

ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

20 & 21 November 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**

HOLY WATER

is now permitted under the lessening of restrictions.

READINGS:

Daniel: 7: 13 – 14
Apocalypse: 1: 5 – 8
John: 18: 33 – 37

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 is king; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David, our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

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



It is the last Sunday of the Church's year so it is appropriate that all volunteers are thanked as without their time and effort our family of families would not function. Many of the volunteers are unsung heroes as their effort often go unseen and unnoticed but we would be the poorer if that job or task were left undone. Thank you to each and every one of you. In this year of pandemic, those who taken upon themselves the disinfecting of the church is a case in point. Their efforts keep us safe and the whole community benefits. Also, this week George, because study and work commitments, will not do the weekly vacuum cleaning of our Church. Others will do this for us now.

It is time for me to leave you as Parish Priest. Lots has happened in our family of families in the four and a half years I have been with you; some heart aches and tears; many blessings have bestowed upon us. Thank you for your support, inspiration, and care. I apologise for any hurt I have caused. I will remember you in my prayers and I hope you will include me in yours occasionally.

May the Father carry you all gently. Remember the Rabbitohs!

Mgr Greg

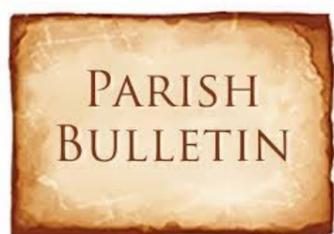
Fr Danny Meagher has been appointed by Pope Francis as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney. He will be ordained Bishop at St Mary's Cathedral on 8 December 2021 at 7pm. Please remember him in our prayers. He is likely to be appointed Bishop of our region.



CONTACT WITH PARISH OFFICE

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 Fr Jack Cichy.

FR JACK CICHY will commence his duties from next week. Weekday masses will commence from Tuesday at the usual time of 9:15 am



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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Please
Pray
for...



FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, especially, Bishop Bill Wright, Józef Karnas, John Murphy

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

The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: that's the essence of inhumanity.

George Bernard Shaw



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.stannesstrathfieldsouth.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.



Who are the “masters of the universe”? Is it those who pull the levers of the global financial markets? Is it the heads of state who command vast military forces? Is it the media moguls who control the flow of information?



In 1925 Pope Pius XI decided it was time to throw down the gauntlet to the hostile powers of the world. He established the feast of Christ the King to let the world know where ultimate authority lay. Nearly a century later the religious and secular politics of the world have changed radically, yet we still dare to claim that love conquers all, and none have loved and ever will love like Jesus Christ.

This is the power that reaches deep into our hearts and extends to the farthest reaches of the universe. This is the kingdom of Christ, as the Preface declares:

an eternal and universal kingdom,
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

ADVENT IS FAST APPROACHING

The time of Advent is a period of waiting. Christians wait for the most important birth in history.

Two elderly ladies had been friends for decades. During their long friendship they had shared many activities and adventures together. Of late, however, their activities had been limited to playing cards a few times a week where they reside at St Mary’s retirement home.

One day, one woman looked at her friend and said, “Now please be patient with me and don’t get mad. I know we’ve been friends for a long time but for the life of me I can’t remember your name. I’ve racked my brain and I have no clue what your name is.”

Her friend glared at for at least three minutes before finally replying. “How soon do you need to know?”



BECOME A CATECHIST OR HELPER IN 2022

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools.

Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022.

Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools.

Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

"Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done"- Rose

Too often people are brought up with a wrong concept of God and their reaction to (him) is one of fear or apprehension. This can take many years to break down. The simple thought that God loves me, and the words used to describe human love such as warmth, intensity, strong, unreserved, all have a meaning in describing God’s love. It is quite literally true that no one can, or will ever, love me more than God does; nor will any experience of mine ever, even in the dimmest way, reflect God’s love for me. There are no limits to God. We are, as we go through life, like lovers in search of the Beloved. That is the only way to try to understand our response to God’s love for us.

We are lovers in search of the Beloved, simply because (he) is in search of each one of us and sees each one of as his Beloved.

Cardinal Basil Hume
osb The Mystery of Love

CWF PARISH APPEAL

The **next** Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held **THIS 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



LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS 2021, ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL FORECOURT, 9-25 DECEMBER

Join in Sydney’s favourite free Christmas tradition, uniting families, locals and tourists with a display of digital storytelling projected on-to St Mary’s Cathedral.

Find out more: <https://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>

THREE PARADIGMS OF CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE—TIME TO MAKE A CLEAR CHOICE

Bharat Dogra *Countercurrents* November 13, 2021

The present world is a world based on high levels of glaring *inequality, domination, violence and injustice (IDVI)*, all these four serious problems being related to each other at various levels and responsible for most of the distress. Such a world is now additionally faced by a very serious threat of climate change (and other related environmental problems) which even endangers life nurturing conditions of our planet. How should we respond to this threat?

At the risk of some simplification, *there are basically three kinds of responses that are possible.*

Firstly there is a response which seeks to resolve the crisis in ways that will also reduce significantly the related problems of IDVI. This will greatly reduce inequalities, weapons and all violence including wars. The **second response** can be on the basis of maintaining status quo regarding IDVI and somehow trying to reduce GHG emissions within the existing framework of IDVI based world, also improving adaptation to climate change to the extent possible within existing constraints. The **third response** is one in which powerful forces try to use climate change as an opportunity for further increasing their power, ruthless exploitation and suppression of others (OPRES response) while inflicting even more injustice and deprivation on common people as well as already marginalized sections.

All these three response are possible at this stage and it will be a matter of political mobilisation which will decide in what direction the world will eventually move. However it is important to understand clearly the various responses and the choices open to the world today.



Read more <https://countercurrents.org/2021/11/three-paradigms-of-climate-change-response-time-to-make-a-clear-choice/>

21 November

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to the rise of totalitarianism. It celebrates Christ's reign over the human race and human hearts. The feast emphasises God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's eschatological return and final sovereignty over all creation. This last theme is continued during Advent.)

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

25 November

United Nations International Day to promote the Elimination of Violence against Women

In 1999, the UN General Assembly declared 25 November as the International Day for the Eradication of Violence against Women. Gender-based violence knows no colour and nationality. It devastates lives and fractures communities, impeding development in every nation. In every country in the world, the well-being, promise and gifts of millions of women and girls are destroyed by violence. The first International Day was marked in 2000 and an important focus of the day is to encourage the role of men in championing non-violence. The symbol of the day is a white ribbon, to be worn by men for the whole day as a statement that they support the campaign to stop men's violence against women.



***Feminism is
the radical notion
that women
are people'***



Violence against women is perhaps the most shameful human rights violation. It knows no boundaries of geography, culture or wealth. As long as it continues, we cannot claim to be making real progress towards equality, development, and peace.

Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary-General

29 November

UN International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

29 November

Death of Dorothy Day, Found of the Catholic Worker Movement, 1980

29 November

Meeting of Pope John Paul II with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, Alice Springs, 1986

1 December

World AIDS Day

- ⇒ 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

