

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/Sunday of the Word of God 22 & 23 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:

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
John 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

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

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!

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.

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.

The time is always right to do what is right.

Martin Luther King

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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After the surprise choice of a gospel from John last Sunday, every gospel reading for the Sundays of Ordinary Time will now come from Luke. Today we are re-introduced to one of the key players (if that's the right term) in the Lucan narrative. The Holy Spirit was a prominent agent in the infancy stories, appears now as the driving force of Jesus' mission, and is always intimately involved when Luke deals with prayer.

In his agenda-setting exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis wrote of the need to invoke the Spirit constantly, even if it means "being plunged into the deep and not knowing what we will find." He went on: "Yet there is no greater freedom than that of allowing oneself to be guided by the Holy Spirit, renouncing the attempt to plan and control everything to the last detail, and instead letting him enlighten, guide and direct us, leading us wherever he wills" (#280). Luke's Jesus did exactly that .

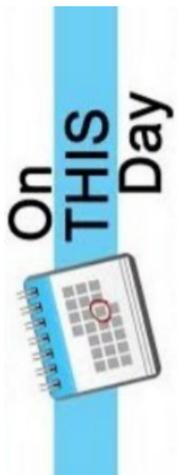
Source: Liturgy Brisbane

SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2022
WORD OF GOD

The Sunday of the Word is celebrated on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time after Christmas. The Sunday of the Word of God was instituted by Pope Francis on Sept 30, 2019.

"The Word that saves does not go looking for well-preserved, clean, safe places. It comes into our complexities, into our darkness. Today, as then, God desires to visit those places where we think He doesn't go." (POPE FRANCIS)

Pope Francis' goal was to create a day to remind Catholics of the importance of knowing Scripture, and for its inaugural celebration, he gave bibles to several of the participants. The Sunday of the Word of God seeks to highlight the presence of the Lord in the life of men and women. God really walks with us and is present through the Word, as expressed in the logo of the Sunday of the Word of God, inspired by the biblical story of the Disciples of Emmaus who, while on their way, revisit the Scriptures with the Lord, allowing themselves to be taught and enlightened.



24 January **St Francis de Sales** (Born in Savoy [France] in 1567. Died in Lyons in 1622. As a presbyter and as bishop of Geneva, he played a major part in the renewal of 17th century French Catholicism. Seen by many as an early proponent of ecumenical dialogue. Founded the Visitation order with Saint Jane Francis de Chantal [12 December]. His writings promoted a spirituality for laypeople. Remembered as a most influential preacher, writer, and spiritual director, who combined firmness with patience and gentleness.) **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

25 January **The Conversion of Saint Paul** (This date, first linked with the conversion of Saint Paul in the so-called Martyrdom of Jerome [c.431], became established in the liturgy of Gaul. Celebrates the work of God's grace at a major turning point in the life of Paul himself and in the history of the infant Church.)

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

25 January Promulgation of Second Vatican Council by Pope John XXIII in 1959
26 January Survival Day (for some) and Australia Day (for others) (This is the date of the arrival in 1788 of the first European settlers in Australia. The liturgy marks Australia's national day with prayers seeking God's blessing on all its peoples, old and new. The liturgy prays for harmony and respect among all Australians and commends the nation and its leaders to God's care.)

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

A THANKSGIVING FOR AUSTRALIA

God of Holy dreaming, God Creator Spirit,
from the dawn of creation you have given your children
the good things of Mother Earth.

You spoke and the gum tree grew.
In the vast desert and dense forest,
and in cities at the water's edge,
creation sings your praise.

Your presence endures
as the rock at the heart of our Land.

When Jesus hung on the tree
you heard the cries of all your people
and became one with your wounded ones:
the convicts, the hunted and the dispossessed.
The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew,
and bathed it in glorious hope.

In Jesus we have been reconciled to you,
to each other and to your whole creation.

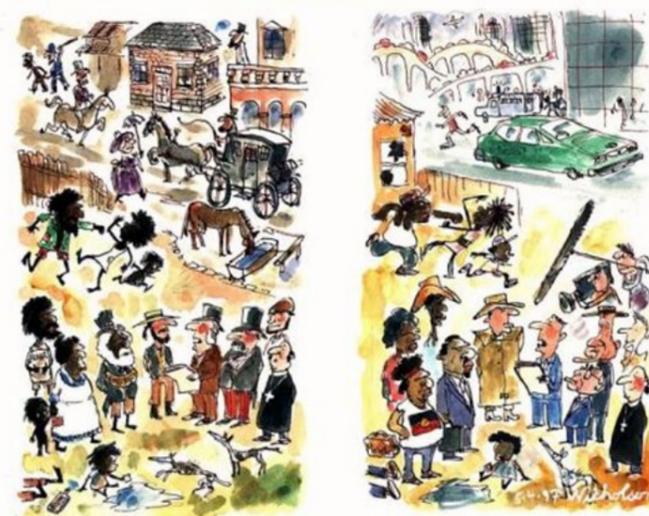
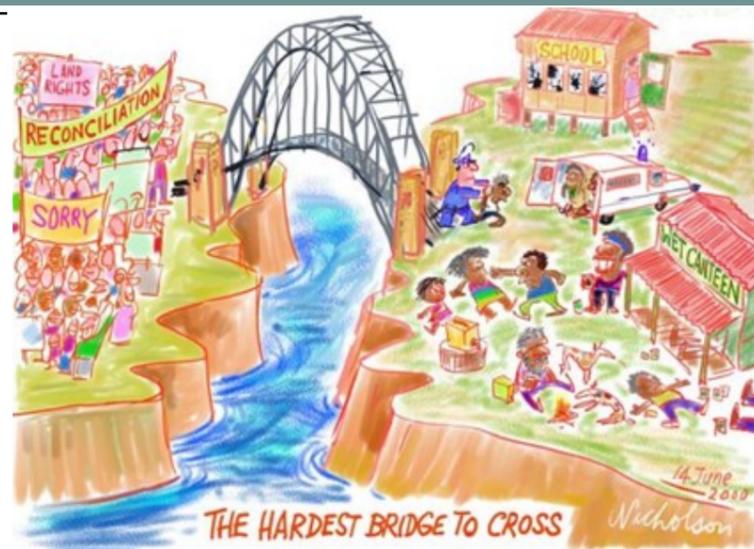
Lead us on Great Spirit.

as we gather from the four corners of the earth;

Enable us to walk together in trust

from the hurt and shame of the past

into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. **Amen**



'May more and more men and women
strive daily, with quiet humility and
courage, to be artisans of peace.

And may they be ever inspired and
accompanied by the blessings of the God
of peace!'

Pope Francis

2022 World Day of Peace Message.



MESSAGE FROM **TONY FARLEY (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS)**

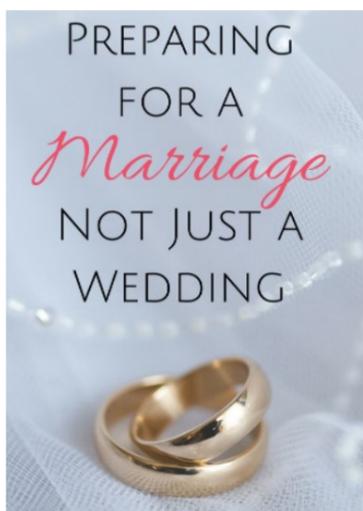
As parents and students prepare to return to school, it is understandable to be concerned by the current COVID-19 case numbers which lead us necessarily to consider what the return to school will look like. Currently, there has been no change to the return date for student.

To ensure parents and students have all the information needed before returning to school, SCS will be hosting a parent information session on 25 January at 6.00pm. This will be live streamed and a recording made available following. The intention of the session is to assure parents and students of the safety plans, risk assessments and protocols to respond to exposure that will be in place across our 150 primary and secondary schools.

Following is a link to register ([Click here to register.](#)) for this event including details of how to watch the live streamed session. If you cannot attend the session live please register which will ensure you are sent a recording

As always, SCS is committed to working with Health authorities and the NSW Government so that we have the latest information to make sure the health and safety of our staff, students and their families are our highest priority.

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

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 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

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

