provoking Paul to write at some length to them. One of the issues he has to reprimand and educate them about was table fellowship. Sadly, much of his teaching on this subject in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 is never heard on a Sunday. Paul upbraids them for betraying the import of the Lord's Supper. Rivalries abound, wealth and status divide the members, and sharing is shoved aside by selfishness and indulgence. What should have been a powerful display of equality, mutuality and selflessness had become the opposite. The Corinthians are failing to honour the Body of Christ. It didn't take long for the early Church to separate the Lord's Supper from the common meal, and this is what we have inherited. Our issues may be different, but Paul's critique still has bite. **Source Liturgy Bris**



## LUNAR NEW YEAR

To all who are celebrating the Lunar New Year, we wish you all abundant blessings and best wishes for a Happy New Year!!

## TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY MORNING MASS 9.15 AM CANCELLED

Due to the Parish Pilgrimage to Penrose Park on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024, the 9.15 am Mass will be cancelled for this day only.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S

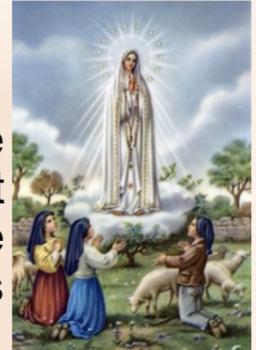
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### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

“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.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK TUESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

To celebrate Fatima Day the Parish is organising a bus to Penrose Park. For those taking part in this Pilgrimage please meet in front of the church by 7.45 am. As we will be taking part in the procession it is advisable to wear comfortable shoes. A few seats are still available please contact Fr Jacek as soon as possible.



**Time:** Depart 8.00 am sharp Return 5.30 pm approx.

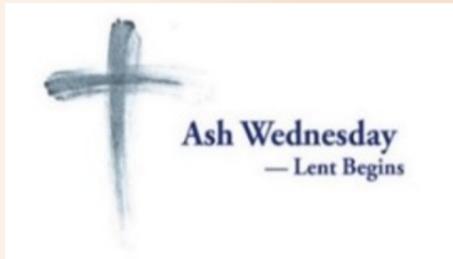
**When:** Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Where:** St Anne’s Square Strathfield South

**Cost:** \$30 Payment at time of Booking

*Bring your morning tea and lunch.*

### ASH WEDNESDAY – 14 FEBRUARY 2024



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

The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent. —*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*

***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.***

### 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<sup>th</sup> February.

### LENTEN PENANCE

A copy of a letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher regarding Lenten Penance can be found on the back table in the church and in the bulletin. Please take a moment to read this letter.

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### LENT

The start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, signals the beginning of 40 days of prayer, self-denial, and confession that culminates on Easter Sunday.

The real aim of Lent is, above all else, to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the death and Resurrection of Christ, the better the preparation the more effective the celebration will be. We can only effectively relive the mystery with a purified mind and heart. The purpose of Lent is to provide that purification by weaning us from sin and selfishness through self-denial and prayer, by creating in us the desire to do God's will and to make His kingdom come by making it come first of all in our hearts.

### 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](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 commencing the day before Ash Wednesday Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation, and disaster risk reduction.



Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. 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 the back table in the Church, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



On Friday we celebrated our Opening Mass. We were very grateful to Father Jacek and Geoff Ticehurst who made the extra mass at 10.15am a special occasion for us. This mass was an opportunity to ask for blessings on the new year at school, welcome new families to our community and to present badges to student leaders. We were happy that parents, carers, and parishioners were able to attend.

On Friday evening the Parents and Friends staged a “Welcome BBQ” to continue the celebration of the new year. Sizzling sausages, an ice cream truck and a coffee van all contributed to a splendid occasion.

In the meantime, Year 5 and 6 are preparing for their excursion to Canberra on March 4 and 5. They will be visiting Parliament House, the National Electoral Education Centre, the Museum of Australian Democracy in Old Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the Royal Australian Mint and Questacon.

We are currently looking for people with a science background to mentor our Year 3 and Year 4 students as they plan and conduct fair test experiments. Volunteers will be required for three sessions - Thursday February 22, Thursday March 7 and Thursday March 21. Each session will be from 9.00am till 10.30am. Training will be provided!

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](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.

### **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-and-child-protection)