

ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time / World Refugee Day

19 & 20 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:

Job: 38: 1, 8 – 11
2 Corinthians: 5: 14 – 17
Mark: 4: 35 – 41

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: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!
Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you came again.



Vaccines and COVID have been the topics of the week. The current Eastern suburbs cluster is a concern. We are encouraged to get tested especially if we are displaying even minor symptoms for good of all and people are responding. The responsibility for all is rarely mentioned in any discussion but it must be part of our consideration as followers of Christ. That is very clear. However, vaccines have become another question. All the expert advice is that we are far better off, for ourselves and everyone, if we are vaccinated. Some hesitate over which vaccine should we have. Please consult your medical advisor quickly, come to a decision and seek a vaccination so all of us can have less anxiety in our lives as we deal with the pandemic with courage, determination, and unity.

May our loving Father carry you gently through the week.

Mgr Greg

Please Pray for...



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.

PRAYER Intentions



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

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

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

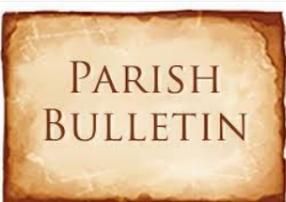


<https://www.stannesstrathfieldsouth.org.au/>

Many thanks to Emily Giles who is our web guru.

ENVELOPES AND TAX RECIEPTS
Please collect your envelopes this weekend. Some have not done so yet!

Looking for a tax receipt? Please email Janelle on:
stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com.
Janelle works on Tuesdays only.



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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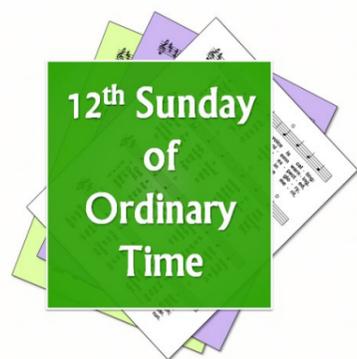
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As the days grow shorter and colder, with months of winter still ahead, we can find ourselves struggling with challenges that seem daunting. We can lose heart and feel threatened by what we have to face, either as individuals and families or as a parish community. It may all seem overwhelming. If we've come to Sunday Mass looking for encouragement today, we could be in for a bit of a shock.



When Jesus' disciples panic at the wind and waves that are buffeting their boat, he rebukes them, just as he has rebuked the storm. "Why are you so frightened?" he says to them, "How is it that you have no faith?" it's a tough challenge. But ne that's not unfair. Jesus has just calmed the elements. What he wants the disciples to do is to see – to see his divine power overcoming all the forces of chaos – and so to let go of fear and put their faith in him.

If we dare to do so, Paul declares, we shall become a new creation in Christ. Everything is made wholly new in him. Now that's good news! **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

EVEN THE WIND AND THE SEA OBEY HIM



It had been a long day for Jesus. He had been teaching all day, surrounded by crowds of people following him and seeking his help. No wonder Jesus wanted to get away for some peace and quiet. He must have been so exhausted that even a raging storm could not prevent his sleeping through it. As the waves grew higher and stronger, the disciples were terrified. In their panic, they woke him, even accusing him of not caring about them. Is this how we respond to Jesus as we experience the stormy periods in our lives and are afraid of drowning? Or do we try to control 'our' boat all by ourselves? Perhaps the question for us is: do we trust Jesus? Do we turn to him when we are in need knowing, deep in our hearts, that Jesus is always with us?

Source: pray.com.au

We renew our call for a new kind of politics--focused on moral principles not on the latest polls, on the needs of the poor and vulnerable not the contributions of the rich and powerful, and on the pursuit of the common good not the demands of special interests.

***Faithful Citizenship:
A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility***



A Moment of Grace

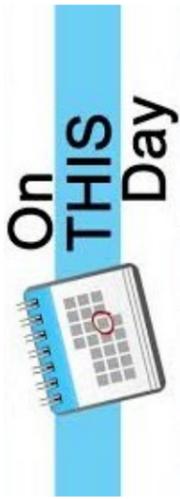
A Prayer for Refugees

God of our Wandering Ancestors,
 Long have we known
 That your heart is with the refugee:
 That you were born into time
 In a family of refugees
 Fleeing violence in their homeland,
 Who then gathered up their hungry child
 And fled into alien country.
 Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages:
 'Will you let me in?'
 Give us hearts that break open
 When our brothers and sisters turn to us
 with that same cry.
 Then surely all these things will follow:
 Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices.
 Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat.
 Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate.
 And hands will reach out—
 working for peace in their homeland,
 working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven.
 Lord, protect all refugees in their travels.
 May they find a friend in me
 And so make me worthy
 Of the refuge I have found in you.

AMEN

Catholic Relief Services





20 - 26 June

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

Fall of the Berlin Wall 1989

26 June

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking

26 June

International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

This is a day on which we pay our respects to those who have endured the unimaginable. This is an occasion for the world to speak up against the unspeakable. It is long overdue that a day be dedicated to remembering and supporting the many victims and survivors of torture around the world.'

former Secretary-General Kofi Annan

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.

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/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>

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.

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.**

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.

JESUS PRAYS FOR EVERYONE EACH DAY: POPE



Jesus is always praying for each and every person, desiring that his word would help people in their lives and that they never would feel alone, Pope Francis said yesterday. "Jesus prays for me — each one of us can keep this in our heart. Do not forget it, even during those terrible moments," the Pope said during his weekly general audience.

With the grace of being able to pray to God and knowing we have been "prayed for," the Pope said, "we have only to have courage and hope" to be able to journey on in life and give glory to God.

In his main audience talk, the Pope concluded his series on prayer, which he began May 6, 2020, offering a total of 38 reflections on the theme. "Prayer is one of the most evident features of the life of Jesus," the Pope said. "He prayed and prayed a lot," immersing himself in it "because dialogue with the Father was the incandescent core of all his existence."

At the Last Supper, Jesus intercedes for his disciples and for all those who will believe in him through their word and, even during the darkest hours of suffering on the cross, Jesus continues to pray, showing he is "the absolute intercessor: he prays for others, for everyone, even for those who have condemned him", he said. "Jesus prayed for everyone, he also prayed for me, for each one of you. Each one of us can say that Jesus, on the cross, prayed for me," and still prays for everyone each day, he said. "Even in the most painful of our sufferings, we are never alone. Jesus' prayer is with us," he said.

FULL STORY: [On the cross and still today, Jesus prays for everyone, Pope says](#)

Source: CNS 17 June 2021