

ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 & 31 October 2021

Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:15 am

Next Monday and Tuesday: Solemnity of All Saints' 1 Nov,
Commemoration of All Souls 2 Nov, at 9.15am with doors
closing at 9.10am. **NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY (3 NOV).**

READINGS:

Deuteronomy: 6: 2 – 6
Hebrews: 7: 23 – 28
Mark: 12: 28 – 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: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.



Last Sunday afternoon children from our family of families celebrated their First Holy Communion with their immediate families due to COVID restrictions. As always it was a moment of grace or proof that the Father is with us always. It was not the clothes or lack of usual celebrations, again due to restrictions, but the fact that families had prepared their children in direct fulfillment of the promises they made at their child's Baptism. We, as the family of families of St Anne's, need to thank them, acknowledge them, and celebrate them. It is a sign that the Father continues to be with us, that our family is growing as these children fully participate in the celebration of the Mass by coming forward to receive the Body and Blood of the risen Christ. We pray that it will be the first of many times and proof of their growing knowledge of the love that the Father is. 'Rejoice and be glad.'

May the same loving Father carry you gently through the week.

Mgr Greg

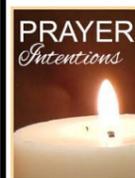
FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, especially, Holy Souls, Lorraine Grace,
Fr Renato Paras and Don Khoury

FOR OUR SICK

especially Bill Petrie, Fr P. Maher, Peter Simon,
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.

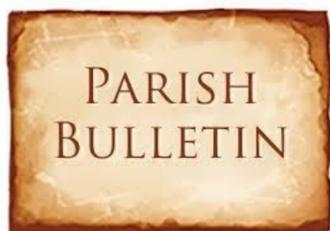
Please
Pray
for...



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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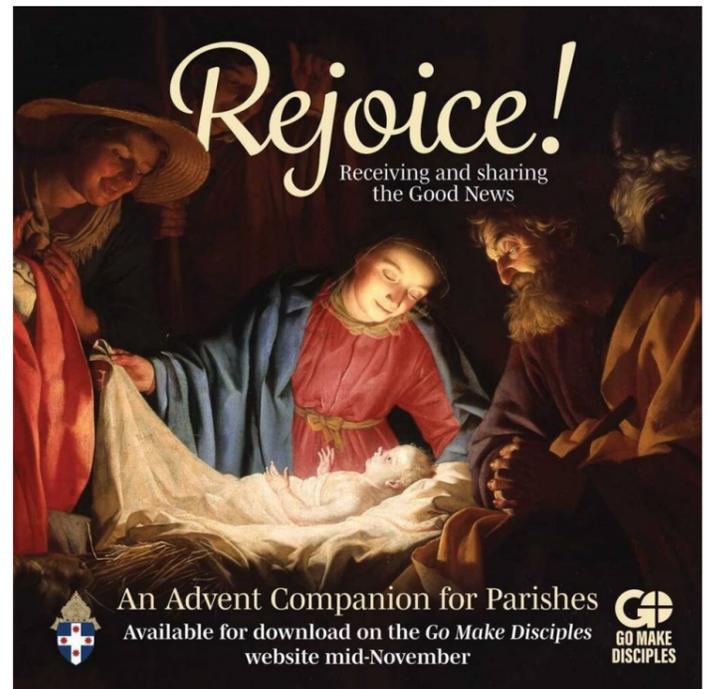
Fax: (02) 9742 6250

Website: <https://www.stastrathfield.catholic.edu.au/>

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**. The incoming priest will inform you.



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.

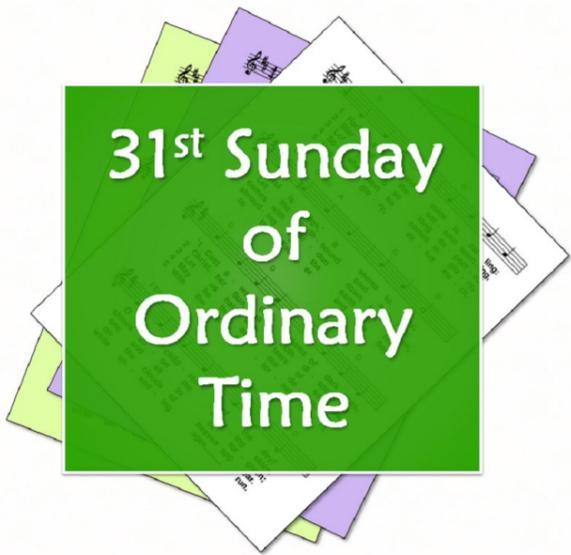
PLEASE REMEMBER AFTER MASS: Open the app and scroll to Tools, tap on COVID and then on last place visited; tick the circle to log off. Otherwise, you will be marked as being in the church until you follow this procedure.

QR CODE

for St Anne's Catholic Church,
Strathfield South

Don't forget to Check Out afterwards.





“There is no commandment greater than these”. So Jesus declares to the sincere scribe who approaches him. Jesus does not invent the pithy sayings he quotes. They were already embedded in his own Jewish tradition as well as in others. The originality of Jesus lies in two things: the personal testimony of his own unconditional love of God and neighbour, and the revelation that in him the infinite love of God has taken flesh and dwelt among us.

With good reason we could say that this twofold command – to love God with all our might and to love our neighbour as ourselves – is Jesus’ last will and testament, soon to be embodied in bread and wine. Like Matthew, but unlike Luke and Paul, Mark does not record Jesus’ own command at the Last Supper to “do this in memory of me”. In his gospel it remains unspoken. Not so in the liturgy. Every time we celebrate eucharist we repeat these words loud and clear.

But we should never imagine that when Jesus tells us to “do this in memory of me” he is just giving an instruction about what to do with bread and wine. To “do this” as he commands is to commit ourselves to love as he loved, to love God and neighbour with all our heart and mind and soul and strength. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR



All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them
—John 14:23

To love your neighbour seems simple, and yet can be the most challenging part of living faithfully. Sometimes our neighbours try our patience. In an era of increasing polarisation, it feels harder to see ourselves as a community of neighbours. But to love your neighbour as yourself means to see people from all walks of life as being as worthy of dignity and compassion as you are. The challenge in today’s Gospel is that to love your neighbour is to live out your faith in all the interactions, conversations, and even arguments you have with others. That you do so in the knowledge that God is within all of us, and in loving your neighbour, you love God.

Source: pray.com.au

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

 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>

ABANDONING YEMEN?

United Nations Human Rights Council action silences Yemeni victims of human rights abuses.

Kathy Kelly Dissident Voice October 13, 2021 Monday, October 11, marked the official closure of the U.N. Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen (also known as the Group of Experts or GEE). For nearly four years, this investigative group examined alleged human rights abuses suffered by Yemenis whose basic rights to food, shelter, safety, health care and education were horribly violated, all while they were bludgeoned by Saudi and U.S. air strikes, drone attacks, and constant warfare since 2014.

Prior to the vote, there were indications that Saudi Arabia and its allies, such as Bahrain (which sits on the U.N. Human Rights Council), had increased lobbying efforts worldwide in a bid to do away with the Group of Experts. Actions of the Saudi-led coalition waging war against Yemen had been examined and reported on by the Group of Experts. Last year, the Saudi bid for a seat on the Human Rights Council was rejected, but Bahrain serves as its proxy.

Bahrain is a notorious human rights violator and a staunch member of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia-led coalition which buys billions of dollars worth of weaponry from the United States and other countries to bomb Yemen’s infrastructure, kill civilians, and displace millions of people.

The Group of Experts was mandated to investigate violations committed by all warring parties. So it’s possible that the Ansar Allah leadership, often known as the Houthis, also wished to avoid the group’s scrutiny. The Group of Experts’ mission has come to an end, but the fear and intimidation faced by Yemeni victims and witnesses continues.

Read more : <https://dissidentvoice.org/2021/10/abandoning-yemen/#more-122181>

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*. During this first talk of the series, Bishop Barron will be speaking on the topic 'Why Make Disciples? The Case for the Evangelising Mission of the Church'.

The Reclaiming Evangelisation series will continue in 2022, featuring 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.

Register at gomakedisciples.org.au Enquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

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.

Your parish may wish to nominate an Parish Ambassador for preparation for the Synod of Bishops. Please provide contact details to me at jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org

You may like to prepare for gatherings within your 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. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for all you are doing in support of the Plenary Council and the Synod of Bishops.

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A priest is called to a Catholic nursing home in Sydney to talk to a man who is thinking of marrying one of the other residents.

"Do you love her?" the priest asked.

The old man replied, "I guess so."

Is she a good Catholic woman?"

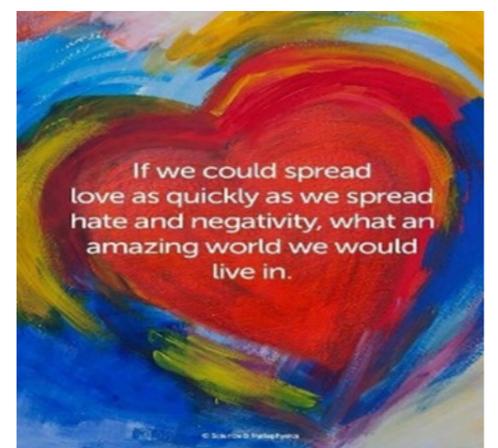
"That I don't know."

"Does she have lots of money?"

The old man scratched his head. "I doubt it."

Confused, the priest then asked, "Then why in God's name are you marrying her?"

"She can still drive at night."



Give it a crack and see what happens. And if you fail... celebrate, because at least you know you're sailing near the edge of your capacity! ‘

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PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL 2021

Last weekend marked 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](#).

CATHOLIC SECTOR SAYS NET ZERO PLAN WON'T PROTECT POOR FAMILIES



Catholic Social Services Australia says low-income families should take little comfort from the Morrison Government's Net Zero 2050 plan, which remains silent on how electricity prices will be pushed down for those struggling to meet power bills.

CSSA chair Francis Sullivan said that while Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Energy Minister Angus Taylor are "doing somersaults" spruiking the protections for mine workers, people on low incomes will continue to struggle to cover the most basic of bills, electricity.

"What we haven't seen in the net zero plan is how the Government intends to protect disadvantaged families and communities who are sure to be left behind if, as the Prime Minister says, 'the market' will provide all the answers to our climate change problems," Mr Sullivan said.

"As we have seen for decades 'the market' has very little concern for the underprivileged and the disadvantaged. "We know for a fact and from generations of experience that when it comes to sharing the benefits of market driven changes the underprivileged are always left behind."

Mr Sullivan said the Government's plan fails to address the need for large scale energy efficiency programs for social housing or rental stock that would drive down energy prices and benefit the environment.

FULL STORY [Government Net Zero plan has little for low income families](#)

Source: Catholic Social Services Australia) - 29 October 2021



1 November

Solemnity of All Saints (This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ; known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.) **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

2 November

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) (This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls Day, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need for pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory 'who have been buried in their human imperfection'.) **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

2 November

International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists

4 November

Day of Prayer for Anglican-Roman Catholic Reconciliation

5 November

World Tsunami Awareness Day

6 November

International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

9 November

Opening of the Berlin Wall in 1989

21 November

MORNING TEA after 10 am MASS on Sunday 21 November . All are invited.