

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

13 & 14 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: 3: 13 – 15, 17 – 19
1 John: 2: 1 – 5
Luke: 24: 35 – 48

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!



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

To preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins is what the risen Lord commissions the disciples to do (Lk 24:27). Repentance might strike us as a Lenten, rather than an Easter, concern. A quick glance through a standard collection of Easter hymns reveals common themes like triumph, joy, light, glory, eternal life and feasting, and only occasional references to pardon from sin. It's worth turning our minds back to what many of us heard as we were marked on Ash Wednesday: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." This brief injunction suggests that repentance is choosing to let go of all that hinders our embrace of the good news. It's a perennial summons to come forth from the grave of our self-obsession and live. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Easter encourage us to truly believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to accept his love. In the gospel, the risen Jesus appears to his disciples and helps them understand his death and resurrection. The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B touch on several interconnected themes that are crucial to understanding the Easter season and its significance in Christian life. Here are the main themes:

- **Repentance and Forgiveness**
- **The Fulfillment of Prophecy**
- **Witnessing to the Resurrection**
- **Jesus as Advocate and Atonement**
- **Obedience to God's Commands**
- **The Physical Resurrection of Jesus**

These themes collectively reinforce the message of Easter as a time of renewal, hope, and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

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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.



DIVINE MERCY

Jesus requested to St Faustina that the first Sunday after Easter should be the Feast of Divine Mercy and proclaimed in a special way. Thank you to all who attended the Divine Mercy Mass last Sunday. The new Divine Mercy icon from Krakow Łagiewniki in Poland can be found at the side altar in the church. The icon was blessed last Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you to all who contributed to the Project Compassion appeal this Lent. So far, we have collected \$9,962.65. 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.

HOLY LAND APPEAL

Thank you to all who contributed to the collection on Good Friday for the upkeep of the holy places in the Holy Land. \$1771.25 will be sent to the Franciscan Friars (who have custody of the holy sites).

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!

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

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

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 invites 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>



ST ANNE'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL DETAILS

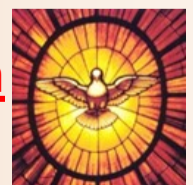


Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 12 noon.

Sacrament of Confirmation

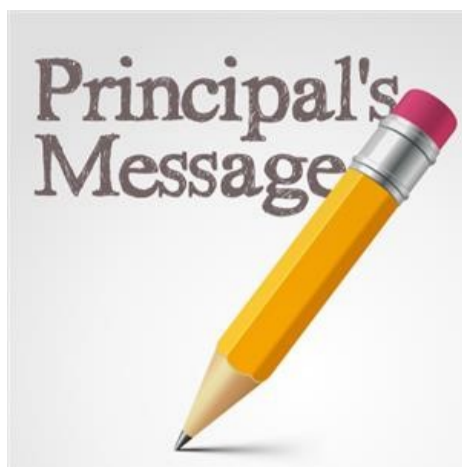
Saturday 31st August at 5.00 pm during the Vigil Mass.



Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Thursday 14th November at 6.30 pm for First Holy Communion in 2025.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



The school holidays have arrived! Congratulations to our Kindergarten students who have successfully completed their first term of school. One down and fifty-one to go!

The first interviews for Kindergarten 2025 took place last Saturday. As it happened two of the dads from Saturday were “old boys” of St Anne’s. Kindly remind your friends, family, and neighbours that we are enrolling now. The online application is available on the school website. A hard copy of the application will be available from the school office when school returns after the break. This will be on Monday 29 April.

One of our new students in Year 3 received her First Reconciliation on Friday thanks to the kindness of Father Jacek. This means that Ava will be able to join with her classmates as they prepare for their First Communion in June.

Our commemoration of ANZAC Day will be held on 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.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

WILLS SEMINAR IN REGENTS PARK

Writing or updating a will can be a complicated task, for many legal and emotional reasons. So, looking after your loved ones during this process is often fraught with difficulty. This is why the Sydney Archdiocese is delighted to announce a FREE seminar designed to make the world of Wills easier to comprehend and navigate.

When: Tuesday 16 April 2024, between 11.30am-1.30pm

Where: Regent St Pavilion (part of DOOLEYS), 67 Regent St Regents Park

Note: Light refreshments will be available on the day, as well as a COMPLIMENTARY WILL OFFER for attendees. *Terms and Conditions apply.

Please join us as we help you gain a better understanding of important topics such as Estate planning, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney. Leading industry specialists with many years of experience will present on the day, offer their expertise FREE OF CHARGE, and answer ALL your questions. Representatives from the Sydney Archdiocese will also explain how your parish community can directly benefit from the offering of legacy gifts in Wills. For further information, contact Tony Maricic on 1800 753 959 or via email tony.maricic@sydneycatholic.org.



CATHOLIC WEEKLY PARISH HEROS! - NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY

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 further into the 21st century, who in our 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

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)