

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 & 30 January 2022

Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

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

Reconciliation - Saturdays from 9:45 am
Baptisms, marriages and funerals - by appointment only.

SUNDAY READINGS:

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13
Luke 4:21-30

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 will sing of your salvation .

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!




MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK is celebrated on the 1st Saturday of each month at 9.15am. The next one will be celebrated on Saturday, 5th February.
ALL ARE WELCOME

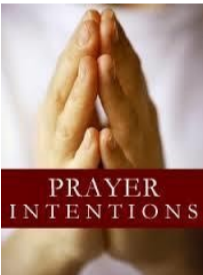


WELCOME
We welcome the staff, families and pupils returning to our school this coming week. May all have a happy and successful academic year.

Please Pray for...



FOR OUR DEAD
Holy Souls, Quinto & Andreina Forner, Betty Forner, Zvonko Stanuga
FOR OUR SICK
especially D Morgan, B Petrie, Fr P. Maher, P Simon, T Grace, F Zerafa, Mgr John Usher, Mgr Brian Raynor, Frs M Kelly, F Coorey, P Foley, D Coffey, and D 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.

A special thank you to Peter one of our parishioners who has updated the black notice board at the main entrance to the church.

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 all suggestions and enquires.

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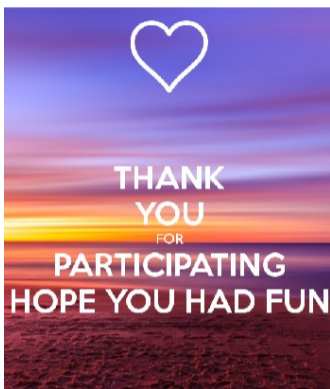
Whether Jesus coined the phrase, or whether he was quoting a popular saying of the day, the reality of prophets being rejected by their own was already long attested in the Jewish tradition. It becomes a recurring theme in Luke's gospel but with diverse connotations, variously prompting defiance, criticism, sadness and promise.

Today it's in defiance that Jesus reacts to the townsfolk who have turned against him. Later on, he will voice withering criticism of the religious leaders, accusing them of complicity in the killing of prophets (11:49-51). Later still, it's with sadness that he will recall Jerusalem's violent attacks on God's envoys (13:34).

There is an exception to these hostile exchanges. Like Matthew, Luke recalls the blessing Jesus pronounces: "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you" (6:22). But there's also a warning to complement it: "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way" (6:26).

All of which is to say that Jesus was under no illusions about the angry and fearful resistance with which human beings fight back against the truth. Nor should we.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane



Last Wednesday, Australia Day celebrations were great success: Liturgy in the church was enriched by sung hymns and music, thank you to the music ministry. After Mass we gathered for a BBQ sausage sizzle in the church grounds. Thank you for the donation of the sausages. Thanks also for the bread rolls, drinks and lamingtons. A special thank you to everyone who helped to make this event so successful. I am glad and happy that Australia Day united us in prayer and around the table of hospitality.

I would therefore like to repeat that no one is a foreigner in the Church and everyone must feel at home! To make the Church 'the home and the school of communion' is a concrete response to the expectations for justice in today's world.

Pope John Paul II, General Audience of March 21, 2001



31 January Saint John Bosco (Born in Piedmont [Italy] in 1815. Died at Turin on this day in 1888. Grew up in extreme poverty and, after ordination, devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. Founded the Salesians, men and women who continue this work with youth throughout the world. Remembered—like the order's patron, Saint Francis de Sales [24 January] - for his cheerfulness and total trust in the providence of God.) **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

1 February Term 1 at St Anne's Catholic School resumes for every class except Kindergarten

2 February The Presentation of the Lord (Feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was adopted in Rome during the seventh century. Celebrated forty days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple. Christ is "the light to enlighten all nations", and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites and carried in the entrance procession.) **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

3 February The Blessing of the Throats is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church, ordinarily celebrated on **February 3**, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste (modern Sivas, Turkey). It also celebrated in some of the Eastern Catholic Churches, and in parishes of the Anglican Communion on the same day as a commemoration. **Source: Wikipedia**



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

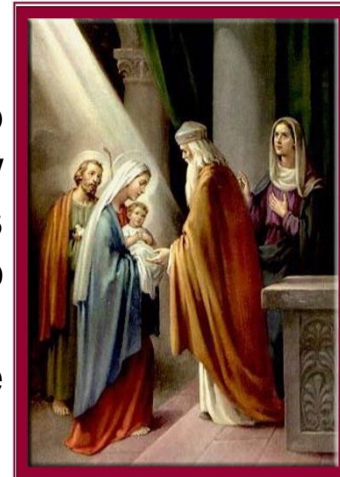
Why do we bless candles on the Presentation of the Lord?

The blessing of candles on this day recalls **Simeon's reference to the infant Jesus as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles"** (Luke 2:32).



What is the purpose of blessed candles?

Lighting a candle for someone is a way to **both extend your prayers and show solidarity with the person the prayer is being made on behalf of.** The faithful also light candles as a sign of gratitude to God for answered prayers. Many of these candles are traditionally made of beeswax, and there is a reason for this.



All-powerful Father,
Christ your Son
became man for
us
and was
presented
in the temple.
May he free our
hearts
from sin
and bring us
into your
presence.
Amen.

**MASS TIMES FOR PRESENTATION OF THE LORD AND SAINT BLAISE WILL BE
9:15 AM ON 2 & 3 FEBRUARY 2022**

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BLAISE

Blaise has been extremely popular for centuries in both the Eastern and Western Churches and many cures were attributed to him, notably that of a child who was suffocating through a fish bone being caught in his throat. In 1222 the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labour in England on his feast. He is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. He is invoked for all throat afflictions, and on his feast two candles are blessed with a prayer that God will free from all such afflictions and every ill all those who receive this blessing.



—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch



It is customary in many places to bless the throats of the faithful with two candles tied together with a red ribbon to form a cross. The rite of the blessing of throats may take place before or after Mass.

The priest or deacon places the candles around the throat of whoever seeks the blessing, using the formula: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you free from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen."

Source: CatholicCulture

LENTEN PROGRAMME: REMEMBER

Lent is not far away so our attention turns to our Lenten programme. In past years, there has been significant numbers of participants. The current COVID regulations will restrict home meetings, but that not a reason not to continue the programme. The title of the programme is Remember which will prove to be helpful in these times. It is suggested that those who want to participate consider ordering the booklet, following it alone, or perhaps join with two or three others, conscious of social distancing and hand washing, to mutually support each other. Our bulletin will try to support all with weekly messages so the programme continues appropriately. This means that we as a family of families will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of the Father through the season of Lent.

<https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/lenten-program/>



I4GIVE WEEK, 1-6 FEBRUARY

i4give Week commences with i4give Day on **1 February** and includes i4give **Sunday on 6 February**. An initiative of the i4give Foundation, and in the spirit of Jesus prayer for unity (John 17:21), i4give Sunday serves to engage all Christian churches in a shared embrace of the Christ-centred call to forgiveness. i4give Sunday presents the opportunity to engage in conversation around forgiveness and its power to heal and restore broken relationships, starting within and among churches and going out from there into the wider community.

To be part of i4give Week you can register your Parish and find resources at www.i4give.com

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

COFFEE CONVERSATIONS FOR THE SYNOD

The Synod of Bishops consultation has now commenced and parishioners are invited to gather in small groups to discuss one or more of the topics for the Synod. This is a low key discussion with responses invited to the National Team by February 27.

The Coffee Conversation leaflet will be available in parishes for interested parishioners to assist in the conversation.

If you require more information can you please contact Sr Jo Brady RSJ Plenary Council/ Synod Liaison Support Officer at jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org

APOLOGIES: WORD OF GOD

The Church in Australia will celebrate Word of God Sunday on February 6 this year.

Pope Francis, in instituting this event, set it down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (which was last weekend). However, this falls close to the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in other parts of the world. In Australia, however, a date falling at the end of January risked being lost in the Summer holidays and preparations for the return to school. Consequently, the Australian bishops have set down the first Sunday in February as Word of God Sunday.

THE 2021 NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY HAS BEGUN AND **WILL CONTINUE INTO EARLY 2022**

Due to restrictions caused by COVID-19, churches can complete their surveys until February 2022. Information on ordering surveys, why churches participate and how to sign up can be found at 2021ncls.org.au

2021 National
Church Life
Survey

1991-2021 **30**
YEARS

NCLS Research is a world leader in research focused on connecting churches and their communities. Decades of rigorous and thoughtful research has examined wellbeing, spirituality and church health. The most well known five-yearly project is called the National Church Life Survey, which has had millions of participants. Cooperating denominations, including Catholics, Anglicans and Protestants, are a network for sharing practical resources to help churches and communities.

Our parish would appreciate if everyone could to participate as the information gathered could impact on the viability of St Annes.