

ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 & 14 November 2021

Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:15 am **doors close at 9.10**

HOLY WATER

is now permitted under the lessening of restrictions.

NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY THIS WEEK

READINGS:

Daniel: 12: 1 – 13
Hebrews: 10: 11 – 14, 18
Mark: 13: 21 – 36

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: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia !

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



Last Sunday, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. The candidates from our local state primary could not attend because apparently they were isolating due to a COVID incident at the school. Sadly, they will have to wait until Fr Cichy is able to arrange a date for their celebration. Confirmation follows on from Baptism, when parent (especially) made promises on behalf of their child to bring them up in the knowledge of God and practice of the faith. Through Confirmation the candidates receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit to begin to take responsibility for their own faith journey. It is another sign of growth in our family of families. We pray in gratitude for these parents (and godparents) and for the candidates that will fully participate in the life and faith of our family of families.

May our Father carry you gently through the week.

Mgr Greg

Please
Pray
for...

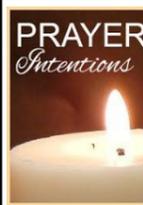


FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, especially, Holy Souls

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.



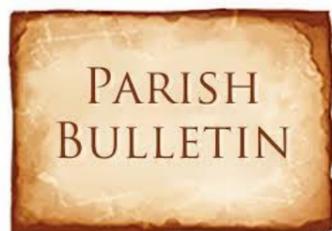
Should you have any prayer requests that you would like our families of families to pray for, please send them to the Parish Office on: stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com

CONTACT WITH PARISH OFFICE [\(stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com\)](mailto: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.



FR JACEK CICHY has been appointed to this family of families as Administrator (at least for the time being). He commences his duties on the week beginning 22 November.



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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RETURNING TO MASS AFTER LOCKDOWN

You may want to check whether you have your envelopes for this FY. Some are available at the back of the Church for a short time. If not there, send an email:

Attention: Janelle

stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com.

Janelle works Tuesdays only.

We are most grateful for your continued generosity.

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 2 sqm rule, and masks must be worn in church. COVID Check-in is also required** via the Service NSW App or a written record.
3. Hand sanitising is still strongly recommended.
4. **If all those present are vaccinated**, the permitted number for weddings and funerals will be 100 (but subject to the 4 sqm rule).
5. **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.)
6. **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).
7. **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:

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

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.

Parish Covid-Safe Plan





No previous generation has lived with the consciousness that human beings are capable of destroying the planet. Fear of nuclear conflagration may have receded somewhat from our minds, only to be replaced by anxiety about the potentially catastrophic implications of climate change. The truth is that, even if the global community were able to disarm these threats, we believers would still live our lives in constant expectation of an end. What makes us different is our belief that the ultimate end will be a godsend, a blessing, a completion.

When and how the end will come, either for us personally or for the whole of creation, lies beyond our sight. The Bible doesn't give us scientific information like this. Instead it uses vivid imagery and colourful language to warn of chaos on a cosmic scale. This is not meant to frighten us. On the contrary it's to convince us that whatever upheaval lies ahead our individual and global destinies are in God's hands. The horizon against which we live is one of hope. Our task is to let this hope liberate us to put all our energies to work for the well-being of the world.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane



'COMPASSION NEVER KILLS' Rally

**THURSDAY
18 NOVEMBER 2021
4PM - 6PM**

MEET ON GRASS AREA BEHIND NSW STATE LIBRARY

JOIN US TO SAY NO TO STATE SANCTIONED SUICIDE!
THIS IS A COVID SAFE EVENT
ONLY 1000 DOUBLE VACCINATED PEOPLE CAN ATTEND

REGISTER HERE

DRESS CODE: Something red

NOW IS THE TIME TO STAND UP FOR OUR VULNERABLE TO STOP THIS LAW

This rally is supported by Right to Life NSW, FamilyVoice Australia, Rev Fred Nile, Christian Democratic Party, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Anglican Diocese of Sydney, Evangelicals for Life, Australian Christian Lobby, Maronite Diocese of Australia, GenLife ND, LifeChoice and our faithful supporters. Enquires ---- office@righttolifensw.org.au

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](#).



Two retired Catholic military chaplains living in a home for elderly priests had spent their lives in service to God and Australia, one in the Australian army, the other the Royal Australian Navy. They were sitting around the parlour having a cup of tea one day and having a good-natured argument about who had had the tougher time.

The army chaplain proudly said, "I did 30 years with the army. I trudged along the Kokoda Trail with my men, clawed my way up the steep mountains and prayed side by side with them as they fought the Japanese. I was then in Korea freezing with the Aussie troops in the 1950s and the following decade I went to Vietnam, where I had to crawl through thick mud and razor grass for 14 hours a day, plagued by rain and mosquitoes. I also had to duck sniper fire all day and mortar shells at night. It was hell on earth!"

"So," said the old navy chaplain with a dismissive wave of his hand, "all shore leave duty, eh?"

**SATURDAY
20 NOV
10AM-12PM**

SYDNEY III CENTRE for EVANGELISATION

ONLINE RETREAT FOR SACRAMENTAL COORDINATORS

A time for prayer, spiritual nourishment and to hear two prominent speakers on evangelisation.

Where: Via Zoom. Register below.

First witnesses of the Faith to children
Fr Danny Meagher
Parish Priest

Evangelisers in the Sacraments of Faith
Daniel Ang
Director of Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

Registration: <https://forms.gle/H3GuxY63Fwjx5iKD8>



CWF PARISH APPEAL

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held next weekend. Your generous donations will help those most vulnerable in Sydney, with crisis pregnancy support, telecare counselling, support for the deaf and hard of hearing, pastoral support for our Aboriginal communities, and care for children needing foster care, among many other things.



Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

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



ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY'S NEWSLETTER



I wrote to you earlier in the week about euthanasia and assisted suicide laws currently before NSW Parliament. It is possible that debate on these laws will begin as early as tomorrow.

When it comes to calls for euthanasia, I get it, I really do. A few years ago I was close to death. I had a severe case of Guillain-Barré syndrome and was totally paralysed from the neck down. I was in terrible pain. I was powerless to feed or wash myself. I was a burden on others and didn't want to be. I spent five months in hospital alongside others. I know the humiliations and the temptations of serious illness. I hear the cry: "They shoot horses, don't they?"

Still, I don't think the lethal jab is the way to go.

DEFEND LIFE NOW

We can do better for human beings than killing them.

We already have too much violence and abuse in our community, some of it lethal: violent crime, domestic violence, child abuse, abuse of people with disabilities, abuse of the elderly in nursing homes, coward punches outside bars, suicide and other examples of self-harm. We should do nothing that normalises killing or neglect, whether of the young or elderly, the able or disabled, the depressed or lonely, the living or the dying.

Surely it is not beyond the wit of human beings to find a better way to deal with suffering.

As someone who has experienced the pain and humiliation of serious illness, I need you to speak up for life.

Please take a moment to fill in this online form and express your opposition to the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021*.

Anthony Fisher, OP

RALLY FOR LIFE - 18 NOVEMBER 2021

Don't Miss Out: This Saturday Bishop Robert Barron speaks to Sydney's faithful

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

Register online [here](#) to join the conversation about why and how our parishes can be renewed.

REGISTER HERE



THREAT OF 'BY-ELECTION BLITZ' IF VOTE DELAYED

A New South Wales MP says delaying a vote on euthanasia could see it become a by-election issue as high-profile lobby groups launch a major campaign to back the proposed bill. Well-resourced groups Go Gentle and Dying with Dignity will today launch a series of full-page advertisements in newspapers ahead of debate on the bill that begins on Friday. The groups have warned that if a vote on the bill, introduced by independent Sydney MP Alex Greenwich, is delayed into the new year, they are prepared to launch a “major by-election blitz”. Five c, including in four Coalition-held seats, are expected to be held in February after a host of resignations, including that of former premier Gladys Berejiklian.



Bega MP Andrew Constance, who plans to resign from his seat to run for preselection in the federal seat of Gilmore, said he would stay in the NSW Parliament this year in order to vote for the bill. However, the former transport minister warned that if the bill had not been finalised, it would become an issue in a by-election in his south coast seat, where there is overwhelming support for it. However, opponents of the bill, including Corrections Minister Anthony Roberts, say the bill cannot be rushed and “needs full scrutiny”.

Premier Dominic Perrottet, who opposes the bill, said there would be time allocated on Fridays in this final sitting period for Mr Greenwich’s bill to be debated. NSW Labor leader Chris Minns has also agreed to that.

FULL STORY [Threat of byelection blitz if assisting dying vote delayed](#)

Source: 10 November 2021 - Alexandra Smith, Sydney Morning Herald

16 November
21 November
14 November

Martyrdom of Six Jesuits and two friends in El Salvador In 1989

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

Fifth World Day of the Poor

PDF resource which includes a novena for World Day of the Poor and a See-Judge-Act exercise for groups. The message from Pope Francis for the day can be found here. or here <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20210613-messaggio-v-giornatamondiale-poveri-2021.html>

20 November

Universal Children’s Day

The Children's Week National Theme for 2021 is based on UNCRC Article 15. ***Children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others.***

1959: Declaration of the Rights of the Child

1989: Convention on the Rights of the Child

We pray for the more than 650 million living women and girls who, according to UNICEF, were married as children. We are shocked and angry that, within the next decade, as many as 110 million more are expected to be married before they turn 18 – often married into domestic violence, see their schooling halted, risk death during child-birth and bear infants who have an increased risk of dying before their first month of life. Lord have mercy. We pray especially for Chad, Central African Republic and Niger, who lead the world in these human rights violations.

We pray for the G20 leaders who met recently on economics in Rome, Italy. Bring Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union to understand that God's Kin-dom demands generosity, decries stealing of our children’s futures and the injustices of extraction and greed.

21 November
25 November

Solemnity of Christ the Heart of the Universe (aka. Christ the King)

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women..

- ⇒ 1 in 3 women and girls experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, most frequently by an intimate partner.
- ⇒ Emerging data shows an increase in calls to domestic violence helplines in many countries since the outbreak of COVID-19.
- ⇒ Only 52% of women married or in a union freely make their own decisions about sexual relations, contraceptive use and health care.
- ⇒ 71% of all human trafficking victims worldwide are women and girls, and 3 out of 4 of these women and girls are sexually exploited

