

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

4 & 5 May 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 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48  
St John 4:7–10  
John 15:9 - 17

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!



## FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Rosa Marzella  
Philomena Carpoza  
Cynthia  
Gracie Galea  
Anthony Raheb  
Matthew Raheb  
John Skuric

## Remembrance:

Adba Simon  
Salazia Saad

## Sick

Valen Chia

For the 6th Sunday of Easter Year B, the readings offer rich insights into love, inclusion, and divine friendship. Each theme is closely connected with how believers are called to live and interact in light of God's love.

- **God's impartial love**
- **Power of divine love**
- **Commandment of love**
- **Sacrifice as true love**
- **Friendship with God**
- **Promise of answered**

The readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year B illustrate various dimensions of love as the core of Christian identity. These themes each point back to the fundamental truth that God is love, and our lives should reflect this reality.

## 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.



## 40TH ANNIVERSARY: THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MERCY PENROSE PARK

Next Fatima Day, 13th May, is the celebration (actual date) commemorating the official blessing and opening of the Shrine. The usual Fatima Day schedule will be followed with a lunch time (1pm – 1:30pm) organ recital by Mr Michael Taylor. The Main Celebrant for the day will be the Most Reverend Brian Mascord, Bishop of the Diocese of Wollongong.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S

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### 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.

### CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF)

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held this weekend 4th & 5th May. The CWF funds six agencies: Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, CatholicCare, Chaplaincies, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Ephpheta Centre, and The Seminary of the Good Shepherd. The generosity of those who contribute financially to the CWF, means that these agencies are able to assist thousands of people each year.



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!

### MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY



The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).

### THE LITANY OF LORETTO

[The Litany of the Blessed Virgin](#) – also called the Litany of Loreto – is one of the many Marian litanies, or praises of Mary, composed during the Middle Ages. The place of honor it now holds, in the life of the Church, is due to its faithful use at the shrine of the Holy House at Loreto, which, according to tradition, was the small cottage-like home where the Holy Family had lived and which was miraculously transported by angels, in 1291, from the Holy Land to its present location in Loreto. It was definitely recommended by Pope Clement VII and approved by Sixtus V in 1587, and all other Marian litanies were suppressed, at least for public use.

### 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.

## **VIGIL & FUNERAL DETAILS FOR BISHOP PETER INGHAM**

Archbishop Fisher will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Bishop Peter Ingham on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 5.30 pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The casket will be present for the Mass before it is transported to Wollongong for Mass of Christian Burial.

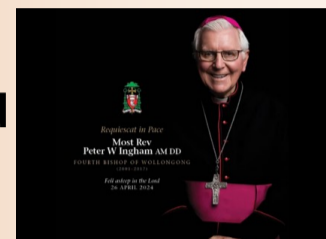
The vigil and funeral details for Bishop Peter Ingham have been announced by Bishop Brian Mascord as follows.

**A SOLEMN VIGIL LITURGY** - Thursday, May 9, 2024

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong

**6:30 PM: Reception of the body of Bishop Peter followed by Evening Prayer**

**7:30 PM: Vigil Liturgy**



**A SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** for Bishop Peter will be offered on Friday 10 May 2024, commencing at 10:30 am. St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Interment will take place in the cathedral grounds at the conclusion of Mass. All are welcome to attend the vigil and funeral. Due to the large number of invited bishops, clergy, relatives, dignitaries, and close friends attending the funeral, there will be very limited seating inside the cathedral. Therefore, a large marquee containing overflow seating with television screens will be erected in the car park adjacent to the cathedral. Bishop Peter's casket will process past the marquee at the conclusion of the funeral Mass. **Please note, there will be street parking only.**

**The funeral will also be livestreamed at <https://dow.sh/livestream>.**

## **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**



The Archdiocese of Sydney is inviting all Catholics to a procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on 11 May to bear witness to the beauty and richness of their devotion in song and prayer. The Vigil Mass begins at 6pm and will be followed by the candlelight procession around the cathedral forecourt from 7pm.

More than a century after Our Lady asked three Portuguese shepherd children to "pray the rosary every day in honour of Our Lady of the rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world," thousands of Sydney's faithful are expected to gather at St Mary's Cathedral to live out her message.

## **EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY**

The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia in Australia are hosting a retreat day for liturgical ministers serving in the Archdiocese.

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

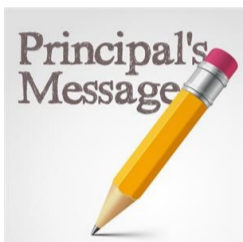
**Where:** St Martha's: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney  
38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040

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?>

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

A special thank you to the parishioners who were able to attend our ANZAC Day commemoration last Tuesday. Thank you also to our REC, Mrs Pina Cesarano and our Year 4 teacher, Mr Lachlan Hoban, who prepared the students to lead the school in this liturgy. The Year Fours did a great job. At the same time, I would like to remind you that our Mothers' Day Mass will take place this week on Thursday 9 May at 10.15am followed by morning tea in the Therry Building. Again, parishioners would be especially welcome. The Mothers' Day Mass on Thursday will be followed by the Mothers' Day stall on Friday. Once again, I am embarrassed to reveal that the Mothers' Day stall is only possible because of the efforts of our mothers.

Our fifteen chickens continue to thrive in their palatial new chook house. Unfortunately, one of the roosters is beginning to find his voice. "Big White" is a white leghorn and he is starting to get noisy even though he is only ten weeks old. We will have to take him back to the farm at Horsley Park sooner rather than later. Otherwise, we will start getting complaints from the neighbours. Most councils in Sydney will not allow you to keep a rooster. A supply of fresh eggs will begin to become available when the hens in the flock (including Nugget and Schnitzel) reach about twenty weeks of age.



This week our best mathematicians in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 commenced work on the 2024 Maths Challenge from the Australian Maths Trust. They will work on a series of problems over the next four weeks to complete the challenge. This job will be temporarily interrupted on Wednesday by the first Maths Olympiad for the year. Good luck to our mathematicians in these endeavours.

Warm regards  
Phil Townsend

### **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** from tomorrow 5 May (**Lessons 1 and 2**) and continuing on Sunday:

**12 May (Lesson 3) & Sunday, 19 May (Lesson 4).**

There will be a **compulsory practice session at 3.30 pm on Saturday, 25 May** followed by 5 pm Mass for those who are able to attend.

*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.*



### **MASSES CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & CREMATORIA**

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria invite all to attend Mother's Day Masses on Saturday 11th May at the following Cemeteries:

**Kemps Creek Memorial Park**  
at 10.30 am @ The Pavilion.

**Liverpool Cemetery**

at 10.30 am @ 207 Moore Street, Liverpool.

**Rookwood Catholic Cemetery**

at 12 noon @ Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Barnet Ave Rookwood.

Hospitality will be provided after Mass. For catering purposes RSVP by 7<sup>th</sup> May Phone: 02 9646 6908 or email [team@griefcare.com.au](mailto:team@griefcare.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](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)

