

ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 & 24 October 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**

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

READINGS:

Jeremiah: 31: 7 – 9
Hebrews: 5: 1 – 6
Mark: 10: 46 – 52

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: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Our saviour, Jesus Christ, has done away with death, and brought us light through his gospel. Alleluia !
Eucharistic Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



It is with regret that I announce that Archbishop Anthony has accepted my resignation as your Parish Priest with effect of the Solemnity of Christ the King (21st NOV). I am a few months off turning 75 years and am finding that I am increasingly forgetful. I understand that this is part of aging but I strongly suspect that I am no longer competent to continue as your pastor, especially in a parish with full-time staff of one priest only. I am certainly not denigrating the support I have received from you and our very competent part-time secretaries, by whom we are very well served.

Earlier this year I celebrated the golden anniversary of ordination. Much has changed since my ordination and will continue to change. My time is finishing. I believe that you, the laity, will have and must have a greater say/role in running parishes such as ours. I strongly commend the number of upcoming opportunities to you. I will continue to gratefully remember you all in my prayers.

May the Father carry you gently through the week.

Mgr Greg

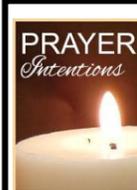
FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, especially, Holy Souls, Don Khoury

FOR OUR SICK

especially Bill Petrie, Fr P. Maher, Peter Simon, Lorraine and Tony Grace, Frank Zerafa, Bishop W Wright, Mgr John Usher, Mgr Brian Raynor, Frs M Kelly, Frank Coorey, Paul Foley, David Coffey, and Don Willoughby.

Please
Pray
for...



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

CONTACT WITH PARISH OFFICE (stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com)

1. For matters dealing with finance, envelopes etc please address: Attention: Janelle. Janelle works on Tuesdays only.
2. For matters regarding safeguarding, working with children check etc and the bulletin, please address: Attention: Rachael. Rachael works on Saturdays only
3. For all other parish matters: Attention Mgr Greg.



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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NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY (NCLS)

As you are aware, In June 2021, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney was informed of an opportunity afforded by National Church Life Survey (NCLS) Research for a sample of its parishes to participate in the 2021 **National Church Life Survey (2021 NCLS)** at no cost to the local parish or to the Archdiocese. St Anne's has been identified for our Sydney sample of parishes. The survey was originally scheduled to take place in these parishes in October 2021 but due to the restrictions and difficulties generated by the COVID-related lockdown, NCLS now proposes that our parishes hold these surveys on **any self-chosen Sunday in February 2022**.

This will give your parish this present time to recover from the lockdown, unencumbered by any additional commitments, and to re-establish itself over the summer months. NCLS has noted that if there are further lockdowns in the new year for some reason, then the survey could be held later again. The NCLS team will deliver surveys direct to your parish before your self-chosen Sunday in February and you will receive in return a unique profile of your parish results in mid-2022.

Martin Teulan from the NCLS will be in touch with you in due course to identify the best Sunday in February 2022 for your community to take part in the survey and organise their delivery prior.

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS

1. Churches may be opened for weddings and funerals, and for services restricted to those who are fully vaccinated (e.g. for baptisms; or for a 'private' Mass with a priest who is fully vaccinated.)
2. Whenever people gather in a place of worship, the **number permitted is according to the 4 sqm rule**, and **masks must be worn. COVID Check-in is also required** via the Service NSW App or a written record.
3. **If all those present are vaccinated**, the permitted number for weddings and funerals will be 100 (but subject to the 4 sqm rule).
4. **If some of those attending a funeral or wedding are not vaccinated**, then the ceremony must be "small": maximum 5 at a wedding and 10 at a funeral. (I anticipate there will be some confusions around the status of funerals, and I suggest we let the Undertakers manage the issue of numbers.)
5. **Schools** will reopen by October 25. Like teachers and others, **clergy will be required to be vaccinated** before ministering in a school. In the case of our own Sydney Catholic Schools, each school has a church engagement officer who will contact you directly and assist with registering your vaccination (or approved exemption).
6. If a **priest who is not yet fully vaccinated** is approached for ministry at this time (e.g. for a baptism or hospital visit), **he should arrange for a 'supply' priest to replace him**.

Finally, please remember the more times we insert into our browsers the address of our parish website, the easier it becomes to access it:

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.

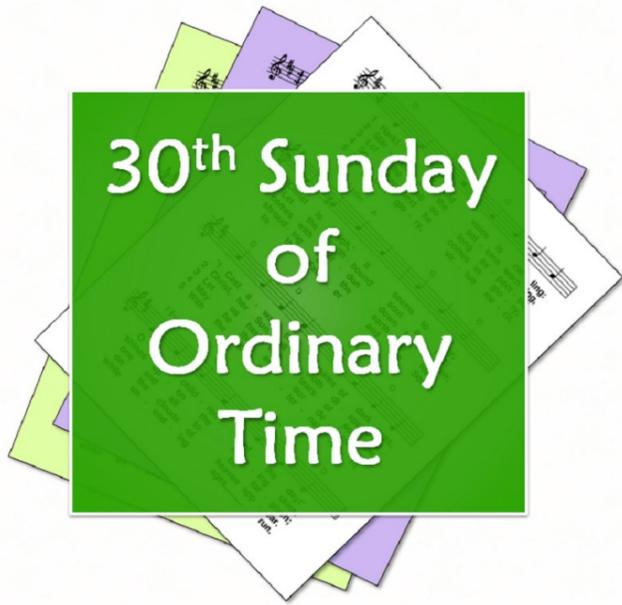
PLEASE REMEMBER AFTER MASS: Open the app and scroll to Tools, tap on COVID and then on last place visited; tick the circle to log off. Otherwise, you will be marked as being in the church until you follow this procedure.



QR CODE
for St Anne's Catholic Church,
Strathfield South

Don't forget to Check Out afterwards.





Many are familiar with the saying, “There are none so blind as those who will not see”. Few may know that it goes on to say: “The most deluded people are those who choose to ignore what they already know”. It seems to have appeared in 1546, but its origins may well go back to the prophet Jeremiah who said: “Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but do not see, who have ears but do not hear” (5:21). This would make it a very ancient proverb indeed.

We could turn the saying on its head and declare that there are none so insightful as those who have been deprived of sight. This is certainly the case with the blind beggar of today’s gospel, Bartimaeus, and his unnamed counterpart in the gospel of John (Chapter 9). Each of these blind men is blessed with insight into the true nature of Jesus, while the sighted people around them failed to see who Jesus really was. In the end such insight is a gift of God, but we can prepare ourselves for it by reading the word of God, reflecting on it, and praying with it.

Be warned: seeing with the heart can open up a path of discipleship that may be more than we’ve bargained for!

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

GO; YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU



We know the name of Bartimaeus, the blind man. It appears Bartimaeus was a memorable character, for a few reasons. Firstly, we know he’s helpless and likely homeless. Second, he’s done his research: he knows that Jesus is the Messiah in the line of David: ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Third, he most likely became a disciple known to the community of Christians – which is why the evangelist assumes his readers know of him too. We also learn something of the crowd: in their pious, unfeeling way, they tell a disabled man to shush – *they don’t understand the Gospel!* As usual, Jesus stands out for his compassion, which doubtless shamed the crowd into silence – Jesus asks to speak to Bartimaeus, and heals him. ‘Go your way, your faith has made you well’. The typical relieving words of Jesus – and a soul is healed as well!

Source: pray.com.au

Susie’s husband, George, had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, prompting frequent visits by their local parish priest. Things were looking grim, but she was next to her husband’s bedside every single day without exception.

One day as George slipped back into consciousness, he motioned for her to come nearer. Susie pulled the chair close to the bed and put her ear close so she could hear him.

“You know,” George whispered, his eyes filling with tears. “You have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you stuck by me. When my business went under, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you were there. My health started failing, and low and behold you were there by my side. And you know what Susie?”

“What dear,” she asked, gently stroking his hand.

“I’ve decided you’re bad luck.”

FOR WE CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD
ACTS 4:20

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity

catholic mission Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand

Catholic Mission is seeking applications for a **Donor Relations Officer** role. Full-time or Part-Time, the role is based in North Sydney in NSW and incorporates supporting Catholic Dioceses in NSW & ACT. This is an exceptional opportunity to join the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, which supports children, communities and church leaders both in Australia and overseas.

For more information, please visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>



October 24

United Nations Day and beginning of Disarmament Week. This observance begins on the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations in 1945. All countries are invited to highlight the danger of the arms race, the effects of the sale of all arms, the need to cease the propagation of weapons and increase public awareness of the urgent task of disarmament.

October 26

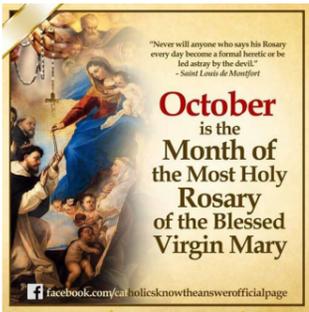
Return of Uluru to the traditional owners, the Anangu people in 1985



Our next Foster Care Information session
Our October online information sessions will be held on the following date:

27 October between 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Those interested can register by [clicking on this link](#).



You are invited to join our community to pray the Rosary during the month of October
The Family educators from the Ashfield-Olympic park Network are hosting a weekly prayer group on Thursday evening at 7:30pm, via zoom, commencing Thursday 7th of October. The link to the zoom event is below. If you require any further information, please contact Giovanna Conti the Family Educator at St Anne's via email: giovanna.conti@syd.catholic.edu.au

Link to Weekly Rosary <https://scscatholic.zoom.us/j/65317311082>

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS (FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS)

This will recommence on 6th NOV at St Dominic's Church Flemington and every Saturday.

11 am to 3 pm approximately with Mass at 12 midday. Small donation suggested; tea and coffee provided

Any inquiries: Tony and Lorraine Grace 9642 3373; tlgrace@primusonline.com.au

ALL WELCOME

On November 11 Conversation at the Crossroads is hosting an international online event to consider the outcome of the Glasgow Climate Summit ([flyer](#)). It is crucial how well communities around the world respond to what comes out of the Summit.

Join zoom conference at 7.30pm on November 11th.

Click here to register or contact mscjust@smartchat.net.au

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON LAUNCHES SYDNEY'S RECLAIMING EVANGELISATION SERIES

Live Online, Saturday 13 November 2021, 11 AM – 12:30 PM

You are invited to attend Bishop Robert Barron's live online address to the faithful of Sydney as he launches our renewal series, 'Reclaiming Evangelisation: How Jesus' Great Commission Will Renew Our Parishes'. Bishop Barron will be speaking on the topic 'Why Make Disciples? The case for the Evangelising Mission of the Church'. The event will include Q&A and small group discussions. The Reclaiming Evangelisation series will feature a number of inspiring speakers who will lead a conversation about why and how our parishes can be renewed through seeking to live more fully the mission given to us by our Lord to call disciples, baptise them, and teach them. The series will continue in February with Dr Mary Healy, professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, and in March with Fr Jacques Philippe, author and retreat director. Limited places are available for this online Archdiocesan series.

Registrations will open soon. To be notified when registrations open sign up to the Go Make Disciples newsletter at gomakedisciples.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL FIRST ASSEMBLY RESPONSE

Following the Assembly, we are moving towards the Synod of Bishops which is a two year global consultation and will culminate in the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in October 2023. The Synod consultation will complement our journey toward the Plenary Council which concludes with the Assembly in July 2022. The Synod working group will provide a suite of Listening and Discernment Sessions for spiritual conversations. These can be undertaken in groups or individually and submitted. Our Plenary Council Working Group will also use your feedback to the Assembly Agenda in Phases One and Two and submit these as well.

Our parish has not nominated a Parish Ambassador but may like to do so for preparation for the Synod of Bishops. Please provide contact details to me at jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org. We may also like to prepare for gatherings within our parish. Information and resources for the Synod of Bishops, including the reflection guides, prayers and the Synod logo, can be found here: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>. This website will be updated regularly and we will also keep you informed. Thank you for all you are doing in support of the Plenary Council and the Synod of Bishops.

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PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL 2021

This weekend marks the start of the **Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal**. Your generosity donations support our sick and retired priests, providing them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement. To donate visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf or scan the QR Code.

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF EILEEN O'CONNOR ASSOCIATION

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is inviting Sydney Catholics to support the cause for canonisation of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor by signing up as a member of the Friends of Eileen O'Connor Association.

Association members will receive a commemorative gift to coincide with the centenary year of her death and updates on her pathway to canonisation. Eileen is best remembered for her pioneering work in co-founding Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, an organisation committed to caring for the sick poor in their own homes, which still continues today. Membership is available online [here](#).

WRITE TO YOUR NSW MP AHEAD OF EUTHANASIA VOTE

NSW Independent MP Alex Greenwich tabled his euthanasia bill in parliament last week. It is more critical than ever for parishioners to act now and voice their opposition to the proposed bill. It is particularly important for residents in this list of electorates where an MP appears to be undecided on their voting intention to write to the MP concerned. Here is [the list of the electorates](#)

The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. The tool is available here: https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw

If parishioners do not wish to use an online tool, you can download a [series of sample letters here](#), and a [letter writing guide here](#).

VOTE ON EUTHANASIA BILL DELAYED UNTIL 2022



A vote on euthanasia laws in New South Wales has been unexpectedly delayed until next year, with the bill yesterday being referred to an upper house committee.

Independent Sydney MP Alex Greenwich, who introduced the bill last week, was taken by surprise by the move, describing it as “a bit of a last-minute process in the Legislative Council”.

The proposed legislation is still expected to be debated in the lower house this year. If it passes, the bill will then be examined by the upper house's Committee on Law and Justice, which will report back by the first sitting day of 2022. However, the Government has yet to confirm when that debate will take place and is not giving consideration of the bill any priority.

Other supporters of the bill denied the move was intended to avoid a controversial debate during the early days of the new Perrottet government.

Both Premier Dominic Perrottet and Labor leader Chris Minns have indicated they will vote against the bill, but will allow a conscience vote among party members. One of the Labor co-sponsors of the bill, Adam Searle, supported the move to send the bill to a committee and said it would not slow down its passage.

FULL STORY

[Vote on NSW assisted dying bill delayed](#)

RELATED COVERAGE

[NSW voluntary assisted dying bill delayed until 2022 after referral to Upper House committee \(ABC News\)](#)

[‘What has happened behind the scenes?’: Assisted dying vote delayed until 2022 \(Sydney Morning Herald\)](#)



Source: 20 October 2021 Stephen Rice, The Australian

Washing one's hands of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless means to side with the powerful, not to be neutral.
Paulo Freire

NATIONAL MOSQUE OPEN DAY

build community



LAKEMBA MOSQUE

Virtual Tour and Build Community Panel discussion with Q&A

Saturday, 30th of October 2021 | 11am to 12pm

Register now: www.bit.ly/3AEuTA0



To register and for more information:

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