

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

30 April & 1 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 5:27-32, 40-41
Apocalypse 5:11 - 14
John 21:1-19

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

CWF MAY PARISH APPEAL

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of May. Your generosity will benefit the good works of the Good Shepherd Seminary, our chaplaincies, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, CatholicCare, the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, and so much more. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf



1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH OF MAY

1st Saturday for the month of May falls on the 7th of May.
Mass at 9.15 with the Anointing of the sick.



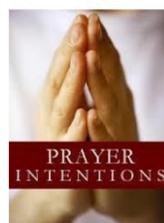
Anointing of the sick

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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Reading John's gospel can be both inspiring and frustrating. It's inspiring when it reveals and draws us into the intimacy shared by Father and Son. "No one has ever seen God," John wrote, "it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known" (1:18). It's sometimes frustrating when it engages us at a human level then disconcertingly takes us into deep waters.



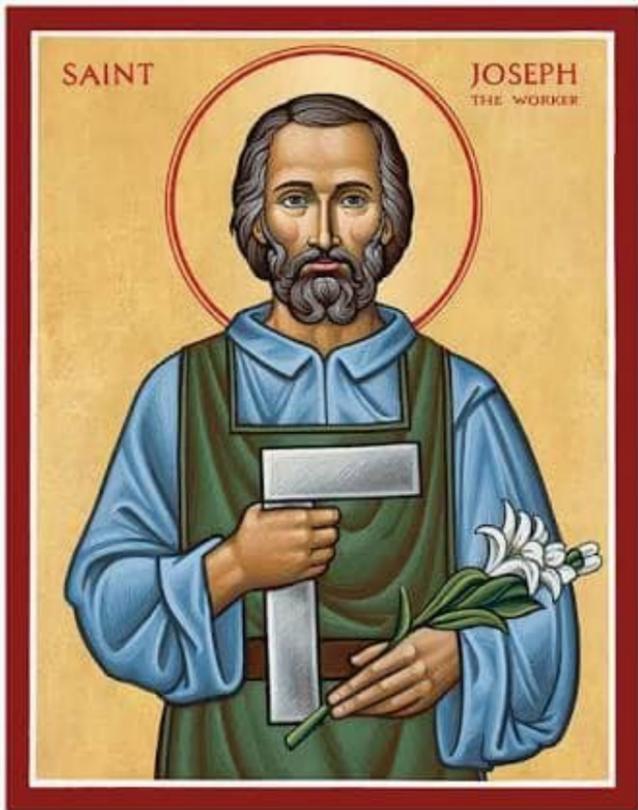
Today's gospel tells us how the risen Lord appeared to his disciples in Galilee. We are curious. We want to know more. Why have they gone back to Lake Tiberias? Have they abandoned all their hopes? Are they there in obedience to a command of Jesus? What made "the disciple Jesus loved" recognise him as "the Lord"? Why are we told there were 153 fish? These are just some of the many questions that this story raises but does not answer.

John would have us let go of our need for "facts" in favour of grasping a deeper truth. He's inviting us to share in the disciples' apparent hesitation and uncertainty, to be disconcerted by experiences that we neither control nor understand, to be led as Thomas was into a deeper faith. In particular, as we contemplate the scene by the lakeside, with the risen Jesus feeding his disciples bread and fish from the charcoal fire, we might reflect on the eucharistic meal for which we are gathered. Can our eyes be opened to see the divine presence revealed in the assembly, the ministers, the word and the eucharistic gifts? Can we give wholehearted assent to our mission in the world?

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

In other years: St Joseph the Worker

The feast of Saint Joseph the Worker is not a mere Catholic copying of the Communist First of May – any more than Christmas is a mere copy of the pagan feast of Saturnalia. The dates are taken over, for obvious reasons; but the content is radically different.



The Christian view of work is the opposite of the materialist view. A worker such as St Joseph is not a mere lump of labour – "1.00 human work units." He is a person. He is created in God's own image, and just as creation is an activity of God, so creation is an activity of the worker. The work we do echoes the glorious work that God has done. It may not be wasted; or abused; or improperly paid; or directed to wrong or pointless ends. To do any of these things is not oppression, it is sacrilege. The glory of the present economic system is when it gives so many, of whatever class, the chance to build and create something worthwhile, whether from their own resources, or in collaboration with others, or by attracting investment from others. But its shame is when that does not happen: when people are coerced, by greed or by poverty, into being "lumps of labour." Whether the labour is arduous or not makes no difference; whether it is richly paid or not makes no difference.

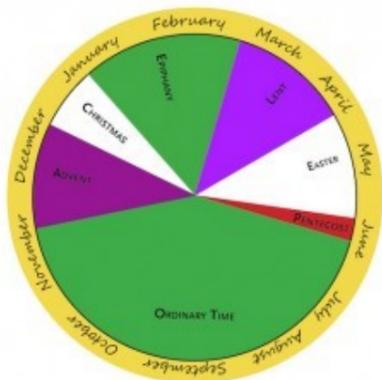
Because she must combat the anti-humanist Communist heresy the Church is sometimes thought to be on the side of capital. Reading the successive Papal encyclicals on labour and society, from *Rerum Novarum* (1891) onwards, will soon dispel that illusion. The enemies of the Church have no reason to read them; all too often we feel too comfortable in our present economic state and refrain from reading them also.

The simple step of a courageous individual is not to take part in the lie. One word of truth outweighs the world.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn (1918-)

LITURGICAL COLOUR: WHITE

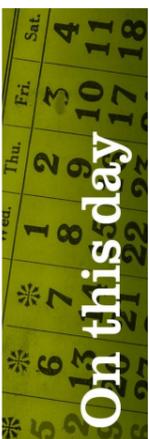
White is the colour of heaven. Liturgically, it is used to celebrate feasts of the Lord; Christmas and Easter, the great seasons of the Lord; and the saints. Not that you will always see white in church, because if something more splendid, such as gold, is available, that can and should be used instead. We are, after all, celebrating.



In the earliest centuries all vestments were white – the white of baptismal purity and of the robes worn by the armies of the redeemed in the Apocalypse, washed white in the blood of the Lamb. As the Church grew secure enough to be able to plan her liturgy, she began to use colour so that our sense of sight could deepen our experience of the mysteries of salvation, just as incense recruits our sense of smell and music that of hearing. Over the centuries various schemes of colour for feasts and seasons were worked out, and it is only as late as the 19th century that they were harmonized into their present form.

2 May **Saint Athanasius** (Born in 295. Buried on this day in 373 at Alexandria [Egypt]. Attended the first ecumenical council of Nicaea as a deacon. Later, as bishop of Alexandria, he upheld that Council's doctrine in the efface of great opposition from Arians, including several emperors. Sent into exile a number of times. Venerated as the "Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true and equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

3 May **Saint Philip and James**



(Philip, from Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the Fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets [John 1:45] and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord [John 12:20- 22]. According to Acts 8:5, he was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus (Mark 3:18ff). Known as James the Less. Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62. The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century).

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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>

FUNERAL:



Thank you to everyone who attended the funeral for the late Fr Ray Weaver former Parish Priest of St Anne's. Thank you also to everyone who helped prepare the church.



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 19th of April. We welcome Conti to our parish.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion in our Parish will be held on Sunday 29th May at 12.00 pm. Classes commenced today 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 will be no classes on the Mother's Day weekend 7/8 May.



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES



Anyone who may still have a Projection Compassion Box or envelope to return please do so as soon as possible so the money can be sent to Caritas who run the Project Compassion appeal. They can be returned to the Sacristy or Parish.

FAMILY MASSES



Family Masses will commence in our parish on Sunday 15th 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.



Hope in the coming kingdom is already beginning to take root in the hearts of people. The radical transformation of the world in the Paschal Mystery of the Lord gives full meaning to the efforts of people, and in particular of the young, to lessen injustice, violence and hatred and to advance all together in justice, freedom, kinship and love.' **World Synod of Bishops, *Justicia in Mundo*, #76**

LIFE AFTER DEATH? WHAT CAN WE KNOW? A FASCINATING EVENING WITH FR JOHN FLADER, AUTHOR OF "DYING TO LIVE: REFLECTIONS ON LIFE AFTER DEATH"

Friday 6 May
Level 5, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney
6pm arrival for 6:30pm

Register online: <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/msb/flader>

Cost: \$5 redeemable on the purchase of the book during the evening.

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](#)

or contact Simon Yeak from the Life, Marriage and Family team

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