

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Palm Sunday (Year B)

23 & 24 March 2024

Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

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

SEE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE INSIDE

READINGS:

Isaiah: 50: 4 – 7
Philippians: 2: 6 – 11
Mark: 15:1 - 39

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: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Jim & Gloria Howden
George Brinkley
Damian Wong
Peter Rühl
Beth Tudehope
Tony & Laura Bou-Chahine
Tom Riemer
Teresa Ku

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

The 10 am Mass on 24th March 2024 will commence with a Procession with Palms beginning from the school grounds. All children, their parents, and parishioners are welcome to join this procession. Please gather in the designated area 10 minutes before Mass starts. Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday, the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter, commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is associated with the blessing and procession of palms.

Palm Sunday recalls an event in the Christian Scripture (The New Testament) of Jesus entering into Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches. For Christians, it is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow him.



MASS OFFERINGS

If you would like to offer a Mass Intention, please complete an envelope available in the church foyer with details clearly written to avoid any misread names. Please nominate which day. If requesting a Mass Intention for a Saturday or Sunday, kindly write on the envelope, the time you would like the intention mentioned. Please leave your contact number, should we need any clarification.



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THEMES FOR PALM SUNDAY YEAR B – PASSION SUNDAY

The readings for Palm Sunday Year B (Passion Sunday) focus on the sacrifice which Jesus Christ made for me and you. The reading for the procession of the palms tells of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The first reading from Isaiah foretells Jesus' suffering. The psalm sings "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?", which is the Psalm Jesus prayed from the cross. The second reading from Philippians speaks of how Jesus Christ is our Lord and Saviour. And in the gospel, we hear how Jesus first celebrated the Passover and then became the sacrificial lamb for us.

Palm Sunday Year B weaves together a rich tapestry of themes that resonate deeply with the Christian experience, reflecting on the final days and ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ. These themes include:

- **Kingship and Humility**
- **Obedience and Suffering**
- **Salvation and Redemption**
- **Divine Exaltation**
- **Obedience and Suffering**
- **Salvation and Redemption**
- **Divine Exaltation**



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PALM SUNDAY)
23 & 24 MARCH**



This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.



There is still time to donate! 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 or by calling 1800 024 413.

PALMS

Thank you to everyone who brought Palm/Olive Branches to be used to decorate the church.



PALM SUNDAY - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have helped prepare the liturgy and decorate the church for Palm Sunday.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2024 REPENT AND BELIEVE



Our last Parish Lenten group session will be held on Tuesday 26 March at 7 pm in the Parish House. A special thank you to Jason for leading our Parish Lenten

Program this year.



2024 EASTER CEREMONIES

Below please find dates and times of the Easter ceremonies. Extra copies of the timetable are also available on the back table. Please take the flyer home so you are aware of what is happening in the Parish this Easter.

GOOD FRIDAY: DAY OF FASTING

Good Friday is a day 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.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Tuesday 26th March
Wednesday 27th March
Thursday 28th March
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Good Friday 29th March
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Saturday 30th March
Saturday 30th March

Easter Sunday 31st March
Easter Monday 1st April

Mass at 9.15 am
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No Morning Mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm followed by Adoration until 11 pm
No Mass
10 am Stations of the Cross
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm
No Morning Mass
Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection 5 pm
Masses at 8 am & 10 am
Mass at 9.15 am

VENERATION OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY



Kissing the Cross will not be permitted. Bowing to the cross is recommended or Touching the Cross is also allowed. Please sanitise your hands before and after.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are available from the back table. This offering goes towards the support of the active, retired, and sick clergy in the Archdiocese. Please place your offering on either of the two collection plates. Thank you.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

St Anne's School has now raised over \$1 000 for Project Compassion. Our students are delighted to know that this money will make a difference to families in need. On Thursday we celebrated our unity and our diversity on Harmony Day. We celebrated the fact that we are together, and we celebrated the fact that we are different. This is a very important date on school calendar. Many students and members of staff wore the traditional orange. My Canberra Raiders Hi Vis Vest always gives me a head start on Harmony Day. Students who were able to dress in traditional cultural costumes added to the colour and atmosphere.

Principal's
Message



Next Wednesday St Anne's will once again provide the crew for the St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol to Liverpool and Sadler Miller. If you can assist with sandwich making or you would like to be part of the crew in the future, please contact Mrs Melissa Hall through the office or at melissa.hall@syd.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to our Holy Week commemorations next Thursday 28 March at 1.30pm followed by the Easter celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on Tuesday April 2 after Morning assembly. The Easter Hat Parade and the Easter raffle will also be part of the Easter celebrations on the Tuesday. Parishioners are welcome on both occasions. Many of our students have been excited as the extensions to our Chicken Coop have taken shape. All are invited to come for an open house inspection!

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

ST ANNE'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL DETAILS

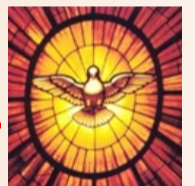


Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus requested to St Faustina that the first Sunday after Easter should be the Feast of Divine Mercy and proclaimed in a special way. In addition to our parish Mass timetable, there will be a special celebration at St Anne's on Sunday 7 April at 2.00pm: Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet and 3.00pm Mass.



From the Diary of St Faustina, Jesus proclaimed: I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy (1109). Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment(300). The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).

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)