

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)

6 & 7 April 2024

Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am
Extra Sunday (7th): 3 pm (see inside)
Wednesday - 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: 32 – 35
1 John: 5: 1 – 6
John: 20: 19 – 31

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The readings for Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) for Year B show us that the mercy of God is given to all of us, even though we turn away again and again. In the gospel for this Sunday Jesus appears to the disciples. Then he comes back and lovingly helps Thomas overcome his doubts.

For Divine Mercy Sunday Year B, the readings introduce several deeply intertwined themes that underscore the essence of Christian life, God's infinite mercy, and the dynamics of faith and community.

- Unity and Sharing in Community
- Power of Testimony: Faith in Jesus
- Love and Obedience
- Victory through Faith
- Peace and Forgiveness
- Doubt and Belief
- Role of the Holy Spirit
- Inclusivity of Belief
- Purpose of the Gospel

These themes not only depict the richness of Divine Mercy Sunday's readings but also call us to live out our faith through community, love, forgiveness, and a deep trust in Jesus' presence and power.



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Mabel Fung
Harvey
Barry Foley
Jim & Gloria
Howden

Anniversary

Jim & Gloria
Howden
George Brinckley

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FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

DIVINE MERCY – ST ANNE'S

Jesus requested to St Faustina that the first Sunday after Easter should be the Feast of Divine Mercy and be proclaimed in a special way.

In addition to our parish Mass timetable this Sunday 7th April, there will be a special celebration at St Anne's.

2.00 pm: Confessions and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

3.00 pm: 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).

THANK YOU, BEVERLEY

Thank you for generously giving your time and energy to serve with the Altar Society in our church for the past 20 years. Your dedication to volunteering is truly admirable and greatly appreciated. May God bless you abundantly for your selfless acts of service.

EASTER THANK YOU



A **BIG THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who gave so generously of their time and talents to ensure our Easter celebrations were beautiful and holy. May the Lord bless you a hundredfold for all that you have given to build our parish faith and life.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
7 APRIL 2024**



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THANK YOU - ST ANNE'S SCHOOL

Thank you to the teachers and students from St Anne's for the beautiful Stations of the Cross and Easter messages that were prepared for the church. We have many talented artists here at the school.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy, Parish office or be placed in the basket at the front of the pulpit.

FATIMA DAY – PENROSE PARK

Our Lady of Fatima is just one of the many names given to the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the 13th day of each month, a pilgrimage takes place at Penrose Park to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, remembering that she appeared to the three children in 1917. The next Fatima Day is Saturday 13th of April, and Fr Jacek Cichy will be the main celebrant.

Program

10 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
10:30 am	Rosary
11 am	Solemn Mass
12 noon	Lunch
1:30 pm	Eucharistic Procession to the Grotto while reciting the Rosary.
2 pm	Prayers and Devotions at the Grotto, and blessing of pilgrims.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb and it is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. An initiative of Family Life International, on Sunday, April 14, 2024, there will be a street procession following 10:30 a.m. Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the procession, which will be followed by an address at Parliament House by guest speaker Archbishop Julian Porteous. All are welcome, and invite family and friends as we process for life!

EMMAUS SILENT RETREAT

From the 19th-21st April embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is a retreat for both men and women. To register, go to: trybooking.com/CNSXK

ST ANNE'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL DETAILS

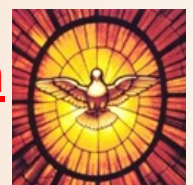


Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 12 noon.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 24th August at 5.00 pm during the Vigil Mass.



Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Saturday 23rd November at 6.30 pm for First Holy Communion in 2025.



Blessing of Palms



Holy Thursday



Palm Sunday and Easter photos from St Anne's



Good



Friday



Easter



Vigil



OREMUS: LIVING THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

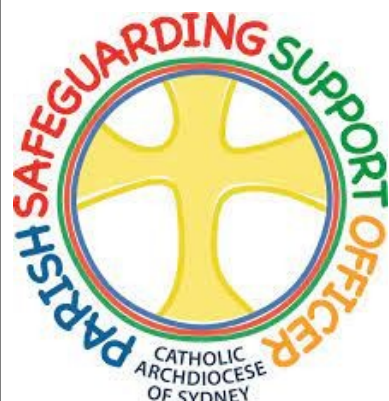
Our Holy Father has asked the entire Church to dedicate 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee. Join an online 3-week short course in which practical approaches to prayer in our parishes will be considered.

Dates: 18th April and 2nd May

Time: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm

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

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