

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

19 & 20 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.

SUNDAY READINGS:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

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.



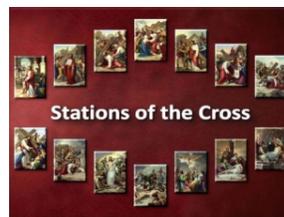
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please join us next Friday during this season of Lent at 7.00pm, Friday 25th March

A PRAYER FOR OUR RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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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This is the moment in the season of Lent when the faith community is free to choose the readings from Year A for the next three Sundays if they are better suited for the elect on their way to Easter initiation. Commentaries on these readings may be found in other volumes of this publication.

The gospels for Year C have their own merit, although that for today may trigger mixed feelings. It juxtaposes Jesus' warning to the unrepentant with an image of divine patience. The selections for the following two Sundays – the parable of the father and two sons and the story of the woman accused of adultery – are both better-known and much loved.

This trio of readings expands on the brief word spoken when the ashes were imposed on Ash Wednesday: "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The two elements of this saying go hand in hand. Repentance has a positive goal, that of welcoming the good news. And the good news can only be welcomed if we repent of our self-absorption. Kept happily engaged with each other, repentance and faith promise to bear good fruit. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sometimes you hear Indigenous people refer to Jesus as a 'person of Country'. What might this mean? It is hard to imagine the Gospels without the connection of Jesus to the sea, the river, the desert, the fields and the mountain. His teaching often featured seeds and birds and sheep and corn. In today's Gospel, we hear the parable of the fig tree. The impatient person wants to cut it down. A wiser person is prepared to work with nature by putting manure on the tree and looking after it. This is a story of growth. God is creative. God is patient with us. God gives us another chance.

We have so much to learn from the depth and resilience of Australian Indigenous culture and spirituality, both of which are intimately linked to Country. This week, Project Compassion features the story of Janice, a Wagilak woman from the Northern Territory. Janice, who lives in a remote community, is part of the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, supported by Caritas Australia. Janice is among those overcoming many obstacles to keeping their culture strong. She does this through dance. She honours the generations who have come before her and taught their community how to respect the land and live in harmony with it. Our response to Project Compassion is providing practical support for the blossoming of Indigenous culture for all future generations.

In today's reading, Moses is in the wilderness, a place of surprising possibilities. Like the Australian landscape, the wilderness in scripture is subtle; it is a place of encounter with God. Moses thinks he is having a regular day in the family business, looking after his father-in-law's sheep. But a voice comes from a bush that is blazing without being burnt up. The voice tells Moses to take off his shoes because 'the place on which you stand is holy ground.' This is the beginning of the freedom story of his people, the start of their journey out of captivity.



May our journey to the freedom God wants for us also begin with the realisation that we too are standing on Holy Ground. God calls us all to be people of Country.

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 began on Tuesday 8th March and continues every Tuesday of Lent. Each session begins with a Mass at 6.30 pm followed by the Lenten program held in the church. We follow 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 continue to 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.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (25 March)

This feast originated in the East during the sixth century and gained universal observance in the West during the eighth century. It is a feast of the Lord, commemorating the announcement to the Virgin Mary of the Word made flesh, Mary's acceptance of God's will, and the conception of Christ nine months before Christmas. Its occurrence close to Easter links incarnation with the whole mystery of human redemption in Christ.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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.



Almsgiving is one of the traditional Lenten practices. One way to give to the less fortunate is to make blessing bags for the homeless. These care packages can be given to a local homeless shelter or outreach program to be distributed to their clients.

You can also keep blessing bags in your car. If you encounter a homeless person, you are ready to give them package of practical items which help them in their daily life and also send the message that we do care about them.

Items can be packaged in ziploc bags or drawstring bags. Which items are best for a blessing bag? Here are some suggestions for your care package:

Individually wrapped non perishable food items:

- granola bars
- breakfast bars
- peanut butter crackers
- packages of trail mix
- bottled water
- individual sized packages of mixed nuts
- protein bars
- hard candy
- mints
- dried fruits

Hygiene and personal care items:

- hand lotion
- lip balm
- toothpaste
- toothbrush
- comb
- hand sanitizer
- towelettes
- sunscreen
- insect repellent
- deodorant
- razor
- bandaids

It is also nice to include a note of encouragement, to let the recipient know that they are valued. A scripture verse is appropriate, but so is a drawing. Another suggestion is to include a list of local support services, soup kitchens, and shelters.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The 2022 World Meeting of Families will be marked in the Archdiocese of Sydney with a local diocesan celebration. This local gathering will take place from Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June. Initiatives will include a local parish celebration, an opportunity for families to make pilgrimages to sacred locations within the Archdiocese, and will culminate with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP with an associated Sunday afternoon 'Festival of Families'.

For more detailed information:

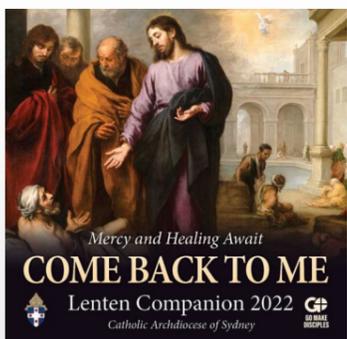
Download the introductory brochure [here](#)/Download the WMofF prayer [here](#)

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Go to the CAS WMofF page [here](#)

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.

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.

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/2gекw7yQ8>

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.