

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

First Sunday of Lent (Year C)

5 & 6 March 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.

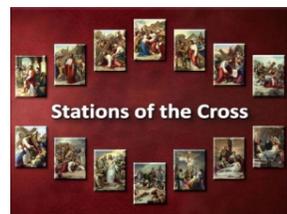
SUNDAY READINGS:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4: 1 - 13



Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



Stations of the Cross

Please join us
next Friday during this season of Lent
at 7.00pm, Friday 11th March

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**

PHOTOS:

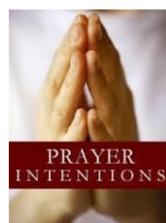
Due to wet weather, the photographer who was coming to take photos for the purpose of updating our Parish Website has been postponed. We will let you know the new date for the photos.

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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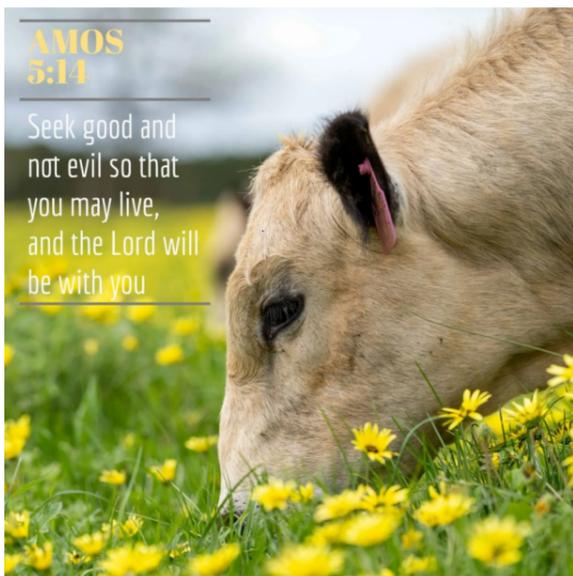
The season of Lent, as we saw on Ash Wednesday, is both baptismal and penitential. The popularity of the ashes suggests the penitential is still at the forefront of people's minds. That's good reason to pay attention to baptismal associations such as those in today's readings. They enable the already baptised to accompany the elect on their way to initiation at the paschal vigil.

On that night, just before they are baptised, the elect are called to declare their determination to renounce sin and embrace the Christian faith. Three times they are asked to renounce sin, just as Jesus rejected the devil's enticements three times.

Three further questions elicit their assent to the Apostles Creed. This formula has an ancient ancestor in the recital we hear today, that made by the Israelites when they offer their first-fruits. Professing faith is also central in today's reading from Paul's letter to the Romans. Salvation is God's gift to those who believe in their hearts and confess with their lips that Jesus is risen Lord.

A penitential Ash Wednesday and a baptismal first Sunday of Lent combine to launch us on our paschal journey, as the first preface for Lent attests. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

WHY IS IT THAT WE AND THE PHARISEES FAST BUT YOUR DISCIPLES DO NOT?



The staff and executive development team at the Catholic Education Office, Sydney in the 1980s believed in involving secretarial staff as part of our group effort. When preparing for three to five-day residential programs, it was all hands on deck. We came in at 7am and worked late at key times. On the Monday after a successful course, we all went out for a long lunch to celebrate, with ancillary staff as our guests.

With a change of senior management, this was seen as scandalous. Staff were told to punch time clocks in and out. Lunch break was to be strictly one hour. We had to find other ways to reward and celebrate our wonderful ancillary staff. The new rules did nothing for morale.

As Jesus indicated, to everything there is a season.

Source: pray.com.au

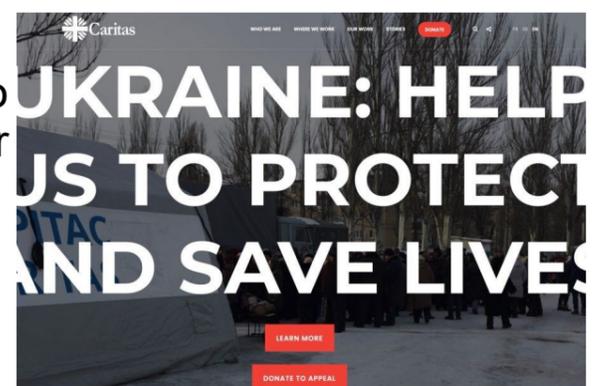
SUPPORT CARITAS UKRAINE APPEAL

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine.

Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



COVID UPDATE:

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

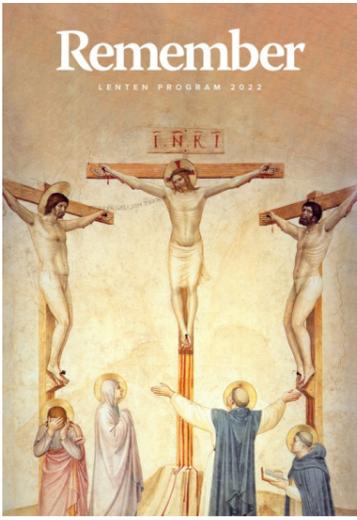
It is no longer compulsory to wear masks in Church, however, all parishioners are free to do so if they wish.

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 8th 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/>

PEACE PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS

God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years
To resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the
force of our arms.

How many moments of hostility and darkness have
we experienced;

How much blood has been shed;

How many lives have been shattered;

How many hopes have been buried... But our efforts
have been in vain.

Now, come to our aid!

Grant us peace, teach us peace;

Guide our steps in the way of peace.



Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the
courage to say:

‘Never again war! With war everything is lost.’

Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps
to achieve peace.

God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love,
You created us and you call us to live as brothers and
sisters.

Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace;
Enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as
our brother or sister.

Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who
entreat us

To turn our weapons of war into implements of peace,
Our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling
into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope,
So that with patience and perseverance we may
Opt for dialogue and reconciliation.

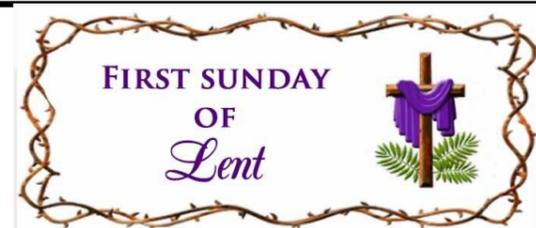
In this way may peace triumph at last,
And may the words ‘division,’ ‘hatred,’ and ‘war’
Be banished from the heart of every man and woman.
Defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands.
Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word
Which always brings us together will be ‘sister/
brother,’

And our way of life will always be that of: Shalom,
Peace, Salaam! Amen.

Edited from ***Education for Justice***

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.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

Preparation for FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparations will be held on Saturdays at 4 pm commencing 12th March or Sundays at 9 am commencing 13th March. Please pick a day/time that is suitable.

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



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.

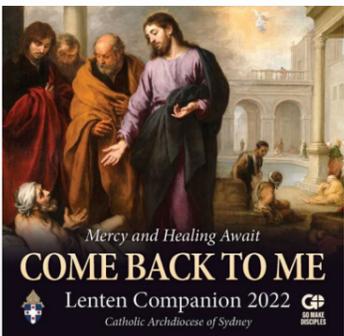
A parliamentary committee has recommended that the Legislative Council proceed with consideration of the bill. The unwillingness of the Committee to take a position on the bill means we need to fight even harder.

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

SYNOD OF BISHOPS- EXTENDED CONSULTATION

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>

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



The beautiful Season of Lent is here. 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 has been distributed among the parishes and will also be available for download on the *Go Make Disciples* website at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

RECLAIMING EVANGELISATION SERIES

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is looking forward to hosting an exciting online talk on Wednesday 23 March from 7-8:30pm by the prominent French-born author and retreat director Fr Jacques Philippe as part of our Reclaiming Evangelisation Series.

Register online today: <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

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OPEN DAY
Sunday 6 March 2022
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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 contact the Parish Office by email or phone on a Tuesday.

