

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Word and Catechist Sunday 5 & 6 February 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:

Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

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: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW LUNAR YEAR TO ALL

The Year of the Tiger

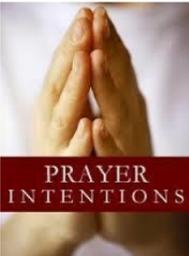
The **tiger embodies courage and bravery**, so the new year could symbolize resilience and strength — even in times of struggle, scholar Jonathan H.X. Lee said. ... The holiday, which is observed by primarily East Asian countries and Vietnam, in addition to their diasporas, ushers in the Year of the Tiger.



Please Pray for...



FOR OUR DEAD
Holy Souls
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.

Congratulations to Prescilla Dennis who has achieved her 10 year Award as a Scripture Teacher.

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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A non-believer who chanced upon a Sunday Mass would hear the congregation sing or recite the “Holy, holy, holy” acclamation that concludes the preface. Sad to say, the odds are that this visitor would fail to get a vivid impression of the awe and exuberance that the words originally embodied. They were born out of deeply felt religious experiences.

The first was the vision of divine majesty that summoned Isaiah to his prophetic mission. He saw celestial beings lauding the glorious holiness of God with their chant, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts” (Is 6:3). The second part of the text – “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” – comes from a hymn of jubilation sung as the king and priests and people entered the temple (Psalm 117/118: 26). Much later it was chanted enthusiastically by the crowds to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem as messiah (Lk 19:38).

Ideally, every time worshippers voice these words they glimpse the splendour of God as Isaiah did and join with the crowds of Jerusalem acclaiming Jesus as God’s anointed one. Sung or recited with reverence they make a splendid confession of faith and praise.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The opening words, *Aperuit illis*, of the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis instituting the Sunday of the Word of God are taken from the 24th chapter of St Luke’s Gospel, where the risen Lord “opens the minds” of the disciples to understand the Scriptures — here the Old Testament — in the light of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Like the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, as described earlier in the same chapter, their hopes for the future had been dashed by what had so suddenly happened to Jesus. Here, on the first Easter Sunday evening, he meets them exactly where they are emotionally and helps them to understand the Scriptures in a way that incorporates the reality of what they had so recently experienced. As in the case of the disciples on the Emmaus road, the vast gap between their previous hopes and what had happened disappears as Jesus expounded the Scriptures in a new way. Doubtless, they too could say, “Were not our hearts burning within us ... while he was opening the Scriptures to us?” (24:32). This, presumably, is exactly what Pope Francis hopes might be the experience of the faithful of our own time as they listen to a life-giving exposition of the Word of God, Sunday by Sunday. In line with the teaching of Vatican II, he speaks of the proclamation of the Word as “inseparable” from the Sacraments (§8). Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of the Word of God in our lives and the understanding of the Scriptures in the same way.

BECOME A CATECHIST OR HELPER IN 2022

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools.

Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022. Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools.

Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

"Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done"- Rose.

Talk with Fr Jacek
via contact details as noted on the front page of
this bulletin.



**DO SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD!**

**REGISTER TODAY FOR THE NEXT PRESENTATION
IN THE *RECLAIMING EVANGELISATION SERIES***

DR MARY HEALY, LIVE ONLINE, SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2022, 10 – 11:30 AM

Following Bishop Barron's launch of *Reclaiming Evangelisation*, Dr Mary Healy, Scripture scholar and author, will address 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.

Enquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

To be fully human, we must recognize the full humanity of all other people. **Lisa Lofland**



Join us for our webinar launch to learn more about the extensive programs, courses and resources that support positive relationships for children and adults of all ages and stages of life. To register and find out more visit www.catholiccare.org/joyoflove.

An initiative of the Archdiocese of Sydney, facilitated by CatholicCare Sydney. **CatholicCare**

Growing and nurturing relationships for life



**THE 2021 NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY HAS BEGUN AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL
THE END OF FEBRUARY 2022**

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



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.

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/>

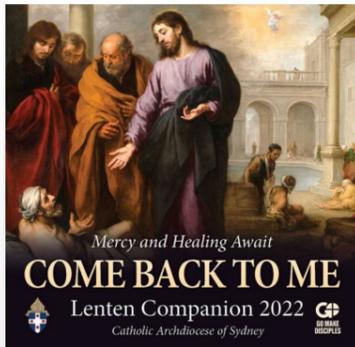


I4GIVE WEEK, 1-6 FEBRUARY

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

COME BACK TO ME: MERCY AND HEALING AWAIT LENTEN COMPANION 2022



The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion *Come Back to Me*. This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and spiritual reflections on the Gospels by Dr Peter McGregor, Professor Renee Kohler-Ryan, Mother Hilda Scott and Fr James Baxter OP and others.

Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. The resource will be distributed among the parishes in early February, and will also be available for download on the *Go Make Disciples* website at www.gomakedisciples.org.au. The Parish Renewal Team, which developed the Companion, is also providing training for those keen to lead a group in their parish – click [here](#) for dates and registration.

NEWS FROM THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Submissions close on February 27. Find out more [here](#)

The theme for this month is on Pope Francis' third theme for the Synod: *Mission*

The Mass kits for the Sundays in February will be uploaded to [the Diocesan Synod of Bishops page](#)

The Archdiocese of Sydney has also produced a [video](#), interlinking the Plenary Council, the 2023 Synod and the Archdiocese's Go Make Disciples program.

Plenary Reflection Day:

A day of prayer and reflection in support of the Plenary Council and the Synod is planned for Saturday February 26 at Mary MacKillop Place, 7 Mount Street, North Sydney from 9.30am to 3pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Those wishing to do so are asked to respond to jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org

POSITIONS VACANT

Administration Assistant, Chevalier Institute, Kensington. 9 hours per week, ideally Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For further information contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055.

Book Keeper, St Michael's Belfield, Casual Position: 6 hours per week. Training will be provided, but a basic knowledge of book keeping or accounting would be desirable. Please submit a current CV to secretarystmichaelsbelfield@gmail.com Applications close: Monday 7 February