

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

26 & 27 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:

Sirach 27:4-7  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Luke 6:39-45



Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

## THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 22 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

The ashes used are the burnt remains of last year's palms and olive branches blessed on Palm Sunday. Ashes will be distributed in two different ways. The usual marking of the forehead with a cross or sprinkling of ashes on the head of the recipient. Those who would prefer the marking of the forehead with a cross are asked to stand straight when approaching the priest/acolyte and those who would prefer the sprinkling of the ashes on the head are asked to bow.



## MASS TIMES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES.

9.15am, 10.15am School and 7pm.

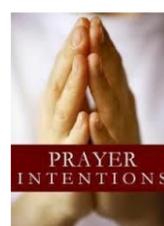
Note: Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Please  
Pray  
for...



## 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.



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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## From Archbishop Anthony

Lent begins next week with Ash Wednesday (2nd March) and our preparation for Easter. Lent is an opportunity to go with Jesus into the desert, a time to renounce our attachments to worldly things and to ask God for the grace to live out our Catholic faith with greater commitment. Throughout the world, millions of people will gather in Catholic churches to receive the ashes, a reminder of our human frailty and need to depend on the infinite God. Sometimes people can wander and stray – some may have lost their way or perhaps with lockdowns have become complacent and are staying away. God is calling us back to Him and Jesus reminds us: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel (Mark 1:15).

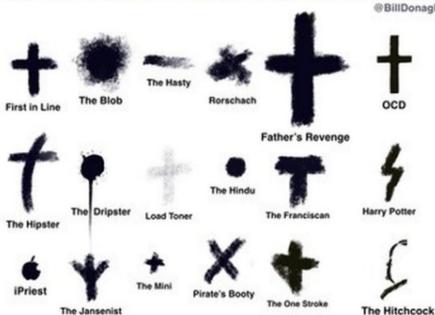
As a sign of our turning away from worldly comforts and turning our lives towards God, we traditionally ‘give-up’ or abstain from certain goods, which we can also offer up for the good of others. Almsgiving when combined with prayer, fasting and abstinence is especially powerful in the fight against evil. Our spiritual and material contribution to others makes a real difference, especially when many people we know personally have suffered loss due to the impact of Covid-19. The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation has produced a helpful resource to aid you during Lent. You can find it online [here](#). With my prayers for a fruitful Lent.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

The prayer of blessing will be proclaimed by the priest over the ashes: Remember that you are dust, and to dust, you shall return or Repent and believe in the Gospel. The blessed ashes will then be distributed to the recipients.



A Catholic Guide to Ashes, *Extended Edition*

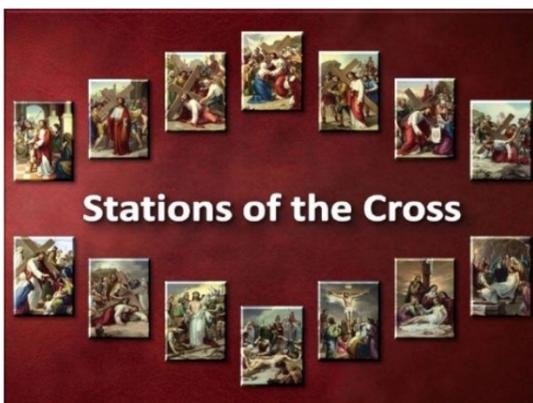


This was the ancient practice in the Church. The ritual action symbolizes our commitment to repentance and awareness of our mortality – our inevitable return to the dust from which God created us.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (reduced food intake) and abstinence (no meat). Healthy Catholics, 18-59, are expected to fast; those older than 13

## 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**



Please join us  
every Friday during  
Lent  
at 7.00pm,  
commencing on  
Friday 4th March

## COVID UPDATE:

Signing in by either QR code or manually is no longer required.

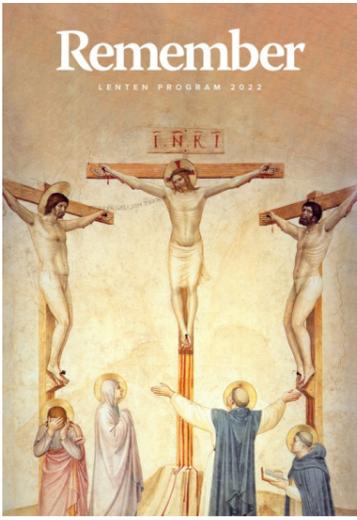
It is no longer compulsory to wear masks in Church, however, all parishioners are free to do so if they wish.

Density limits within the Church have now been removed however social distancing where possible is encouraged.

Hand sanitisers will remain in the Church to assist with good hand hygiene practice.

We kindly ask that you do not visit the Church if you are unwell.

## LENTEN PROGRAM: REMEMBER



The Lenten program will commence on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and continue every Tuesday of Lent. Each session will begin with a Mass at 6.30 pm followed by the Lenten program to be held 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/>

### PROJECT COMPASSION:

Please take home a Project Compassion box and or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation, and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build a better future for all.



### PHOTOS:

Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the 10 am Mass (weather permitting) photos will be taken to update our Parish Website. If you do not wish to be photographed please inform the photographer before or after Mass.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

#### Preparation for FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparations will be held on Saturdays at 4 pm commencing 5<sup>th</sup> March or Sundays at 9 am commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please pick a day/time that is suitable.



Children who are to receive their First Holy Communion must complete the First Reconciliation program.

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

Thank you to everyone who completed the National Church Life Survey. Completed surveys can be placed in the box provided on the back table.



Please complete the details and return by end of this 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. Please kindly complete the survey before next Monday. The Church code for the survey is TAS12901.

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.

### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

It's always the first Sunday in March - so in **2022, the official Clean Up Australia Day will be Sunday 6 March**. However we know Australia's waste challenges can't be solved in just one day, so encourage you to organise a Clean Up any day of the year.



More information: <https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/resources/faq>

## **SIGN AN EPETITION AGAINST EUTHANASIA LAWS IN NSW**

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked Catholics to support an e-petition launched by Upper House MLC Greg Donnelly opposing proposed euthanasia laws in NSW.

A parliamentary committee has recommended that the Legislative Council proceed with consideration of the bill. The unwillingness of the Committee to take a position on the bill means we need to fight even harder.

To demonstrate your opposition to the proposed laws, sign the e-petition [here](#)

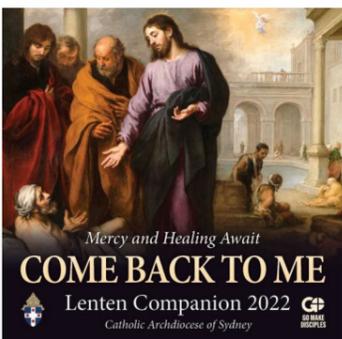
## **SYNOD OF BISHOPS- EXTENDED CONSULTATION**

The local consultation period for the international Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until Sunday, March 13. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Reflection Day on the Plenary Council and Synod of Bishops to be held on Saturday February 26th at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney.

For more information if you would like to attend, please contact Sr Jo Brady RSJ at [jo.brady@sosj.org.au](mailto:jo.brady@sosj.org.au)

## ***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](http://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.

ENROLLING YEAR 7 2024 - Applications close 8 April 2022



**OPEN DAY**  
Sunday 6 March 2022  
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## **Open Day**

Date: Wednesday 9th March, 2022  
Time: 3.00pm - 7.00pm

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## **MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

Thank you to the parishioners who have expressed their interest in becoming Ministers of Holy Communion for the sick and housebound. If anyone is still interested please see me after Mass or leave your details at the Parish Office.

**Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future.**

Robert H. Schuller