

ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Solemnity of the Trinity/National Reconciliation Week

29 & 30 MAY 2021

Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Tuesday - Friday: 9:15 am - **doors close at 9.10 am**

Reconciliation is on Saturdays between 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Baptisms, marriages and funerals by appointment.

READINGS:

Deuteronomy: 4: 32 – 34, 39 – 40
Romans: 8: 14 – 17
Matthew: 28: 16 – 20

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.



Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia !
Eucharistic Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.



All our school attended Mass last Thursday. The children were excited because the younger ones had not been for over a year. They kept asking one another what to do next! Another reason was the presence of Mr John Burland, well known composer of children's liturgical music. They were so excited and proud to sing along with him. Further, having the words to the parts of the Mass and the music up on the screens encouraged them to join in. Afterwards, Mr Burland gave a concert in the Therry Building. He had the children join him in song with actions. The children clearly enjoyed the experience. They actively reminded me of a basic liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council: encourage full and active participation in our Masses. We now have the technology. Let us work to make possible best use of it.

May our loving Father carry you gently through the week.

Mgr Greg

Please
Pray
for...



FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, especially, Waclaea (Val) Milic, Fr Peter Quilty, and Betty Harkins.

FOR OUR SICK

especially Bill Petrie, Fr. P Maher, Tony and Lorraine Grace, Peter Simon and Frank Zerafa.



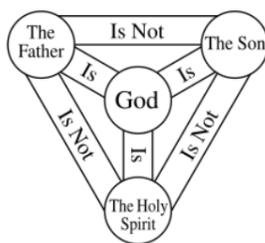
Should you have any prayer requests that you would like our families of families to pray for, please send them to the Parish Office on: stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com

WEEKEND MASS COUNT

Thank you for your cooperation during the weekend Mass Count.

"In like manner also the three days which were before the luminaries, are types of the Trinity [Τριάδος], of God, and His Word, and His wisdom. And the fourth is the type of man, who needs light, that so there may be God, the Word, wisdom, man."

Theophilus of Antioch



God adopted Jesus during baptism (known as Adoptionism). Jesus was all God, and only appeared to be human (Docetism). The three lived together like a family (Tritheism).

Only God the Father is the true God, the Son and the Holy Spirit are not. This position was popular with Arius and his followers.

Source: Google



If you know of anyone who is not receiving the bulletin and would like to, encourage them to contact the Parish Office on stannesstrathfield@outlook.com with their email address and they will be included in our list for the following week.

The bulletin should arrive each Saturday from around mid to late afternoon. If it does not please contact us and we will resend it to you..

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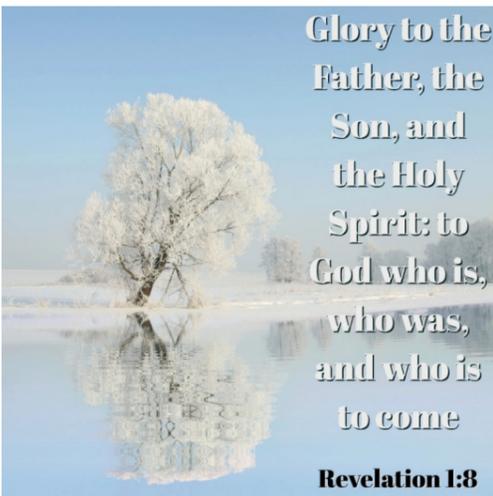
Now that Pentecost Sunday has brought the Easter festival to a close, we resume our journey through Ordinary Time. The first part of this season, occupying the period between Christmas and Lent, is always quite short. It lasts for somewhere between five and nine Sundays, depending on when Ash Wednesday occurs. This second and much longer part lasts roughly about six months, spanning the period between the seasons of Easter and Advent.

Not every Sunday during this stage is observed as Ordinary Time. To start with, the first two Sundays after Pentecost are always celebrated as the feasts of the Holy Trinity and of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Every year the readings for these two festivals replace those for the Sundays of Ordinary Time. This means that over the years we hear the readings for the Sixth to the Twelfth Sundays of Ordinary Time much less often than the rest.

In addition, in some years other feasts, such as Saints Peter and Paul, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and All Saints, can fall on a Sunday and take precedence on that day. Nonetheless, after Trinity and Corpus Christi, the vast majority of the Sundays in the second part of Ordinary Time are observed as such.

The mystery of the Trinity can be approached as a theological conundrum or as an adventure in faith. The word of God invites us to take the latter route. The readings for the day help us retrace some of the steps taken by our forebears in faith as they were led to discover Father, Son and Spirit communing in the one Godhead and enfolding the whole of creation in their love.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane



GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

In a world where technology can keep us connected to others all the time it is jarring to know that loneliness and isolation is a major problem for many, contributing to mental and physical illnesses. And yet today's readings all assure us that, though we may be by ourselves at times, we are never alone because God is 'with you always; yes, to the end of time'. In the first reading we are assured 'The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other', while the Psalm assure us the 'Word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.'

This day let us remember the Lord's faithfulness, his steadfastness and his presence with us in all we say and do.

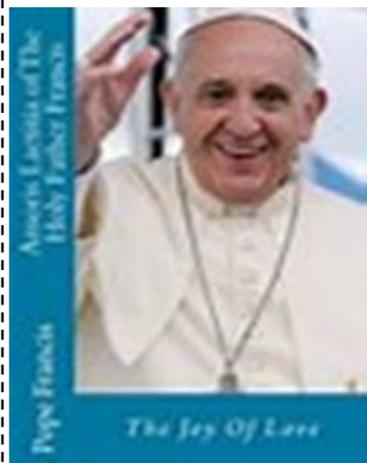
Source: pray.com.au

REMEMBER THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

To you the Father entrusted your only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became a man.

Year of Reflection on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love)

Janette Davidson Sacramental Coordinator Parish of North Harbour Diocese of Broken Bay



"We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we put ourselves at the center and expect things to turn out our way. Then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us react aggressively. Unless we cultivate patience, we will always find excuses for responding angrily. We will end up incapable of living together, antisocial, unable to control our impulses, and our families will become battlegrounds" (*Amoris Laetitia* 92).

How many times do you find yourself frustrated at the imperfections of others in your family? This week, when something doesn't go your way (and there will always be something!) tell yourself to be patient and put it in perspective. Will it matter tomorrow?

Today's feast really is simple. Although some people may want to engage in some intellectual dogmatic discourse, we are invited into a down-to-earth reflection on God as well as ourselves as disciples. In Jesus, God is not only 'for us' but 'with us' and 'within us.' This feast of relationship and connection challenges every attempt to individualism and thus avoid care and responsibility. God is not solitary or unrelated but active and continually connecting with us.

Ronald Rolheiser says:





30 May

The Most Holy Trinity

31 May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (This feast celebrates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, as told in the Gospel of Luke [Luke 1:39-56], and her example of faith in God's word and sensitivity to the Spirit. It was introduced into the Franciscan calendar by Saint Bonaventure [15 July] in the thirteenth century and was extended in 389 to the entire Latin Church to heal the divisions in the Western Church of the time). *Source: Liturgy Brisbane*

3 June

Mabo Day marks the 20th anniversary (1992) of the High Court judgement when it accepted the claim by Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo and other claimants that their people (the Meriam people) had occupied the Islands of Mer for hundreds of years before the arrival of the British. It is a particular day of significance for Torres Strait Islander Australians

4 June

Tiananmen Square Massacre, 1989

4 June

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression

10 June

Myall Creek Massacre, 1838

Archbishop Anthony has revoked his dispensation not to attend Sunday Mass. Due to the lessening of COVID restrictions, we are back to a person every 2 square meters. In keeping with this direction, the homily and the universal prayers will not be published in the weekly bulletin.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Churches are allowed unlimited numbers of worshippers, providing a two square metre rule is followed. Congregational singing is now allowed.

The COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship strongly encourages electronic collection of worshippers' names and contact details. Many parishes are doing this by online registration for Masses rather than a QR code and can continue doing so. Parishes may keep paper records and then transfer this data across into an electronic format. Record keeping is compulsory. More information is available online: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>

Parishioners must not mingle before, during or after Mass since social distancing rules cannot be easily observed.

COVID-19



QR codes are now compulsory for churches to ensure there is a record kept for all attendees. However in cases where you have parishioners unable to use a QR code, the parish must keep an electronic record of that person's name and contact details.

All are encouraged to download Services NSW App to your phone prior to coming to the church. When the download completed, scroll down to Tools and you will find the COVID app. Prior to entering the church, please do the following:

1. Open the app at the appropriate page.
2. Place your phone over the QR sign. A page will open with all your details.
3. Sanitised your hands (take a mask if necessary) and you are welcome to contribute to the collections
4. Show your open app to the person who is marking off names.
5. Go to your seat and ensure your phone is in silent mode.



QR CODE

for St Anne's Catholic Church, Strathfield South



Don't forget to Check Out afterwards.

PLEASE REMEMBER AFTER MASS: Open the app and scroll to Tools, tap on COVID and then on last place visited; tick the circle to log off. Otherwise, you will be marked as being in the church until you follow this procedure.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

among us there are children of our Parish who are eligible for the First Holy Communion. Parents / careers should contact me soonest on 9642 1523 or stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com. Again, baptism certificates are required.

CONFIRMATION:

A letter and registration form is available for anyone whose child may be eligible to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Please take one and return it as soon as possible. Baptism certificates are required if not baptised at St Annes and consideration of sponsors and confirmation name should be undertaken.

OPEN DAY AT EILEEN'S PLACE- SUNDAY 6 JUNE

Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor is opening up Eileen's place for dedicated monthly Open Days to mark the Centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor. The next Open Day will be held on **Sunday 6 June** at 35 Dudley Street in Coogee from 10:45am-1:00pm (including Mass)

For more information and to register visit: <https://eileenconnor.com.au/open-days>

DESERT WISDOM FOR DAILY LIVING

Join our online retreat this winter, exploring and praying within the perennial wisdom tradition. Through the lens of the wisdom teachings of Jesus and the wisdom he embodied, the teachings of the Desert mothers and fathers of the fourth century and other early and late wisdom teachers, we experience how these teachings can enlighten and strengthen our prayer practice and inspire and deepen our commitment to and practice of the wisdom way of living - today with Sr Magdalen osb



Retreat begins:

6 June 2021

RETREAT PROGRAM FEE:

AUD \$200

Pensioners – half price (email us to register).

For registration and more information go to:
<https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au>

Retreats - Desert Wisdom Online Retreat

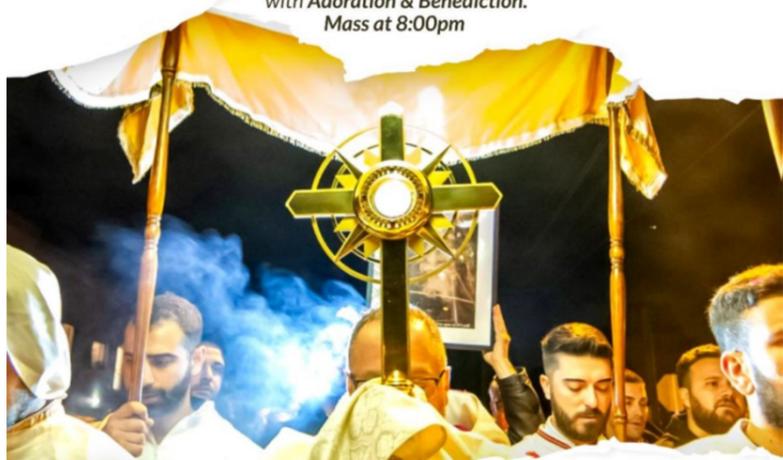
The Parishes of Saint John the Beloved, St Charbel's Monastery and St Jerome's invite you to

join our walk with Christ
CORPUS CHRISTI



Thursday the 3rd of June 2021

Parishioners are asked to gather at St Jerome's Punchbowl at 6:30pm. The procession will conclude at St Charbel's Punchbowl Forecourt with Adoration & Benediction. Mass at 8:00pm



Divine Mercy Chaplet at St Jerome's at 6:30pm, followed by the commencement of the Eucharistic Procession

CORPUS CHRISTI WALK ORGANISERS



Plenary Council Update

Parish Ambassadors are gathering on July 3

How can you be involved in the Plenary Council? Pray the Plenary Prayer from Pentecost until the Assembly.

Visit the Plenary Council website especially Fan the Flame site www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame.

View the videos produced by the Sydney working group by Bishop Brady and Stephen Noone in response to the call from so many for spiritual formation <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about-us/plenary-council-2020/#Plenary-Council-Assembly-October-2021>.

Listen to the podcasts about the Plenary Council <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/listen/>.

Finally, may Christ inflame the desires of all people to break through the barriers which divide, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another, and to pardon those who have done them wrong. Through Christ's power and inspiration may all peoples welcome each other to their hearts as brothers and sisters, and may the peace they long for ever flower and ever reign among them.

Pope John XXIII, Pacem in Terris, #171

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO:
WHAT'S THAT WORD MEAN?

The word 'liturgy' comes from two Greek words meaning the 'work of the people.' We are reminded that when we gather to worship it is the whole community that participates. It is not simply the work of the priest and altar servers with the rest of the congregation looking on.

The term 'eucharist' comes from the Greek word 'eucharistia' ('thanksgiving'). It was used in the early Church to refer to the entire celebration as well as to the consecrated bread and wine. The Mass is the greatest act of worship by which Christians give thanks for the salvation God has offered us through Jesus Christ.

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Another nation is made out to be utterly depraved and fiendish, while one's own nation stands for everything that is good and noble. Every action of the enemy is judged by one standard - every action of oneself by another. Even good deeds by the enemy are considered a sign of particular devilishness, meant to deceive us and the world, while our bad deeds are necessary and justified by our noble goals, which they serve.

Eric Fromm



ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY'S NEWSLETTER



SAVE OUR GRAVES
Friday, 28 May 2021

My Dear People of God,

I am writing to ask for your assistance in petitioning the New South Wales Government to reverse a decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from cemetery management.

The Catholic Church has been operating cemeteries in this state for more than 150 years and is trusted by Catholics, as well as Muslims, Jews and others of faith to bury the dead, keep their graves and comfort grieving families.

We have offered solutions that would come at no cost to Government or taxpayer and would address the most significant issues facing Sydney cemeteries, including:

- a lack of burial space, with many expected to close to new internments in the next decade;
- the need for sufficient funds to be set aside for the ongoing maintenance of cemeteries; and
- the need to provide affordable funerals and burials for all people.

Rather than accepting these proposals, Property Minister Melinda Pavey has decided to dismiss all existing operators, and create a new Government bureaucracy to handle cemeteries instead. This so-called solution will take the longest to implement and come at the highest cost.

I don't think we can trust a secular bureaucracy that has no experience in providing comfort to grieving families or the management of burial grounds to continue this vital ministry. Caring for the dead and those who love them is not a Government service to be arranged through the Services NSW app; it is a spiritual mission that is at the heart of what we do.

I need your help in asking the Government to reverse this nonsensical decision. Please sign the petition at saveour-graves.com.au and share it with friends. Please also consider phoning or writing to your local NSW MP and ask them to petition the Premier and Property Minister to see reason, and to allow our beloved dead rest in peace.

Yours sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony Fisher, OP".