

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 & 16 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.

## 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.



## SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
John 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!



For 2022 let's push the boat out, out into deeper water, reaching people of all ages through the liturgy and prayer, by sharing the message, and by action for peace. **'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'** is the theme announced for **World Peace Day**. Pope Francis is inviting us to think of the role of education and upbringing in building lasting peace, and creating solidarity and dialogue between generations as a way of building peace. This provides a golden opportunity for families, schools and groups to explore their role in peacemaking.

## FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, Gloria Fisher, 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.

Please Pray for...



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.

## St Vincent's De Paul Christmas Appeal

raised \$1516.45.

Thank you for generosity and big heart shared with those in need.

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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The seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter all have names that identify them and evoke their distinctive character. It has to be confessed that “Ordinary Time” fails to do the same. Even the more accurate “Ordered Time” has no great appeal, but at least it offers a clue. In the course of the thirty-four weeks of the season, we read in an ordered way through the gospel account of Jesus’ public ministry. Guided this year by Luke, we accompany Jesus from his baptism through to his final discourse on the end of time. We witness his preaching, teaching, healing, praying and wayfaring. We see how he cares for the poor and lowly and how inclusive he is of women. We warm to his message of mercy but are taken aback at his demand for radical detachment from possessions and family. We are impressed by the centrality of prayer in his life, by his familiarity with the Spirit and by his determination to face the fate of prophets in Jerusalem.



Of our other companions in Ordinary Time, the prophets, wisdom writers and historians of the Old Testament come and go, but Paul the apostle, like Luke, is constantly by our side. We are amazed at the indefatigable energy with which he expounds the mystery of Christ, addresses divisive problems in his scattered communities and endures all kinds of hardship. In the end there’s nothing ordinary about “Ordinary Time”! **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

### TOM LORD



The elderly man in his eighties, hurried to his doctor appointment at 8am. He wanted to finish quickly because he must be somewhere by nine. The doctor asked what the next appointment was. He proudly said that at 9am every morning he is at the hospital to eat breakfast with his wife. The doctor asked in what condition his wife was in. The man said that his wife had Alzheimers disease, and for the past 5 years she hasn't known who he is. The doctor was surprised and asked the man why he continues to go faithfully if she has no idea who he is....the old man replied, ‘because I still know who she is.’

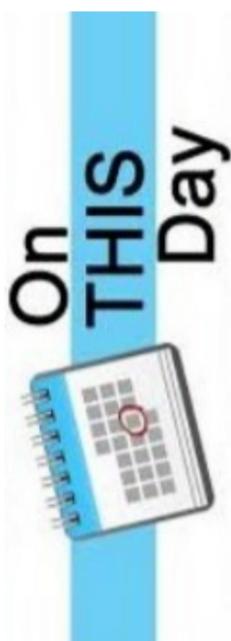
### AUSTRALIA DAY MORNING TEA



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!



17 January Saint Anthony (Born in 251 in upper Egypt. Died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. The account of his life by Saint Athanasius (2 May) was extremely influential in the development and spread of monasticism. Remembered as the father of monasticism).

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

21 January Saint Agnes (Died at Rome, perhaps in the early fourth century. One of the most widely venerated of the Roman martyrs. Accordingly to early accounts, she gave her life to preserve her virginity consecrated to Christ. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (the Roman Canon.)

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**



The celebration of an Ordinary Time weekday gives way to that of any solemnity, feast, or obligatory memorial that falls on the same day, and may optionally be replaced by that of a non-obligatory memorial or of any saint mentioned in the Roman Martyrology for that day.

**Source: Wikipedia**

The social message of the Gospel must not be considered a theory but a basis and a motivation for action.

**John Paul II**

In lieu of floral tributes to the late Mrs Fisher, please consider a donation to:

Aid to the Church in Need  
(<https://aidtochurch.org/ways-to-give/make-a-donation>)

The St Vincent de Paul Society  
(<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>)



As per  
11 St. Anne's Square  
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We pray for the soul of Mrs Gloria Fisher, the mother of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, who died on 11 January 2022.

We seem to be giving her back to you, O God, who gave her to us. Yet, as You did not lose her in giving her to us, so we do not lose her by her return.

For You do not give as the world gives, O Lover of souls: what You give You never take away, for what is Yours is ours also, if we are Yours.

For life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only an horizon, and the horizon is no more than the limit of our sight.

Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further; cleanse our tearful eyes, that we may see more clearly; draw us closer to Yourself, that we may know ourselves to be nearer to our loved one who is with You.

And while You prepare a place for us, prepare us also for that happy place, that where You and she are, we may be also, for evermore.

**- Prayer of Fr Bede Jarrett OP**

Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP  
Sydney

Your Grace,

*It is a well-known fact, that everything we lose undertakes an important value. How much truer this is, when it is not an object that we lose but a person, and when the loss cannot be recovered as it is in death. It is impossible to describe the feeling that comes over at such time. The feeling that somehow in an instant of time everything is changed and nothing will ever be quite the same again.*

On behalf of St. Anne's Parish at Strathfield South, please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear mother, Gloria. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of reflection and mourning. We ask Our Lady's intercession for help and consolation.

It is impossible to describe the feeling that comes over us at such a time. The feeling that somehow in an instant of time everything is changed and nothing will ever be quite the same again. We pray for Your Grace and your relatives and friends during this difficult and sad time.

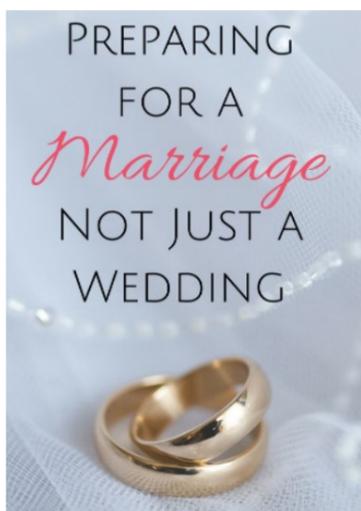
In the Lights of the Risen Lord we see Gloria your dearest Mother, your newest heavenly angel.

United in prayer

Yours in Christ,

Father Jacek Cichy

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**



How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life.

We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au)

Choose any of the coming Weekends: **Feb 19-20, Apr 30 - May 01, Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13**

If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

## **AGEING WELL MASTERCLASSES NOW AVAILABLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

Bringing together a team of clinical experts and professionals in the field of ageing, Catholic Care's Ageing Well masterclasses will help you live life to the full.

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)

## **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.

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