

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Baptism of the Lord

8 & 9 January 2022

## Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am  
Tuesday - Saturday: 9:15 am

Reconciliation is on Saturdays after the 9:15 mass  
Baptisms, marriages and funerals by appointment.

**PLEASE NOTE: NEW TIMES HAVE COME INTO EFFECT**

## SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah 40:1 -5, 9 - 11  
Titus 2:11-14; 3: 4 - 7  
Luke 3: 15 - 16, 21 - 22

## 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:

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!



In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies **the end of the Christmas season**. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. This event is documented in all the gospels except John.

*Source: nationalshrine*

## 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 Jacek Cichy.

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Pray  
for...

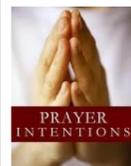


### FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, Fr Michael Butler

### FOR OUR SICK

especially Bill Petrie, Fr P. Maher,  
Peter Simon, Tony Grace, Frank  
Zerafa, 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 below email address.

### MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:

Mass Intention Envelopes are available at the Church entrance.

A very warm welcome to all who are visiting our family of families of St Anne's. It is good to have you with us. Currently we are providing a small number of hard copies of the bulletin; we will continue to offer the electronic bulletin. Please continue to provide your thoughts on the Bulletin, its content and what form you prefer. If you know of anyone who is not receiving the bulletin and would like to, encourage them to contact the Parish Office via the email address below.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our family of families, please contact Fr Jacek on the email address above. We welcome your suggestions and enquires, including feedback about the bulletin.



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## AUSTRALIA DAY MORNING TEA



Please join us on the green outside the church in celebrating Australia Day after mass on Wednesday, 26 January 2022. Stay for a sausage sizzle and take the opportunity to stop for a break from commitments and have a chat.



All parishioners, families and friends welcome ... the more the merrier!

### POSITIONS VACANT

Province Bookkeeper, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Coogee. 3 days per week ideally Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. For further information contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055.



### PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish Website is currently “under construction”.

My apologies for the inconvenience.

Because we fear the responsibility for our actions, we have allowed ourselves to develop the mentality of slaves. Contrary to the stirring sentiments of the Declaration of Independence, we now pledge ‘our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor’ not to one another for our mutual protection, but to the state, whose actions continue to exploit, despoil, and destroy us.  
***Butler D. Shaffer***

### **To love. To be loved.**

To never forget your own insignificance.  
To never get used to the unspeakable violence and the vulgar disparity of life around you. To seek joy in the saddest places.

To pursue beauty to its lair. To never simplify what is complicated or complicate what is simple. To respect strength, never power. Above all, to watch. To try and understand. To never look away. And never, never to forget.

— Arundhati Roy

### Are you studying law?

CatholicCare has an exciting volunteer opportunity for a Law student to gain experience by supporting a solicitor to provide advice on consent matters, record keeping and conflicts of interest.

If you are interested in this opportunity to volunteer with us for one day a week, please call 13 18 19 or email [volunteers@catholiccare.org](mailto:volunteers@catholiccare.org)

To learn more

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## COVID-19

Places of worship are now open subject to a one per 2 metre square distance.

Under the Public Health Orders, we are required to check in either by QR code or manual sign in. Masks are now compulsory and required to be worn by anyone over the age of 12 years old. Masks are required to be worn until at least 27 January 2022. Hand sanitisers will remain in the Church to keep practising good hand hygiene. As we learn to live with the Covid virus in our community we strongly ask you not to attend the Church if you are unwell or have any symptoms.

Prior to entering the church, please do the following:

1. Open the Service NSW app.
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**





In two distinct ways the feast of the Baptism of the Lord serves as a bridge. Firstly, it doubles up as the concluding feast of the Christmas season and as the First Sunday of Ordinary Time. Secondly, and much more significantly, it highlights a dramatic transition in Jesus' life. All three synoptic gospels identify Jesus' baptism as the event which plucks him out of obscurity and impels him into public ministry.

More's the pity that this feast- like that of the Holy Family and of the Epiphany – occurs during the Australian summer holiday season. Not one of the gospel stories from these festivals is ever read on another Sunday, except on the rare occasion when the feast of the Presentation of the Lord falls on a Sunday. The gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism are brief but rich in meaning. They reveal him as God's beloved Son and envoy; they provoke us to a fresh awareness of the mission to which we are called as the baptised. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Today, January 9th, is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord in the liturgical calendar. It is also the last day of the Christmas season.

Celebrations of the Lord's baptism first appeared in the east. On January 2nd, the date of the winter solstice, the Church there commemorated the Epiphany, or manifestation, of Christ. Unlike the Western Church, which focussed its celebration of the coming of Christ solely on his nativity, the feast in the Eastern Church recognised three aspects of the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God: his birth, his baptism by John in the Jordan, and his first miracle at the wedding feast in Cana.

In Luke's account of the baptism of Christ which is read this year, John begins by announcing that he himself is not the Messiah: "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming (who) will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Water is still the central symbol in the celebration of baptism. Water signifies washing. We are weak human beings, prone to sin. God's mercy and grace alone can wash us clean of our sinfulness. Because water is essential to all life, the water of baptism also symbolises the life-giving grace that sustains those who have become children of God.

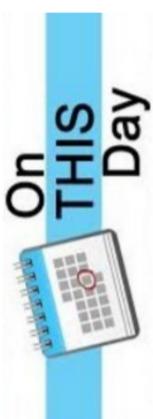
Using the first option given in the Rite of Baptism of immersing in water, rather than simply pouring water, allows the symbol to speak more powerfully. As the candidate enters the waters of the font, he or she goes back into the womb, so to speak, to be reborn to new life in the Spirit. Immersion also suggests dying and rising. As Christ died, was buried in the tomb and was raised to new life, the candidate too goes down into the tomb in baptism, dies to sin and rises to new life in Christ.

Another important symbol in the celebration of baptism is the presence of the Christian community which gathers to welcome a new member. Baptism is not a private family occasion; it involves incorporation into the Body of Christ, being made a part of the community of faith. The Rite of Baptism recommends celebrating baptism during Sunday Mass so that the whole community can be present and to show the relationship between baptism and eucharist.

Oil is used twice in baptism. First the breast is smeared with the oil of catechumens as a sign of healing and strengthening. Afterwards the head is anointed with perfumed chrism as a sign of gladness and thanksgiving. The white garment with which the newly baptised is then clothed symbolises being enveloped by Christ and is "the outward sign of Christian dignity".

A baptismal candle is lit from the paschal candle beside the font and presented to the new member as an image of the light of Christ. It is to be "kept burning brightly" and lit again on significant anniversaries and sacramental moments.

In the opening prayer of Mass today we renew our baptismal commitment: "Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling". **Source: Elizabeth Harrington, Liturgy Brisbane**



9 January The Baptism of the Lord (Drawing from the Eastern tradition of Epiphany, the West has remembered the baptism of the Lord on the octave of the Epiphany since the eighth century. Formally introduced into the Roman calendar in 1960 on the Sunday after the Epiphany, it now concludes the Christmas season. Commemorates the revelation of Jesus as God's beloved Son, the Christ, anointed by the Spirit.) **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

15 January Birth of St Mary MacKillop in Fitzroy, Victoria (1842)  
15 January Birth of Martin Luther King Jnr. King fought for the freedom, equality and dignity of people of all races. He was also an outstanding advocate of non-violent resistance.

**MASS TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SERVANT OF GOD,  
EILEEN O'CONNOR.**

**Date: Monday 10 January**

**Time: 11:00 am**

**Principal Celebrant: Bishop Terry Brady**

Due to COVID concerns, Mass will only be available as a Livestream from Our Lady's Home, Coogee and there will not be an opportunity to pray this year at Eileen's tomb.

Livestreamed from Our Lady's Home in Coogee: [www.eileenconnor.com.au](http://www.eileenconnor.com.au)

Visitors to the homepage can click on a link which will then send them to the Archdiocese of Sydney YouTube channel where they can watch the Mass.



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Drawing on the experience and insights from not for profit and government organisations; CatholicCare Sydney, Catholic Healthcare, Grief Care, Australian Catholic Super and NSW Trustee & Guardian, Ageing Well provides practical advice and support to help you navigate some of the issues around ageing, along with information about services available in your local area.

Delivered as a series of masterclasses, Age Well covers everything you need to know from staying connected to community, diet and exercise, navigating the many choices around ageing support, why mental health matters as we age and financial and legal planning.

Ageing Well masterclasses are due to begin in February 2022 and will be held in casual, non-judgemental community forums in Liverpool, Haberfield and Lidcombe.

If you or someone you know are interested in coming along, please visit [catholiccare.org/ageingwell](http://catholiccare.org/ageingwell) and enter your details to receive an invitation.

**RECLAIMING EVANGELISATION SERIES CONTINUES WITH DR MARY HEALY**

**LIVE ONLINE, SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2022, 10 – 11:30 AM**

You are invited to attend Dr Mary Healy's live online address to the faithful of Sydney on the topic 'Why Make Disciples? What Scripture tells us about calling and forming disciples.' Dr Mary Healy is a professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, as well as an accomplished author and international speaker. Places limited. Registrations essential via [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)

**SUMMER NIGHTS, YOUTH RETREAT,  
12-15 JANUARY 2022**

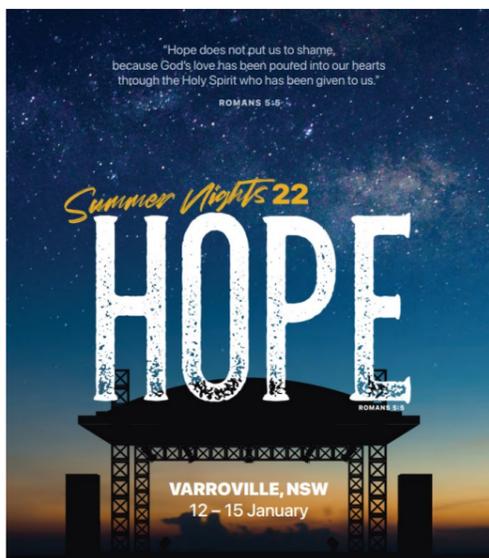
Summer Nights is a four day non-live in retreat experience held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville. In the picturesque grounds enjoy an outdoor event including friends, fellowship, prayer & worship, excellent speakers, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, music & dramas, powerful encounters with God. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community. From 12 – 15 January 2022. Ages 16-35.

[www.summerschool.org.au/summernights](http://www.summerschool.org.au/summernights).



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All information and training will be provided



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