

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 & 20 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.

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:

Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful .

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

The finance committee met on 9 February 2022 at which time reviewed the financials of the Church as well as various matters including the installation of air-conditioning in Church. The committee approved the installation of the air-conditioning in the Church as it will no doubt benefit the parish community at large. The income is meeting the Parish's expenditure which is reasonable in the current Covid-19 climate however the Committee expects that there will be an improvement once the Covid-19 restrictions are removed and the Parish life returns to normal.



"Although the collection plate appears to be half full, our accountant assures me that it is half empty."

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.

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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It will be another four months before we hear it, but there's a key verse in Luke's gospel that's pertinent for today. It's this: "As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem" (9:51). This marks a turning point in Luke's narrative. From that point on until Jesus' arrival in the holy city, all he says and does is set in the framework of this journey.

With this in mind, Luke transfers much of the material in Matthew's Sermon on the Mount to the setting of this journey. His Sermon on the Plain is thus much briefer but no less compelling, as today's gospel makes clear. Love your enemies, do not retaliate, give without hope of return, refuse to judge, be infinitely compassionate. The commands are uncompromising and humanly overwhelming.

Luke has already anticipated our reaction to their unreasonableness. The angel of annunciation told Mary that "nothing will be impossible with God." It's only by appreciating the boundless generosity and all-embracing love of God and aligning ourselves with it that we can fulfil the demands Jesus makes of us. The wonderful image of the "full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over" poured into our lap needs to be constantly at the forefront of our minds. .

Source: Liturgy Brisbane



Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting (one main meal and two light snacks) binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year (18-60). The law of abstinence (refrain from eating meat) binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (14+).

LENT 2022:

The season of Lent is almost upon us once again! Lent for the year 2022 starts on Wednesday, March 2nd ("Ash Wednesday") and ends on Thursday, April 14 with evening mass on Holy Thursday. Lent is a Christian annual period that starts on Ash Wednesday lasting for 40 days (not including Sundays) representing **the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness.**

MASS TIMES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES.

9.15am, 10.15am School Mass and 7pm.

Joy of Love includes extensive programs, courses and resources for young children, teenagers, parents/carers, post-school, engaged and married couples, with *Healthy Friendship Week on 21-25 February* the first program to commence for children 5 to 12 years.

It would be wonderful for your parish families to get involved in *Healthy Friendship Week* and share the fun and engaging activities with their children to help them learn more about positive friendships.

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There are loads of fun and engaging activities online to share with children 5 to 12 years, to help them learn more about developing positive friendships.

FIND OUT MORE AT catholiccare.org/joyoflove

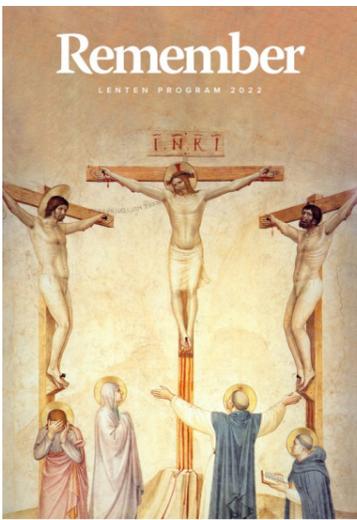
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LENTEN PROGRAM: REMEMBER

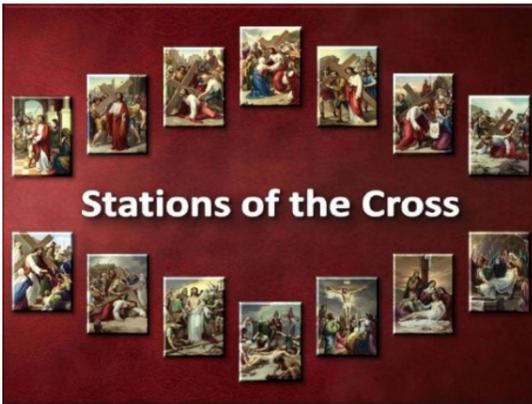


The Lenten program will commence on Tuesday 8th March and continue every Tuesday of Lent. Each session will begin with a Mass at 6.30 pm followed by the program which will be led by Simon Grace in the church. We will be following the Sydney Archdiocese Lenten program.

In past years, there has been significant numbers of participants. You are most welcome to create a group at home. If you are interested in leading one, please contact the Parish Office or me. Resources will be provided.

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/>



Please join us
every Friday during
Lent
at 7.00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Prayerful meditation through the Stations of the Cross is especially **common during Lent and on Fridays throughout the year**, in commemoration of Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday. The devotion may be done individually or in a group and is particularly important in Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran traditions. **Source: Britannica**

Congratulations to Archbishop Anthony who celebrates 35 years yesterday in religious vows (feast of Blessed Fra Angelico) and 36 in the habit. Archbishop Anthony says "I've been a strange Dominican—not living in the Order since being ordained bishop—I don't regret it for a moment! God be praised."

THE 2021 NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY WILL END AT MIDNIGHT, 28 FEBRUARY

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. National Church Life Survey Research, is a world leader in research focused on connecting churches and their communities.



Thank you to everyone who took a copy of the National Church Life Survey last week. Please complete the details and return by next weekend. For anyone who did not receive a copy and is interested in taking part in this survey, copies are still available on the back table of the church.

This is a voluntary and anonymous survey. Do not write your name on the survey form. Our parish would appreciate it if everyone could participate in this survey as the information gathered could impact the viability of St Anne's. There is also a child survey for 8 to 14-year-olds.

HELP GUIDE YOUR PARISH THROUGH THE SURVEY

Read about the 5 steps to a successful survey here, to help you consider how you will evaluate the results, communicate with your parish, and take action (note dates have changed for most parishes).

Prepare	Administer well	Evaluate	Communicate	Act	Church code for the survey is TAS12901
Communicate positively to church Your opinion matters We want your input as we plan	Be organised and inclusive We will hear everyone's voice	Meet with leaders when you have the results What are we seeing? How does this fit with our calling?	Share insights and plans with the church Celebrate these strengths! Let's pray for these challenges and plans	Identify and do the actions that reach goals Let's pursue our calling by... Participate with us in being the church	

**ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN SCHOOL**

School in Action (Tours & Band Rehearsal)

Wednesday 23 February 2022 3 - 6 pm

Twilight Tour

Thursday 24 February 2022 3 - 6 pm



OPEN DAY

Sunday 6 March 2022
11am - 3pm



Let the Light shine true

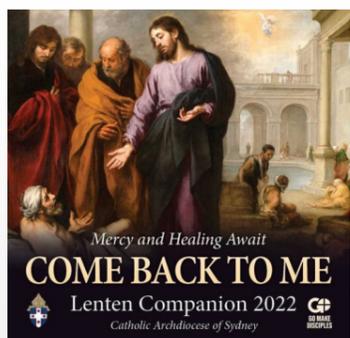
A DISCUSSION ON PARISH RENEWAL & EVANGELISATION

THURSDAY, 24TH FEB. 2022 • 7 PM

Pope Francis writes "I dream of a missionary option, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs...can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world". (Evangelii Gaudium #27). Deepening our understanding of how to share our faith with others has become an urgent need in our time. Join Daniel Ang (Director of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation) and Kevin Bailey of Divine Renovation Australasia for a discussion on how we can foster renewal and evangelisation in our parishes by helping people know the personal love of God in Jesus and grow in holiness.

Register today: <https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/parish-renewal>

**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 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

People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week 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. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

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

Reflection Day on the Plenary Council and Synod of Bishops to be held on Saturday February 26th between 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at Mary MacKillop Place, 7 Mount Street, North Sydney. For more information if you would like to attend, please contact Sr Jo Brady RSJ at jo.brady@sosj.org.au

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

St Anne's is looking for volunteers who are interested in becoming Ministers of Holy Communion for the sick and housebound. If you are interested please see me after Mass or leave your details at the Parish Office.