

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday (Year B)

20 & 21 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 4:8-12
St John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

John Skvric
Anthony Raheb
Matthew Raheb

Anniversary

Father Ray (2nd)
Janet Jessica
D'Agruma (6th)

Special Intentions:

Monica Smith
(Malaysia)

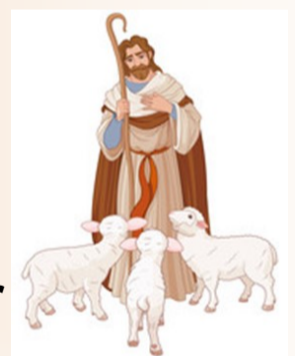
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Danny Biordi
Seanna Rose Hill

The readings for the 4th Sunday in Easter Year B (Good Shepherd Sunday) demonstrate that Jesus Christ cares for us as a shepherd and cares for his flock. Jesus explains that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep and will do anything to save them.

The 4th Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, Year B, brings together themes that are central to understanding our relationship with Jesus and our identity as Christians. Here are the key themes based on the readings:

- **Jesus as the Good Shepherd.**
- **Salvation Through Jesus.**
- **Our Identity as Children of God.**
- **The Universality of Christ's Call.**
- **Voluntary Sacrifice and Authority of Christ.**
- **The Role of Faith in Understanding Our Identity and Mission.**



These themes invite us to reflect on the depth of Jesus' love and sacrifice, our identity as beloved children of God, and the call to unity and mission in the vast flock of Christ.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you to all who contributed to the Project Compassion appeal this Lent. So far, we have collected over \$10,000. 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.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL 2024



A national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders “who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacemaking operations” and “the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.” The liturgy recognizes their sacrifice, commends them to eternal life, and prays that justice and peace may dwell in our lands for ever.

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15 am. Tea/coffee will be available after Mass.

PRAYER



God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH 2024

Overnight Pilgrimage for Men 18+ An overnight pilgrimage for men (18+ event) in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. The Camino begins with 8.00pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers on Friday April 26 at St Anthony of Padua, Austral and confession available from 7.00pm. The Camino will conclude with 6.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Moorebank on Saturday April 27 followed by a celebration in fellowship with hot breakfast and drinks. The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break.

DATE: Friday, 26 April 2024 7:30 PM - Saturday 27 April 2024 7:30 AM

COST: \$20 per adult / Bus Ticket: \$12 one-way 7 pm sharp on 26/04 from Moorebank

For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1197441>

SISTERS OF LIFE - SYDNEY TOUR 2024

The Sisters of Life are coming to Sydney this April! University Catholics invite you to come and meet the sisters at any of the many events they will be attending! For more information and to book, visit:

<https://www.unicatholics.org.au/sisters-of-life-2024-sydney-tour>

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 pm – 8:45 pm

For more information and to register, go to gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

CWF MAY APPEAL

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held on the weekend of 4th & 5th May.

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?>

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

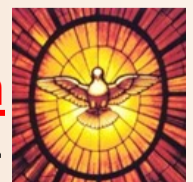


Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 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.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion in our Parish will be celebrated at St Anne's Church on **Sunday, 2 June at 12.00pm**. Preparation classes will commence on Sunday 5 May 2024. The program will be broken into **three** weekly sessions commencing at **9.00am** 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 4pm on **Saturday, 25 May** followed by 5pm 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.

SEASONS OF RENEWAL: CORPUS CHRISTI

Join the Parish Renewal Team online as we explore practical ideas to assist your parish to prepare for the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Walk with Christ which will be celebrated on Sunday 2 June. All welcome!

DATES:

- Thursday 9 May, 3 – 4 pm
- Tuesday 14 May, 12:30 – 1:30 pm
- Thursday 16 May, 10 – 11 am

For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events>

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



Behold, I make all things new.
(Rev. 21:5)

A EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY
for those involved in Liturgical Ministries

11 May 2024, 10AM - 4PM
St Martha's, Leichhardt



Register using [Trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)
Questions: sydneysop-tn.org

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)

