

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Easter Sunday (Year C)

16 & 17 April 2022

Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Easter Vigil **5:00pm** (Mass of the Lord's Resurrection)
 Easter Sunday 8.00 am & 10.00am
 Easter Monday Mass at 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:

Apostles 10:34, 37-43
 Colossians 3:1-4
 John 20:1-9


Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!



Dear Friends in Christ,
 Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy Easter!
 Thank you for your presence and prayers as we celebrate this special feast. I especially extend a warm welcome to anyone who is visiting with us from other places or faith backgrounds.
 As we gather today, we celebrate the beautiful gift of life that God has blessed each of us with. If you are with us today but do not worship with our community on a regular basis, I welcome you home to the Catholic Church.

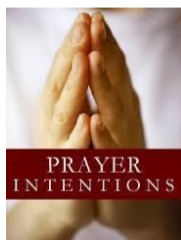
I pray that you and your loved ones have a blessed Easter!

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.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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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Our Lenten journey has come to completion. We accompanied Jesus all the way from the desert of temptation to his tomb. We had a sense of direction and the tension grew as we closed in on the city of Jerusalem. Now we have arrived and find that we have crossed a threshold into a different kind of space. We are not about to leave for a new destination so much as to explore the place where we have arrived. In the much used words from T. S. Eliot's poem Little Gidding : "We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." We spend the next fifty days discovering how different the world looks in the light of the resurrection.



This means that Pentecost is not our goal, as if we were deprived of the Holy Spirit until then. On the contrary, we spend the entire fifty days immersed in the Spirit. In partnership with John's gospel, the Spirit leads us into our heart of hearts where divine love dwells. In partnership with the Acts of the Apostles, the Spirit sends us out on our mission to announce good news. It's a spirited season from start to finish.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

EASTER THANK YOU



Thank you to all who have helped prepare the liturgy and decorate the church for the Holy Week Liturgies.

I would like to thank all those among you who have sent Easter cards, gifts, and well wishes for the Easter season. Your thoughts and actions are very generous and overwhelming. Thank you and God bless. **Fr Jacek.**

THANK YOU ST ANNE'S SCHOOL:

Thank you to the teachers and students from St Anne's for the beautiful Stations of the Cross that were prepared for the church. We have many talented artists here at the school.



EASTER WATER:

Easter Water is available after Mass.



THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Are available on the seats. This offering goes towards the support of the active, retired and sick clergy in the Archdiocese. Please place your offering on either of the two collection plates. Thank you.

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.



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:

Week Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or Parish office.

ANZAC DAY:

Anzac Day – Monday 25th April 2022. Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am

THE SYMBOLS OF EASTER

Prayer for the Season



The symbols of Easter are also the symbols for the entire liturgical life of the Church. In all sacraments, particularly Baptism, simple elements from life are brought forward and made sacred.

Light, water, clothing, oil, and in a unique way, **bread and wine** are transformed from ordinary objects into the gift of God's grace and presence with us, and we too are transformed into images of Christ. Let us pray with these symbols of God's life with us.

UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH'S EASTER TRADITION

The three days from Holy Thursday evening until Easter Sunday evening are known as the *Triduum* (a Latin word meaning 'three days'). During these three holy days the Church remembers Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. The Easter Vigil and the celebrations of Easter Sunday bring the *Triduum* to a joyful conclusion. It is such an important feast that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated over fifty days, from Easter to Pentecost.

The Easter Vigil and the Symbols of Easter

In the early Church the Easter Vigil lasted from sunset on Saturday until dawn on Easter Sunday. The ceremonies are now shortened but, basically, they follow this structure:

1. **A Service of Light** - The community gathers in darkness around the Easter **fire** which is blessed and made holy. From it the Paschal candle is lit. This is our symbol of the risen Christ. From this great candle our own small candles are lit. Holding high 'the light of Christ', we process into the darkened church where the *Exsultet* is sung with great joy.
2. **The Liturgy of the Word** - Here the stories of the key events of the Old and New Testaments are read. This culminates in the proclamation of Jesus' resurrection.
3. **The Liturgy of Baptism** - The Easter **water** is blessed and the Liturgy of Baptism takes place. In the early Church, new members were baptised only at Easter—the season of new life in Christ. Baptism, particularly by immersion, symbolises a 'dying' with Christ, or a kind of 'drowning' to one's old life and rising to a new one. The newly baptised are anointed with **oil** and **clothed** in white as a symbol of 'putting on Christ'. They are given a lighted **candle** as a reminder to keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts.
4. **The Liturgy of the Eucharist** - After baptism, the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins. In the early Church the newly baptised were led to the table to participate in the Eucharist for the first time. The eucharistic bread is made from grains that have been ground, kneaded and baked. It is made to be broken and shared. The wine is made from grapes that have been crushed. It is made to be poured out and shared. These are symbols of life, nourishment and celebration. In the Eucharist we take the bread – Jesus' broken body – in our hands. We drink the wine of Easter, his blood poured out. We remember Jesus. We are nourished to become the Body of Christ in our world today.

Taking Action

St Augustine wrote that we are an Easter people and *Alleluia* is our song. The Easter season calls us as Easter people to serve others. Accounts of the early church record that Christians were marked by their love for one another. That love was reflected in service to all, especially those most in need. Since the Acts of the Apostles sets the agenda for the 50 days we, as modern-day apostles, must act! If we truly become Easter people, we will look like those first Christians in our efforts to live the good news of the Gospel, and our acts of justice and generosity will have an influence in the lives of many.



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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](#)

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](#)

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

Contact Simon Yeak from the Life, Marriage and Family team
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Prayers for the Plenary Council

Your prayers are asked for the ongoing support of the members of the Plenary Council. A program of prayer 'Walking in the Spirit' will commence on Easter Sunday and conclude with the opening of the Assembly on July 3. Prayers may be found at Walking in the Spirit – Plenary Council (catholic.org.au).

THE SIENA EVENT: CONFIDENCE SUPPORT SERVICES

Personal development opportunity in a Catholic context! The Siena Event, inspired by the teaching and philosophy of St Pope John Paul II, will take place at St Fiacre's Leichhardt 30 April 2022 from 10am-3:30pm. For tickets and info contact Bridget Spinks 0408 496 610 or visit www.confidencesupportservices.com.au