

ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 & 13 June 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:

Ezekiel: 17: 22 – 24
2 Corinthians: 5: 6 – 10
Mark: 4: 26 – 34

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: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!
Eucharistic Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have saved the world.



It has been a cold week. The plight of the young girl of the Tamil family who have been kept in detention for most of her young life has aroused the attention of the media. There appears to be some movement by the government to end this unjust detention and that of all refugees who have been demonised by successive governments. Should this be true it would end a blight on our nation's reputation of giving all a fair go! Sadly, there are other issues: that of the homeless as one example; many through no fault of their own and many by choice for a variety of reasons including the failure of the government's social services. We who are blessed are called to remember all these people amongst us. Perhaps we can donate to Vinnies Winter Appeal as one measure of our concern.

May our compassionate Father carry you gently through the week.

Mgr Greg



FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, especially, Dorothy Rouse, Jack McKeown.

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

ENVELOPES AND RECEIPTS:

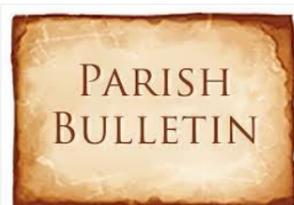
Please collect your new box of envelopes; if you want a taxation receipt, please fill in the form provided, both on the table at the front of the church; and if you wish to join the scheme, please see Mgr Greg.



OUR NEW ST ANNE'S WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING AND FOUND AT:

<https://www.stannesstrathfieldsouth.org.au/>

Many thanks to Emily Giles who is our web guru.



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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Early in his gospel Mark observes that people were “astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (1:22). As the gospel unfolds we find that that Jesus does much of his teaching in parables.



This is what Gerhard Lohfink says in his book *Jesus of Nazareth: What He Wanted, Who He Was*: “Jesus was a master of brief, striking sayings and skilled at telling stories in images and parables. . . [These] have never been equalled in quality . . . With them he leads his listeners into a world with which they are already familiar or at least one that they have heard about . . . But at the same time he makes that world alien and thus blows up the well-worn paths of customary pious thinking. Jesus wants to show that the reign of God has its own logic” (p 120).

No wonder that the question was raised as to whether Jesus was hiding or revealing the truth when he spoke in parables! They never cease to intrigue us and invite us into his unique way of seeing the world.

Source: [Liturgy Brisbane](#)

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS A MUSTARD SEED GROWING INTO THE BIGGEST SHRUB OF ALL

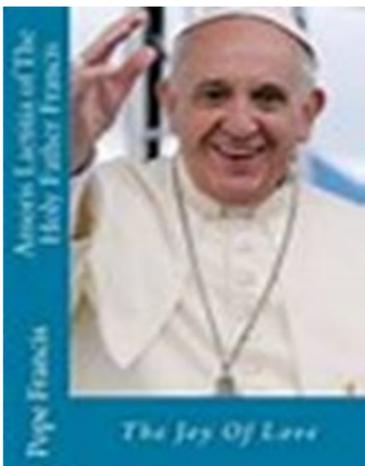


Today’s Gospel always brings to my mind the song by Australian artists Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody, ‘From Little Things Big Things Grow’. Released in 1991 it tells the story of the Gurindji people’s struggle for equality and land rights after their walk off at the Wave Hill property in 1966. ‘We know how to wait’, their leader Vincent Lingiari says in the lyrics. How do we wait for the kingdom of God? Do we plant seeds of faith and justice and wait for them to grow or do we think that the kingdom, though of course desirable, is so far off we don’t have to worry about cultivating it on earth right now?

Loving God we pray for the courage to sow the seeds of your kingdom, the faith to wait for them to grow, and for the joy of sharing in your great harvest.

Source: [pray.com.au](#)

YEAR OF REFLECTION ON POPE FRANCIS' AMORIS LAETITIA (THE JOY OF LOVE)



“Today we recognize that being able to forgive others implies the liberating experience of understanding and forgiving ourselves... We need to learn to pray over our past history, to accept ourselves, to learn how to live with our limitations, and even to forgive ourselves, in order to have this same attitude towards others”

Amoris Laetitia 107).

Mother Mary Francis, a Poor Clare, wrote to her sisters once that the quickest way to “kill” charity is to be too hard on yourself. If you hold yourself to an unrealistic standard, you will do the same to others. Accept your own imperfections today with a laugh and a trusting prayer for mercy.

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

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO:

WHY DO WE HAVE ‘ORDINARY’ SUNDAYS?

In between all the special festive occasions that occur in the life of a family there are many days which we might call ‘ordinary’. Filled with daily rituals - preparing meals, fronting up for work, dropping the kids at footy practice - they are an essential dimension of family life. Our Church calendar, too, has periods called Sundays in Ordinary Time or Sundays of the Year which are numbered consecutively. In between all the ‘special occasions’ (the various Christian feasts and seasons) they are the sustaining celebrations of our life together as a faith family.

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Why Do We Do the Things We Do?

People say, ‘What good can one person do? What is the sense of our small effort?’ They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time. We can be responsible only for the one action of the present moment. But we can beg for an increase of love in our hearts that will vitalize and transform all our individual actions, and know that God will take them and multiply them, as Jesus multiplied the loaves and the fishes.

Dorothy Day, Loaves and Fishes





16 June
17 June
20 - 26 June

International Day of the African Child
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
National Refugee Week 2021

Theme: Unity – The way forward.

The volatility of life in recent times has shown us unequivocally that we need to work together often merely to survive, let alone to thrive and progress. Let's take the opportunity to start afresh and rebuild our lives together. To count our blessings and to put them to work. Existing and emerging communities. Working together.

The powerful potential of Unity. The special brew of ideas from all over the world that created our great way of life can continue evolving if we work together. Let's not stop now, let's move forward unified. *Stronger. Safer. Healthier. Happier. Together.*

22 June
26 June

Fall of the Berlin Wall 1989
International of Day in Support of Victims of Torture

'I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least.' **Dorothy Day**

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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MASS

On Thursday 27th May, we celebrated Our Lady Help of Christians as a whole school. John Burland joined us and led the music and singing. The choir did an absolutely amazing job of supporting John in singing our hymns with the students joining in. It was a wonderful Mass and thank you to many of our families that were able to join us. The concert after Mass was also a wonderful experience for the students. We were celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in Australia and what a way to celebrate! The students were all engaged in the performance and it was great to see so many of them participating in the singing and actions. A lot of fun for all!



SVDP WINTER APPEAL:

Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please return them next weekend. They will be sent to SVDP who will issue a receipt.

Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history. But to reach him we also need lights close by—people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way.
Pope Benedict XVI, Spe Salvi,

HANDCRAFTED DEDICATION TO THE SACRED HEART

Friday was the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pupils from our school have crafted these dedications under the direction of our REC, Mrs Conti. Some are available on the table at the back of the Church. Please take one.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care

More information and Applications Forms are available on our website

<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

CANICE'S KITCHEN SCHOOL SLEEPOUT

Have you ever had to sit in wet clothes with no way to get dry? This is one of the realities our homeless community face on a regular basis. This July, we are inviting young people to understand firsthand what sleeping rough means. Kids aged 12-18 years can pitch a tent, grab a sleeping bag and connect virtually via zoom, to learn from men and women who experienced homelessness as teenagers and then take part in a series of overnight challenges that mimic the realities of living on the street. Get your community involved today and make a difference in breaking the cycle of youth homelessness. For more information visit www.caniceskitchen.org.

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/fantheblade.
- View the videos produced by the Sydney working group by Bishop Terry Brady, Professor Sandy Lynch 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/>.

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT: BEING THE COMMUNITY CHRIST CALLS US TO BE

A National Virtual Conference to Enliven Catholic Communities

This innovative conference, from **8 to 10 July 2021** will feature over 30 on-demand workshops with prominent national and international guest speakers, exploring areas such as best practice for RCIA, planning for mission and renewal and supporting pastoral care.

For more information, visit the conference website: www.aliveinthefire.com.au.

CALLING ON WRITERS!

Entry is now open for The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, which aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers.

Entrants are asked to draw inspiration from the *Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37)*.

Entries close at **midnight AEST on Sunday August 22**.