

# ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 & 27 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:

Wisdom: 1: 13 – 15, 2: 23 – 24  
2 Corinthians: 7, 9, 13 – 15  
Mark: 5: 21 – 43

## 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 praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



The Finance Committee met during the week. They expressed their gratitude to you because many people have kept up their financial commitment to our family of families despite the vagaries of the pandemic. Therefore, we are in a relatively good position. Thank you for your continued generosity. The committee signed off on the recent two refurbishment projects: the audio/visual and re-carpeting; both came in close to budget. We have been advised that the pine trees in front of the Church are reaching their life expectancy, getting into the foundations of the Church, and so should be removed. The committee agreed to explore that project. On the negative side, Mr Karl McCunnie has resigned after his many years of generous and sterling service. We will miss his thoughtful contributions so thank him and wish him continued best wishes and prayers.

May the Father carry you gently through the coming week.

*Mgr Greg*

Please  
Pray  
for...



### FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, especially, Lindsay Ami,  
Michael Bailey

### 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)

OUR SCHOOL is on holidays.  
Term 3 commences on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

## 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.

'We are the creators of our own destiny. Be it through intention or ignorance, our successes and our failures have been brought on by none other than ourselves.'  
**Garth Stein, *The Art of Racing in the Rain***



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..

## St. Anne's Strathfield South Parish

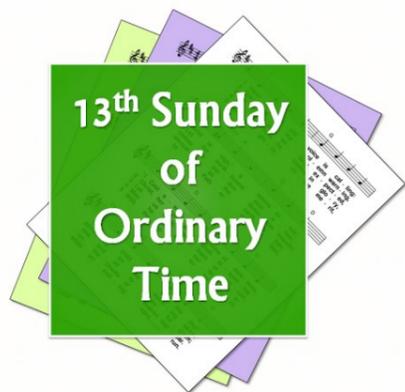
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## St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

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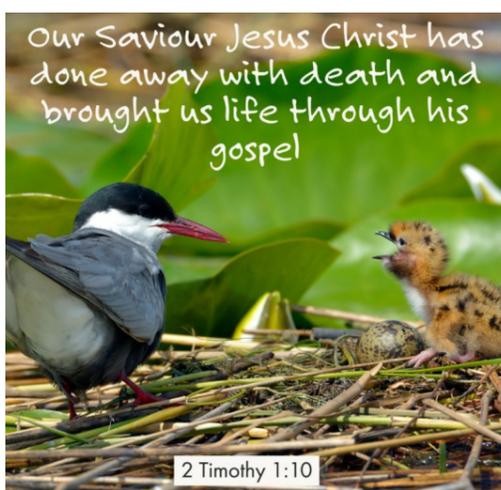
Try as we may, we cannot long avoid facing the question put to us by pain, illness and death. Even if we have been personally blessed with good health and a happy life, we are inevitably affected by the sickness and suffering of those we love. And every one of us must die, no matter how much we deny it to ourselves. Do we wrestle with this dark mystery? Every generation of humankind before us has done so. In our own time the terrible pain suffered by innocent people, especially children, has added fresh fuel to the arguments of the God-deniers.



It may surprise some to learn that belief in life beyond death came very late and uncertainly in the Jewish tradition, perhaps only a few generations before the time of Jesus. It is even more shocking to realise that Jesus gave no explanation for the problem of suffering, no rational argument to reconcile human anguish and distress with belief in a loving God. What he did was offer striking testimony – the testimony of his power to heal and save, and the testimony of courage and trust in his own hour of darkness.

Every Sunday eucharist is testimony to God’s vindication of Jesus. It assures us that pain, suffering and death are not the last word. The last word is always God’s, and that word is Emmanuel, God-with-us.  
**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

## **DEATH BRINGS US TO THE COMPLETE ENCOUNTER WITH THE RISEN JESUS**



Death is one of life’s mysteries. The ancient Hebrew peoples struggled to explain it. Death separates us from all living things, most painfully from those we love. Even Christian believers have to accept its reality. The death and resurrection of Christ gives us hope, as does the cycle of natural life in the universe. Everything dies and gives itself for something else to live. Even our sun, a star, though it has existed for billions of years and will continue to exist for millions to come, will have its end. It will collapse and explode, and its shattered matter will eventually form part of a new star or planet. So rather than letting the fact of death create anxiety within us perhaps we can see it as a doorway from this life to the next. It is only death that will bring us to the complete encounter with the risen Jesus, God the Father and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.  
**Source: pray.com.au**

July 4 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

July 4-11 The NAIDOC 2021 theme – Heal Country! :

Calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction. Country that is more than a place and inherent to our identity. Country that we speak about like a person, sustaining our lives in every aspect - spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and culturally.



NAIDOC 2021 invites the nation to embrace First Nations’ cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians. For generations we have been calling for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of our culture and heritage. We are still waiting for those robust protections.

This year’s theme also seeks substantive institutional, structural, and collaborative reform – something generations of our Elders and communities have been advocating, marching and fighting for. Healing Country means finally resolving many of the outstanding injustices which impact on the lives of our people. It is about hearing and actioning the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples which are the culmination of generations of consultation and discussions among our nations on a range of issues and grievances. After 250 years, our children and our future generations deserve better. We cannot afford to let pass the very real opportunity that now presents itself for reform based on a fundamental change in the relationship Australia has with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Heal Country, heal our nation.

NAIDOC Week 2021 will be held from Sunday 4 July to Sunday 11 July. Each year NAIDOC week grows in stature and depth of celebrations at community, state and national level. It is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

For further information on the NAIDOC 2021 theme please visit: [2021 theme](#). Media contact: [NAIDOC@niaa.gov.au](mailto:NAIDOC@niaa.gov.au)

## 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 :

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/>

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>

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has invited parishes across the world to support the Holy Father's Appeal on the Feast Day of Sts Peter and Paul. For 2021, this will be the weekends of and 3rd-4th July. This appeal, also known as Peter's Pence, is a gesture of solidarity with the universal Church.

## 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>

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

Sadly, in some local government areas, our churches are closed. We are back to wearing masks and a four square metre rule is followed.

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/>

The new setting of our church is now **80**.

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

## COVID-19



## QR CODE

for St Anne's Catholic Church, Strathfield South



Don't forget to Check Out afterwards.

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.



**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.

**MASS TO CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF  
EILEEN O'CONNOR IN THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE WORK OF THE BROWN NURSES**

Part of a series of Masses to mark the Centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor in 2021

**Principal Celebrant:** Bishop Terry Brady  
**Date:** Sunday 4 July 2021  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Venue:** St Brigid's Church  
135b Brook St, Coogee

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

**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](http://www.caniceskitchen.org).

**GO MAKE DISCIPLES RETREAT DAY AT FAIRFIELD- "COME, FOLLOW ME"**

*What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus and how can I grow as a disciple?*

Join the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia and the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation for a Discipleship Retreat Day, hosted by Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Fairfield. Come and experience the love and mercy of Jesus, and enter more deeply into your own experience of being His disciple. The talks include: *Making the most out of Mass*, *Prayer: How to Grow in your Relationship with Jesus*, *Breaking open Scripture*, and *A Cloud of Witnesses: Growing closer to Mary and the Saints*. There will also be time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Date and location:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Fairfield.  
**Registration essential at** [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/)  
**Cost:** \$10 per person, with light lunch included.

**ALL WELCOME!**

**A THANK YOU FOR FLOOD RELIEF ASSISTANCE IN EAST TIMOR**

Dear Friend of Salesian Missions Australia,

We would like to thank all those individuals and parishes who responded to our Timor Leste Flood Appeal which we launched after the devastation of the deluge which occurred on Easter Sunday 4th April 2021.

Due to your generous support the Salesians of Don Bosco in Timor Leste have been able to assist those most affected by the damage caused by the rising flood waters. Many lost their homes, possessions and their livelihood leaving them no alternative but to seek shelter at the Don Bosco Technical School. Over 3,500 people were given shelter, food and other basic necessities within the school compound, while many others left stranded by the flood waters with no access to supplies received food and hygiene packages.

Don Bosco Technical School continues to provide a secure safe home for over 40 families (250 people) in the newly constructed Displaced Persons Camp. We anticipate that with the remaining donated funds, five homes will be built through the schools vocational training building program for those families most in need. As we continue to distribute food packages to those in need, Salesian Missions Australia is very appreciative of your assistance. Please find attached our [Newsletter](#) outlining the work undertaken and below a link to a thank you [video](#) from Br Adriano in Dili.

Video Link : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f515uAjbCe8&t=51s>

Newsletter Link: [https://www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au/images/images/pub/Salesian\\_News\\_June2021.pdf](https://www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au/images/images/pub/Salesian_News_June2021.pdf)