

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

7 & 8 May 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:

Acts 13:14, 43 - 52  
Apocalypse 7:9, 14 - 17  
John 10:27-30

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

## CWF MAY PARISH APPEAL

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney: those facing unemployment, homelessness, mental health concerns, and more. Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

## THANK YOU TO STUDENTS AT ST ANNE'S SCHOOL

A special thank you to the students from St Anne's who have prepared inspirational messages and best wishes for this very special occasion of Mother's Day. They can be found on the walls of the church. Please take some time to read them.

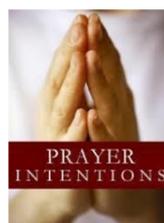


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Pray  
for...



## 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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There's a wonderful verse about wisdom in the book of Proverbs. Describing her role in creation, she says: "I was beside the master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence" (Prov 8:30, RNJB). That phrase, "ever at play in his presence," is itself delightful. It also sheds light on what we do at liturgy. We are at play in God's presence, as liturgical pioneer Romano Guardini wrote in his celebrated book of 1918, *The Spirit of the Liturgy*.

The word of God certainly invites us to the play of our imaginations. Today's reading from that most visionary work, the *Apocalypse/Revelation*, stretches our minds more than once. It features a Lamb who is a shepherd, and blood that washes robes white. These seemingly self-contradictory combinations tease us to discover new insights. They save us from a narrow mindset that reduces truth and beauty to the merely factual and leaves no room for the play of grace.

Christian believers thrive in a world of fruitful tensions: the divine and the human, the "now" and the "not yet," life and death, shame and glory, to name but a few. We flourish when we are "at play in his presence."  
***Source: Liturgy Brisbane***

**WHO SHALL WE GO TO? YOU ARE THE HOLY ONE OF GOD**



*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life*

*John 6:63, 68*

Today's readings are all about having faith in God and trusting that God will be there. In the Gospel, Peter says, 'Lord, to whom shall we go?' and in the reading from Acts, he travels around bringing hope with simple acts. In many of the readings about Peter, he could be accused of overthinking things, tying himself in knots because he is unable to understand what Jesus means and he wants instant or easy answers. How refreshing it is to see that Peter can place his trust so simply in Jesus. We can all overthink our faith at times, especially when we don't understand. We try to find a complex explanation, when we need to get back to basics. We may not always understand, but let's remember belief does not rest on understanding, it rests on faith.

***Source: pray.com.au***



**WHAT IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CALLED?**

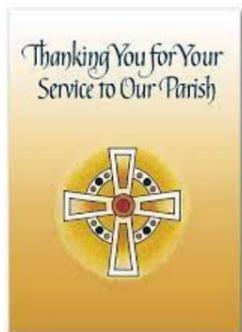
**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Because this Gospel reading is the parable of the Good Shepherd, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is now also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday** (a name formerly given to the Third Sunday of Easter to which the reading was originally assigned).

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums and mother like figures! It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother's Day in the Month of Mary. Today, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only through gifts, flowers, or cards, but also through our prayers for them. Let us pray for all of our mothers, including those who are no longer with us. And let us remember that we have a Mother in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary. May the Mother given to us by Christ on the cross be ever at our side!





## THANK YOU

The parish would like to thank Emily Giles, our Technology Lead, for her services to St Anne's and wish her well in her future endeavours. Emily will be leaving us to continue her university studies. We will be seeking a suitable person to replace her. Key duties include the weekly mass PowerPoint creation and running of the parish website. If you would like to apply or know someone who would be suitable please contact Fr Jack.



## APPOINTMENT OF DEACON

The Archbishop of Sydney has appointed Rev Mr Constantine Rodrigues as deacon to St Anne's parish. The appointment took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. We welcome Conti to our parish.

## RECLAIMING EVANGELISATION SERIES

### PRESENTER OF THE "BIBLE IN A YEAR" PODCAST FR MIKE SCHMITZ

**Saturday 28 May, 10AM– 11:30 AM**

Fr Schmitz will speak on: 'Why make disciples? What our Tradition tells us about calling and forming disciples.'

He will examine the great adventure of calling and forming disciples which saints and sinners have been living from the time of the apostles until the present day.

Please register at

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

Inquiries: [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org)

## SUPPORT FOR THE HOUSE OF WELCOME

The House of Welcome works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen. HoW has increased the Emergency Living Package program by 216% to respond to the amplified levels of distress and hardship amongst their clients. In the last few months House of Welcome has delivered emergency assistance and been able to support clients to maintain their tenancies and assisted those who have come to the centre homeless. There are a number of ways that you can help such as donating to the Emergency Relief Package or donate staple food items to the House of Welcome foodbank (see attached [flyer](#) for items needed).

10 May **Mother's Day**

(Many Australians follow the Mother's Day traditions that stem from observances in countries such as the United States and the United Kingdom. The Mother's Day date in Australia is the same as the date observed in the United States, which is the second Sunday of May each year. However, it is an Australian who is credited with having started the tradition of giving gifts on Mother's Day: Janet Heyden, a resident of Leichhardt Sydney, started a campaign in 1924 to collect gifts for lonely aged mothers.

**Source:** <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/australia/mother-day>

14 May **Saint Matthias**

(A companion of Jesus and a witness to the resurrection. Chosen by lot to take the place of Judas and so to share the apostolic ministry of the twelve [Act 1: 15 - 26]. He is named in Eucharistic Prayer 1 [The Roman Canon]).

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**



## **HOLY LAND APPEAL**

Thanks also to those who contributed to the collection on Good Friday for the upkeep of the holy places in the Holy Land. \$1,275.05 will be sent to the Franciscan Friars (who have custody of the holy sites).

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion in our Parish will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00 pm. Classes have commenced and are held on Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 9 am. Please pick the time and day that is suitable to attend. There are no classes this weekend due to Mother's Day.



### **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Project Compassion appeal this Lent. We have collected \$10,222.50. This is an outstanding and generous amount. The money will be forwarded to Caritas which runs the Project Compassion appeal.



### **FAMILY MASSES**

Family Masses will commence in our parish on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May during the 10 am Mass. Children from various classes from St Anne's School together with their families will take part in the Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.



### **SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL RETURNS FOR 2022** **PROMOTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

With Professor Francis Campbell, Vice Chancellor, University of Notre Dame Australia.

Tuesday 17 May 2022 @ 6:00pm-8:30 pm

Promoting Catholic Education in today's society means proposing a view of the human person as a truth-seeker who thrives in community. Catholic educators have an opportunity to form virtuous communities where human persons can thrive because they strive to pursue the truth virtuously. The real challenge for the Catholic institution is to foster such community so that the world can witness communities of salt and light.

Register online for this free event:

<https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/satc/register/Site/Register>

Scholarship at the Cathedral is an initiative of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney in partnership with The Institute for Ethics and Society of the University of Notre Dame.

### **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](#)

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