

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

12 & 13 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:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1  
Luke 9:28-36



## Responsorial Psalm:

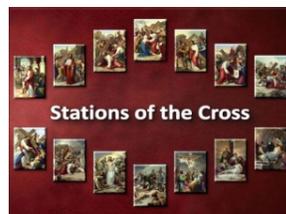
The Lord is my light and my salvation

## Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please join us next Friday during this season of Lent at 7.00pm, Friday 18th March



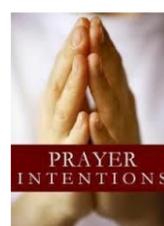
## WHAT IS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT CALLED?

The term "**Laetare Sunday**" is used by most Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican churches. The word comes from the Latin laetare, the singular imperative of laetari: "to rejoice".



## FOR OUR SICK

especially Lorraine D'Aspromonte's father, D 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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Neither the Apostles' Creed nor the Nicene Creed make reference to Jesus' public life and ministry. They pass over it in complete silence, content to leap directly from his birth to his passion, death and resurrection. Paul's letters too tell us nothing of Jesus' apostolic ministry. It's the paschal mystery and our participation in it that is his preoccupation.

Faithful to the creeds, for centuries the Rosary invited meditation on the mysteries of Jesus' birth, suffering and glorification, but not on his earthly activity. That is, until 2002, when Pope John Paul II decreed the addition of five Luminous Mysteries to bring key events in Jesus' public life into focus. Unsurprisingly the transfiguration was one of them.

It's a multi-faceted jewel that invites viewing from many different perspectives and never ceases to fascinate. Today we are privileged to join Peter, James and John and catch a glimpse of divine glory before we too must come down from the mountain and journey on our way.

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

**WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**



Apparently, there is an old Syrian saying 'inside the people you know, there is a person you don't know.' One of God's gifts is the grace to keep discovering beautiful things about the people close to us. If you talk to people who have been married for a long time, they will often mention the way their partner surprises them, even after twenty years of sharing the same kitchen sink. Likewise, our children and our friends. If we put them in a box with a label, we can become blind to some unexpected wonders God wants us to see.

Perhaps it was like this for Peter, James and John on the occasion of the transfiguration which we hear about in the Gospel today. By this stage, they have been on the road with Jesus for quite some time. They have seen the storm calmed, the demoniac brought to peace, the woman healed of her hemorrhage, the daughter of Jairus raised to life. They have heard outrageous things. You'd think they'd be getting the picture by now.

The experience on the mountain allows them to understand that they have hardly begun to understand the depth of the mystery of Jesus. A voice from the cloud says 'this is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'

This week, as part of Project Compassion, we hear the story of Biru, a young man from the Ho ethnic minority in India. He lives with a disability. But there is so much more to him that needs to be seen. Our support of Caritas Australia has empowered him to become an entrepreneur, to meet his future with pride, confidence and hope. Project Compassion challenges us to see beyond the immediate situation of people such as Biru and discover the person we don't yet know, to celebrate the possibilities of life 'for all future generations.'

Both before and after their great experience on the mountain top, Luke's Gospel reminds us that the disciples still face a challenging road. Life will teach them more and more about Jesus. Let us all be open to the lessons of a real relationship with the God of justice and love.

**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.



## 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.

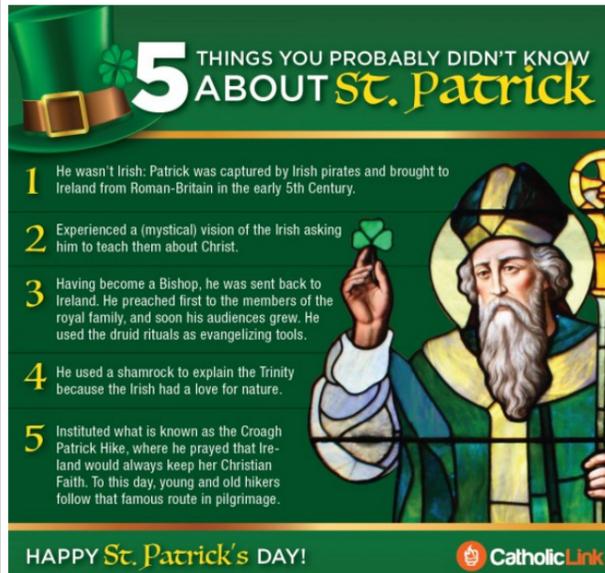
In past years, there has been significant numbers of participants. You are most welcome to create a group at home. If you are interested in leading one, please contact the Parish Office or me. Resources will be provided.

We as a family of families will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of the Father through the season of Lent.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

#### Preparation for FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparations will start this weekend on Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 9 am. Please pick a day/time that is suitable. Children who are to receive their First Holy Communion must complete the First Reconciliation program.



**MARCH 19**  
THE FEAST  
DAY OF  
ST. JOSEPH

LET US MAKE ST. JOSEPH  
OUR LENTEN SAINT  
ON THE WAY TO EASTER.  
MAY WE HAVE A SEMBLANCE  
OF HIS HUMILITY, GREAT  
FAITH & TRUST IN GOD.

ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!

### READERS FOR EASTER AND BEYOND

St Anne's is looking for readers over the Easter services and mass services after Easter. If you are interested, please see me after Mass or leave your details at the Parish Office.

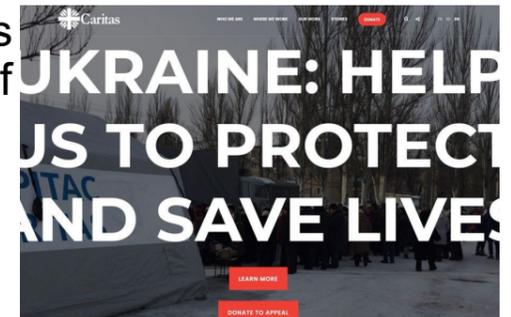
### SUPPORT CARITAS UKRAINE APPEAL

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.



17 March



Saint Patrick (Born in Roman Britain around the end of the fourth century. Died in Ireland about the middle of the fifth century. Faced hardship as a missionary bishop in Ireland, and opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Yet worked to conciliate, to evangelise, and to educate local chieftains and their families. **REMEMBERED** for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to those who had enslaved him in his youth. Specially honoured in Australia because the many Irish people who came to settle here brought with them the faith and zeal of St Patrick.) **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

19 March



Saint Joseph (A carpenter, though born of the royal house of David, Joseph was an upright man who, as husband of the Virgin Mary, cared for Mary and the child Jesus. Venerated in the East after the fourth century, and his cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary.) **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

## **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.

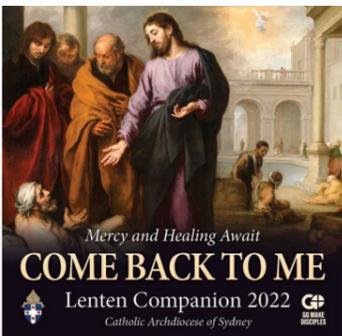
To demonstrate your opposition to the proposed laws, sign the e-petition [here](#)

## **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.



## ***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](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).

## **FR JACQUES PHILIPPE TO ADDRESS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY** **| LIVE ONLINE | WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2022 | 7 – 8:30 PM**

The renowned author, international speaker and spiritual director will address the faithful of Sydney on the topic, 'Can we make disciples? Evangelising with the Holy Spirit.'

This third event in the *Reclaiming Evangelisation* series will explore the relationship between prayer, reliance on the Holy Spirit and living as disciples within our parishes.

Please register at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events).

## **DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD, SUNDAY 27 MARCH**

Remembering the lives of unborn children lost to the grave injustice of abortion. Held to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation, marking the day of Our Lord's conception in the womb of His Blessed Mother. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate at a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am. A rosary procession will follow which will make its way past the NSW Parliament House. It will conclude with Benediction at 1:30pm.. For more event details: <https://fb.me/e/2gek7yQ8>

## **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.