

# ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 & 7 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:

Kings: 17: 10 – 16  
Hebrews: 9 : 24 – 28  
Mark: 12: 38 – 44

## 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: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia !

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



This weekend candidates and their families gather to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St Anne's. The candidates will renew their Baptismal promises so proclaim their faith amid the community and receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit to assist them with commencing being responsible for their own faith journey. It is another time of faith and grace within our family of families. Please pray for them and their families that all will experience the work of the Holy Spirit among us.

Diwali is a festival of light and the conquering of goodness over evil. It is celebrated by the south Asian families among us and lasts five days. The Hindus, Jain, Sikhs, and some Buddhists join in the celebration. One of the marks of the celebration is adorning the house in lights. Do not forget to wish them: "Happy Diwali!"

Lastly, one must admire the HSC students among us who have had a fractured year. Despite this most are looking forward the commencement of the exams on 9<sup>th</sup> November. We salute them and wish them and their families well.

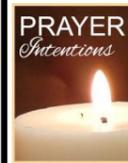
*Mgr Greg*

## FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, especially, Holy Souls, Lorraine Grace

## 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

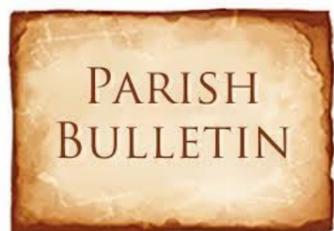


Should you have any prayer requests that you would like our families of families to pray for, please send them to the Parish Office on: [stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com](mailto:stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com)

## 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 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](mailto: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)

### 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](mailto:stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com).

Janelle works Tuesdays only.

We are most grateful for your continued generosity.

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.





Within a decade after the end of the Second Vatican Council an astonishing array of liturgical rites had been revised and adopted. Among them was the marriage rite. There may be room for regret that the new ceremony did not keep the exhortation that used to be read. Here's a tiny excerpt that speaks about self-sacrificing love in marriage, concluding with a quote in archaic language. It's worth wondering how its wisdom relates to the daring generosity of the two widows we encounter in today's readings, along with Jesus himself.

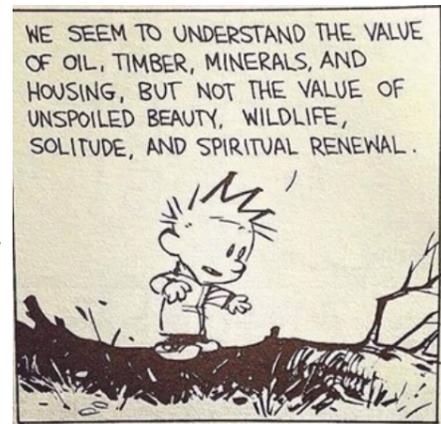
"Henceforth you will belong entirely to each other; you will be one in mind, one in heart, and one in affections. And whatever sacrifices you may hereafter be required to make to preserve this common life, always make them generously. Sacrifice is usually difficult and irksome. Only love can make it easy; and perfect love can make it a joy. . . God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son; and the Son so loved us that He gave Himself for our salvation. 'Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends'".

*Source: Liturgy Brisbane*

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION**

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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](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf) or scan the QR Code.



- 9 November **Opening of the Berlin Wall in 1989**
- 11 November **Restorative Justice Week commences.** Restorative justice emphasises repairing the harm caused by crime. When victims, offenders and community members meet to decide how to do that, the results can be transformational. To see how this approach is changing all aspects of criminal justice.
- 11 November **Remembrance (Armistice) Day**, commemorating the end of the First World War in 1918.
- 12 November **Dili Massacre** [Santa Cruz Cemetery] Timor Leste in 1991 where more than 271 people were killed
- 13 November **Death of Karen Silkwood** in 1975 as she was *en route* to a meeting at which she planned to expose unsafe practices in a US nuclear facility.
- 16 November **Martyrdom of Six Jesuits and two friends in El Salvador** In 1989
- 21 November **MORNING TEA** after 10 am MASS on Sunday 21 November . All are invited.

**POSITION VACANT**

Parish Secretary, St Columba's Parish, Leichhardt North. 15 hours per week ideally Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. For further information contact:

Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055.  
Applications close 11 November 2021

**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](#).

**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>

## SUPPORT FOR THE HOUSE OF WELCOME

The House of Welcome works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen. HoW has increased the Emergency Living Package program by 216% to respond to the amplified levels of distress and hardship amongst their clients. In the last few months House of Welcome has delivered emergency assistance and been able to support clients to maintain their tenancies and assisted those who have come to the centre homeless. There are a number of ways that you can help such as donating to the Emergency Relief Package or donate staple food items to the House of Welcome foodbank.

‘You are not entitled to your opinion. You are entitled to your informed opinion. No one is entitled to be ignorant.’  
**Harlan Ellison**

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 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Click here to register or contact [msecjust@smartchat.net.au](mailto:msecjust@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](http://gomakedisciples.org.au) Enquiries: [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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 a Parish Ambassador for preparation for the Synod of Bishops. Please provide contact details to me at [jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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 punter who frequented Flemington in Spring was ill and couldn’t go to the races. He sent a friend around to his doctor to ask him to come by for a home consultation. However, the punter was surprised when a different doctor arrived. Afterwards, he asked his friend what had happened and why his usual doctor didn’t turn up.

The friend said, “Well, there were a lot of brass plates on the doors at the doctor’s surgery and when I got to the number you gave me it said ‘Consultations 11-12’. But the one next door was offering ‘Consultations 10-1’ and I knew you’d want the one with the best odds.”

## **BEING A CHILD IN YEMEN IS THE STUFF OF NIGHTMARES**

Vijay Prashad *Dissident Voice* October 28, 2021

In March 2015, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates – along with other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) – began to bomb Yemen. These countries entered a conflict that had been ongoing for at least a year as a civil war escalated between the government of President Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi, the Ansar Allah movement of the Zaidi Shia, and al-Qaeda. The GCC – led by the Saudi monarchy – wanted to prevent any Shia political project, whether aligned with Iran or not, from taking power along Saudi Arabia’s border. The attack on Yemen can be described, therefore, as an attack by the Sunni monarchs against the possibility of what they feared would be a Shia political project coming to power on the Arabian Peninsula.

That war has continued, with the Saudis and the Emiratis backed fully by the Western countries, who have sold them billions of dollars of weapons to use against the impoverished Yemeni people. Saudi Arabia, the richest Arab country, has now been at war for the past six and a half years without much gain against Yemen, the poorest Arab country. Meanwhile, Yemen, which has a population of 30 million, has lost over 250,000 people to this conflict, half of them to the violence of war and half of them to the violence of starvation and disease, including cholera. None of the military or political aims of the Saudis and the Emiratis have been attained during the course of the war (the UAE withdrew in 2020). ***The only outcome of this war has been devastation for the Yemeni people.***

On 19 October, UNICEF spokesperson James Elder briefed the press in Geneva after his return from Yemen. He wrote, ‘*The Yemen conflict has just hit another shameful milestone: 10,000 children have been killed or maimed since fighting started in March 2015. That’s the equivalent of four children every day*’. Elder’s report is shocking. ***Of the 15 million people (50% of Yemen’s population) who do not have access to basic facilities, 8.5 million are children.*** In August, UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore told the UN General Assembly, ‘*Being a child in Yemen is the stuff of nightmares.*’ ‘In Yemen,’ Fore said, ‘*one child dies every ten minutes from preventable causes, including malnutrition and vaccine-preventable diseases.*’

This, friends, is the cost of war. War is an affliction, hideous in its outcomes. Rarely can one turn to history and point a finger at a war that was worth the price. Even if a list of such wars could be made, Yemen would not figure on it, nor would so many countries which have bled for other people’s failures of imagination. The war in Yemen is not only driven by the country’s internal politics; it is also largely a result of the terrible regional rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

**Read more** <https://dissidentvoice.org/2021/10/being-a-child-in-yemen-is-the-stuff-of-nightmares/#more-122677>

## **POPE, CARDINAL PAROLIN URGE WORLD LEADERS TO ACT**



As the United Nations Climate Change Conference began, Pope Francis and Cardinal Pietro Parolin urged world leaders to take action in stemming the adverse effects of climate change. Addressing pilgrims gathered in St Peter’s Square on Sunday, the Pope called on Christians to pray “so that the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor might be heard”.

As world leaders gathered in Glasgow, Scotland, for the conference known as COP26, he also said he hoped it “might provide efficacious responses, offering concrete hope to future generations.”

Cardinal Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, was leading the Holy See delegation to the COP26 summit. In an interview October 30 with *Vatican News*, Cardinal Parolin said the need to address climate change is a “cultural challenge to promote the common good and a change of outlook that will set human dignity at the centre of every action”.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown a need for a “change of direction” in addressing the climate crisis by strengthening “the covenant between human beings and the natural environment, with particular concern for the most vulnerable peoples,” he said.

While recent data regarding the efforts of the international community to combat climate change indicate a lack of “clear political will,” he said, a serious change of direction must involve everyone, especially young people. “In the words of the appeal signed by the religious leaders: ‘We have inherited a garden: we must not leave a desert to our children,’” Cardinal Parolin said, quoting representatives who gathered with the Pope at the Vatican in early October to rally support for real action.

FULL STORY [Pope, Cardinal Parolin call for concrete action at COP26 summit](#)

**Source: Junno Arocho Esteves, CNS - 3 November 2021**