

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

27 & 28 April 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:

Acts of the Apostles 9:26 - 31  
St John 3:18 - 24  
John 15:1 - 8

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!



## FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Gracie Galea  
Anthony Raheb  
Matthew Raheb  
John Skuric

## Anniversary

Father Ray (2nd)

## Special Intentions:

Monica Smith  
(recovery / healing)

## Sick

Danny Biordi  
Seanna Rose Hill

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year B remind us of our dependence on God and each other. In the gospel, Jesus explains that he is the vine and we must depend on him. The second reading also echoes this teaching.

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year B touch on several interconnected themes that are central to understanding and living out the Christian faith. Here's a list of the key themes:

- **Transformation and Mission**
- **Community and Belonging**
- **Love in Action**
- **Obedience and Relationship with God**
- **Vital Connection with Christ**
- **Fruitfulness and Discipleship**
- **God's Glory**

Together, these themes present a rich tapestry of Christian life and faith, emphasizing transformation, community, love in action, obedience, connection with Christ, fruitfulness, and the glorification of God.



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



1st Saturday for the month of May falls on the 4th of May. Mass at 9.15 with the Anointing of the Sick. Confessions will follow.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK



### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2024 for the Formation of Religious and Seminarians**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Project Compassion appeal this Lent. So far, we have collected over \$10,340.45. This includes a very generous anonymous donation. This is an outstanding amount. The money will be forwarded to Caritas which runs the Project Compassion appeal. Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can still be returned to the Sacristy, Parish office or be placed in the basket at the front of the pulpit.



### **ANZAC DAY - THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who attended our Anzac Day Mass and Morning Tea last Thursday. Many thanks to all who prepared the hospitality table and made the Anzac Biscuits.

### **CWF MAY APPEAL**

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held the weekend of 4th & 5th May. Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Donate at: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf/> or Appeal envelopes can be found in the pews. Give generously. Your tax deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!



### **MOTHERS' DAY**

In celebration of Mother's Day, on the weekend of 11th/12th May, we invite parishioners at St Anne's to bring a flower and place it at the foot of Our Lady's statue in the Grotto to honour Mary, our Mother, and our own Mother and the mother figures in our lives.



### **OREMUS: LIVING THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024**

Our Holy Father has asked the entire Church to dedicate 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee. Join an online 3-week short course in which practical approaches to prayer in our parishes will be considered.

**Date:** 2nd May

**Time:** 7:30 – 8:45 pm

For more information and to register, go to [gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](https://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite parishioners to their May celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 11th May, honouring Our Lady and for prayers for peace in the World and for the welfare of Australia.

The entrance procession will commence at 11.30 am (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at noon. All welcome.

## 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.



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**First Holy Communion** in our Parish will be celebrated at St Anne's Church on **Sunday, 2 June at 12.00 pm**. Preparation classes will commence on Sunday 5 May 2024. The program will be broken into **three** weekly sessions commencing at **9.00 am** on:

**Sunday, 5 May (Lessons 1 and 2);  
Sunday, 12 May (Lesson 3); and  
Sunday, 19 May (Lesson 4).**

There will be a **compulsory practice session at 4 pm on Saturday, 25 May** followed by 5 pm Mass for those who are able to attend.

At each session, the child and parent/carer will discuss the Sacrament of First Holy Communion by working through the workbook.

*Mass attendance during the program is required as the Sacraments are an initiation into the Church and one of the basic features of our faith is that we gather together on Sundays for Mass.*

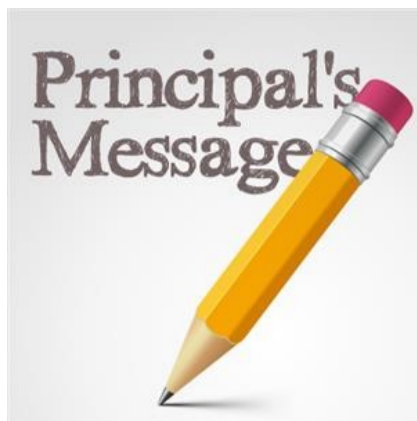
## NOMINATE YOUR PARISH HERO!

For the past 100 years, our parishes have been the cornerstones of local Australian communities. It's those special people that help make our nation thrive. As we move into the 21st century, who in your parish stands out and makes our community what it is today? Tell us their story and why they deserve recognition as a Parish Hero. Email:

[parishhero@catholicweekly.com.au](mailto:parishhero@catholicweekly.com.au)



Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



Students and staff return for Term 2 after a well-deserved break on Monday. As previously mentioned, our commemoration of ANZAC Day will be held this Tuesday 30 April at 2.30pm led by Year 4. We are expecting special guests from the Enfield Croydon Park Sub-Branch of the RSL. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Our Mothers' Day Mass will be a special occasion. Thanks to Father Jacek, this school mass will take place next week on Thursday 9 May at 10.15am. Again, parishioners would be especially welcome.

On Wednesday our school and parish team again swung into action to provide the sandwiches, hot dogs, snacks, and volunteers to provide the Vinnies Night Patrol to Liverpool and Sadlier-Miller. The chill in the air on Wednesday evening ensured that the hot dogs and hot drinks were particularly well received.

On Monday 13 May there is an Ashfield – Olympic Park Network Staff Development Day. Our Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two teachers will be focussed on Reading with the teachers from the other schools in the network. On the same day our Year 3 and Year 4 teachers will be looking at Writing while in Years 5 and 6 it will be Mathematics. On the same day our learning support officers will be at St Joan of Arc, Haberfield where the agenda is student and staff wellbeing. This is a great opportunity for our staff to share and develop skills and knowledge by working with our neighbouring Catholic schools.

Warm regards  
Phil Townsend

### **EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY**

The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia in Australia are hosting a retreat day for liturgical ministers serving in the Archdiocese. All liturgical ministers are invited, especially those whose contribution can sometimes be overlooked, e.g. Ushers, Greeters, Collectors, AV Operators, etc. Naturally, other liturgical ministers, such as Readers, Acolytes, Cantors and Musicians, Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc. are also invited.

**When:** Saturday 11 May 2024 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Where:** St Martha's: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney  
38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040

This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks, a personal testimony, and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Retreat Fee: \$15. Parking is available on site.



Participants wishing to participate in the retreat need to register in advance at: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1162316?>

### **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)

