

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

2 & 3 March 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:

Exodus: 20: 1 – 17
1 Corinthians: 1: 22 – 25
John: 2: 13 – 25

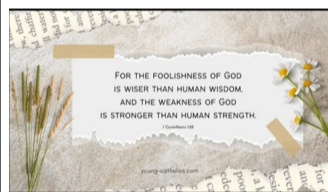
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life .

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B help us understand that we must follow God's commandments and truly live them in our hearts to find life. The first reading gives us the Ten Commandments. The second reading reminds us that God's wisdom is not like human wisdom. And the gospel tells of Jesus cleansing the temple of the money changers who put their own desires above serving the Father.

APPLYING THE GOSPEL TO DAILY LIFE:



The cleansing of the temple by Jesus serves as a powerful metaphor for personal transformation. Reflect on what "merchants and money changers" exist within your own heart and mind—these could be sinful habits, selfish desires, or anything that keeps you from God. Consider how you can "cleanse your temple" this Lent. What steps can you take to eliminate these distractions or impurities? This might involve seeking reconciliation through Confession, engaging in spiritual reading, or dedicating time for silent meditation. How can such actions help purify your intentions and align your will more closely with God's?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6.30 pm followed by Adoration and Benediction in the church.



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Damien Wong
Elias Aslan
Barbara Abella
David Jesudasan
John Galea

ANNIVERSARY:

Else Badinszky
Felix Szelestowski

SICK:

Joyce McDonald
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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 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.

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 2 & 3 MARCH



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.



Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

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

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

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 or by calling 1800 024 413



LENTEN PROGRAM 2024 – REPENT AND BELIEVE

Be Filled with the Love of God - Lenten Companion 2024. The Parish Lenten group meets every Tuesday during Lent at 7.00 pm in the Parish House.

The Sydney Archdiocese Lenten program is being followed.

2024 EASTER CEREMONIES

A Flyer setting out the dates and times of the Easter ceremonies has been included in the bulletin. Extra copies 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.

SYDNEY VOCATIONS MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Take a glimpse into life and formation into the priesthood; the weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians, and discussions. This retreat is designed to help men discern their vocations.

Date: 8th-10th March

Place: Seminary of the Good Shepherd,
50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush.

Cost: \$99 **Registration is essential.**

If you have some questions or simply want to inquire call **9307 8424**, email vocations@sydneycatholic.org or visit www.vocationscentre.org.au

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.

TIME: **DATES:** Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024
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.

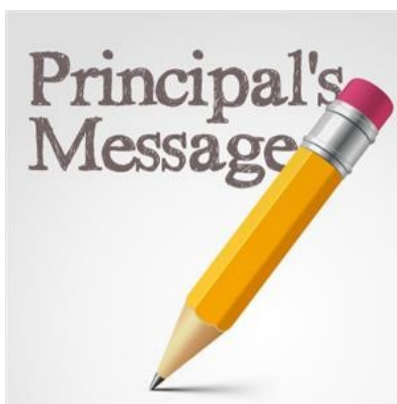
DATE: Saturday, 16 March at St Mary's Cathedral Hall: 10am to 4pm

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,



We have welcomed our new chickens for 2024. The incubator arrived on February 19, and we now have fifteen chicks – Schnitzel, Nugget and thirteen friends. Over time the numbers of roosters and hens will become evident. At about fifteen weeks of age the roosters begin to become noisy. It is then time for them to go back to the farm at Horsley Park. In most councils in Sydney roosters are not permitted because they are a nuisance at 3 o'clock in the morning. The hens begin laying at about twenty or twenty-two weeks of age.

On Monday morning our Year 5 and 6 students and teachers leave for Canberra at 6am. Among the highlights of the excursion are visits to Parliament House, the War Memorial, The Royal Australian Mint and Questacon. We return, via McDonalds at Sutton Forest, on Tuesday evening.

On Friday our students and parents and carers participated in a “Mathematical Problemathon.” Parents and carers were equipped with problem solving strategies by our Assistant Principal, Mrs Melissa Hall. Then they participated in solving the problems of the world in the classrooms with the students. It was a wonderful session for all.

On Wednesday evening, the St Anne’s team were again responsible for the Vinnies Night Patrol to Liverpool and Sadlier Miller. I am very pleased to report that this was a magnificent team effort between parishioners, parents and carers and staff. Thank you to everyone involved.

A final reminder that our Open Days for 2025 enrolments are this Thursday 7 March from 4pm to 6pm and this Saturday 9 March from 10am till 2pm. We thank you again for your support in spreading our good news!

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives. Learn more: Join our Mission Webinar March 5th, 2024, 6:00-6:30 pm.

63 years preparing Australians for enduring global relationships to build sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Learn Even More: Join our two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024 to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together.

Contact: 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



ST ANNE'S OPEN DAYS

The St Anne’s Open Days are in Catholic Schools Week and will be on Thursday 7th March from 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm and on Saturday 9th March from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.



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)