

# ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

5 & 6 June 2021

## Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Wednesday - 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:

Exodus: 24: 3 – 8

Hebrews: 9: 11 – 15

Mark: 14: 12 – 16, 22 - 26

## 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:

I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord, whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

## Eucharistic Acclamation:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



Some say winter has commenced but others say it does not until after the coming equinox. Whichever is true, our church has become cold, especially at morning Masses. Last Sunday was a prime example. I had the top part of the windows opened but not the doors before 8 am Mass. However, by the end of that Mass I noticed that a person or persons had closed them. One of the constantly emphasised provisions of covid restrictions is that there must be cross ventilation in buildings where people gather, especially churches. In this case, I decided that having the windows opened would be the lesser of the two evils. I am sorry but we must comply and that means that the church will be cold especially at 8am Mass. Please wear appropriate clothing. It is another inconvenience that we must endure under the current restrictions.

May our Father carry you gently through the week.

*Mgr Greg*

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Pray  
for...

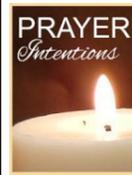


## FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, especially, Maria James.

## 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](mailto:stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com)

**WEEKDAY MASSES: No Mass next Tuesday (8<sup>th</sup>)**



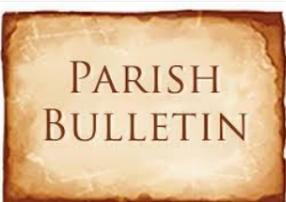
**ST ANNE'S WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING AND FOUND AT:**

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

Many thanks to Emily Giles who is our web guru.



When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. GIRM 29



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](mailto: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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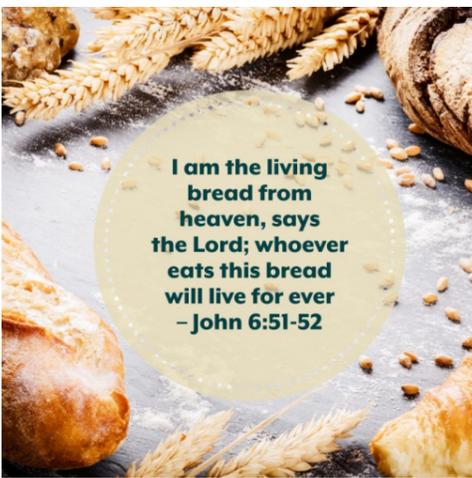


As if the Church were not satisfied with fifty days of paschal feasting, the festivals continue beyond the season. First the Holy Trinity is honoured, and now the Body and Blood of Christ.

Today's observance originated in the Belgian city of Liège in the 13th century. Very soon after, in 1264, Pope Urban IV decreed that the feast be celebrated by the whole Western Church. From its beginnings through to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the popular focus of the feast was on the presence of Christ in the consecrated bread, the Blessed Sacrament. This narrow understanding is still reflected in the fact that many still call the feast by its original Latin name, Corpus Christi.

Today the word of God explicitly directs our attention to the Blood of Christ. It is by our communion in the Body and Blood of Christ that we enter into the whole mystery of Jesus' self-gift to us in the eucharistic meal. The eucharist is not a sacred object but first and foremost an action that engages us body, mind, heart and soul. It calls us to break the bread and pour out the wine of our lives for the sake of the world. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

### **'THIS IS MY BODY; THIS IS MY BLOOD'**



I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever  
- John 6:51-52

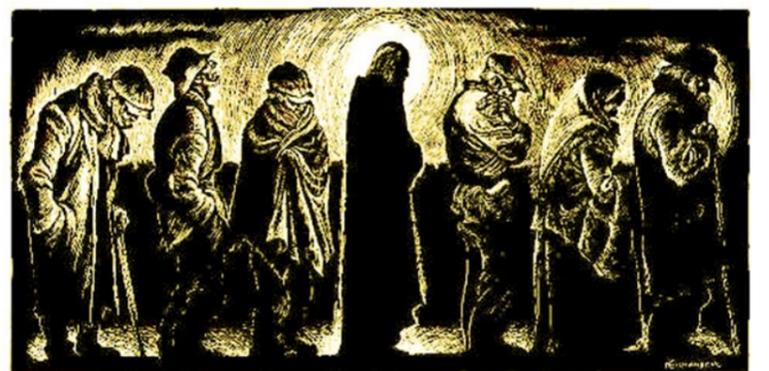
Pope Francis, on the feast of Corpus Christi in 2020, spoke of the Eucharist as God's memorial. We share at the table in memory of the greatest act of love. It occurs to me that a life can end as easily as bread is broken. Or rather, that such life and love as Jesus' might be shared for many as generously as bread is offered to open hands and wine poured into an empty cup. At mealtimes, I am hungriest the moment before I eat. Afterwards, I am relaxed, comforted by the food that nourishes me. Eucharist feels like an opportunity for, and a memory of, hospitality, generosity and companionship. More deeply, the person who shared this bread was telling me he was sharing himself at the highest cost, to bring me closer into God's love. I hold the tension of this moment. Joy and sorrow. God's memorial. **Source: pray.com.au**

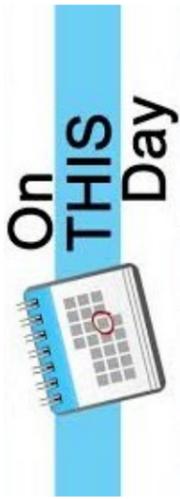


In St Mary Major's (Santa Maria Maggiore) Basilica in Rome has a non-traditional painting of the Last Supper by Italian artist, Jacopo Tintoretto, (1594). It does not portray Jesus and his disciples sitting solemnly around a table. It is full of activity. People are busy serving. Servants anxiously looking for a place for themselves. A cat with its nose in a basket of dishes. One servant raising his hand to stop another speaking in order to hear Jesus. It is a scene full of distractions and interruptions. The suggestion is that our faith is messy and will never be perfect or complete; that our love may falter; our best resolutions and commitments wain over the long haul. The painting reminds us that whatever we bring - our moods, anxieties, concerns, sinfulness, distractions, busyness, heartaches and half-heartedness - Jesus still says, 'take' and eat; 'take' and drink. These make up the Body of Christ in the world. It is a ***call to not forget.***

We are called to practice Eucharist as a practice of awareness. When Jesus broke and shared the bread with his disciples, he said, 'Eat this. This is my flesh.' He knew that if his disciples would eat one piece of bread full of awareness, knowing what they do, they would have real life. In their daily lives, they may have eaten their bread in forgetfulness, so the bread was not bread at all; it was a ghost. In our daily lives, we may see the people around us, but if we lack mindfulness, they are just phantoms, not real people, and we ourselves are also ghosts. Being aware of what we do and who we are we become real persons. When we are real persons, we see real people around us; life is present in all its richness.

**Thich Nhat Hanh**, Buddhist monk and peace activist.





6 June

**Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** (This feast, originally Corpus Christi, arose in thirteenth century Belgium in response to debates about the real presence and as a result of an upsurge in eucharistic piety. Its extension to the entire Western Church was first decreed by Urban IV in 1264. The feast celebrates the mystery of the nourishing and enduring presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist).

*Source: Liturgy Brisbane*

8 June

**World Oceans Day**

10 June

**Myall Creek Massacre, NSW 1838**

11 June

**Enactment of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975**

12 June

**World Day Against Child Labour**

12 June

**Presentation by Aboriginal leaders of the Barunga Statement to Prime Minister**

Such as it is, the press has become the greatest power within the Western World, more powerful than the legislature, the executive and judiciary. One would like to ask: by whom has it been elected, and to whom is it responsible?’

**Alexander Solzhenitsyn**

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](mailto: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.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:**

1. Taxation receipts: you are asked to fill out the form on the table at the front of the church. Please include your email address if you have one. Otherwise, they can be collected from the Church from next weekend.
2. If you want to join the scheme so receive a tax deduction, please see Mgr Greg,
3. Boxes of envelopes for next FY are available. Please pickup from the front of the church. The envelopes are in alphabetical order in boxes.

**TERESA'S PRAYER**

Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which he  
looks compassion on this world.  
Yours are the feet with which he walks  
to do good.

Yours are the hands with which he  
blesses all the world.

Christ has no body now on earth but  
yours.

*attributed to St. Teresa of Avila*

Every gun that is made, every warship  
launched, every rocket fired signifies in  
the final sense, a theft from those who  
hunger and are not fed, those who are  
cold and are not clothed. This world in  
arms is not spending money alone. It is  
spending the sweat of its laborers, the  
genius of its scientists, the hopes of its  
children. This is not a way of life at all  
in any true sense. Under the clouds of  
war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of  
iron.

**Dwight D. Eisenhower**

*former US president and commander of  
Allied forces of World War II*

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:**



This week on page 8 "From the Archbishop" features our school leaders who attended Our Lady Help Of Christians mass at St. Mary's Cathedral last week. Our school leaders talked about how good the mass was and how special it felt to be part of it. School Principal, Mark McKeown and myself are very proud of them and how they represented our school and this parish at this very special event.

Source Photo: Catholic Weekly

**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](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade).

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/>.

**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.aliveinthespirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthespirit.com.au).

## **SAVE OUR GRAVES E-PETITION**

**Send a strong message to NSW MPs to reverse the decision to remove faith-based groups from the management of cemeteries.**

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked for your support in signing an e-petition on this issue to be presented to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, since the government's decision amounts to an attack on religious freedom in NSW.

For more than 150 years in NSW, Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust has been trusted not only by Catholics, but by the Islamic and Jewish communities and other people of faith to bury the dead, maintain their graves respectfully and comfort grieving families.

The NSW Government wants to exclude faith groups from this precious ministry and replace them with a new and costly Government bureaucracy which has no understanding of religious customs around burials, including the importance of leaving graves undisturbed by future generations.

Sign the epetition here: <https://saveourgraves.com.au/> You can also write to your local State MP to voice your concern about this proposal.



## **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 [saveourgraves.com.au](https://saveourgraves.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

*Anthony Fisher OP*