

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Eighteenth Sunday on Ordinary Time (Year C)

30 & 31 July 2022

Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Tuesday - Friday 9:15 am
Saturday: 8:00 am (see below)

Reconciliation - Saturdays from 9:45 am
Baptisms, marriages and funerals, by appointment only.

SUNDAY READINGS:

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

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: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!



The saying "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die," must have had an ancient origin because it's quoted (unfavourably) by the prophet Isaiah (22:13). From there it found its way into Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (15:32). The extra phrase, "and be merry," seems to have derived from that rather un-merry author, Qoheleth (8:15).

Not only has the saying remained current, but also the question it raises. What is a healthy attitude to worldly goods? The very word "goods" recalls God's pronouncement that all things created were good, indeed very good (Gen 1:31). Yet the New Testament writings, especially the synoptic gospels, are full of warnings about the clear and present danger of becoming possessed and enslaved by what we own.

Steering a course between an aversion to earthly things and a pre-occupation with them is always a work in progress. The key phrase, of course, is freedom of heart. Pope Francis offers an encouraging word: "We are able to take an honest look at ourselves, to acknowledge our deep dissatisfaction, and to embark on new paths to authentic freedom. No system can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true and beautiful, or our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts" (*Laudato si'* #205).

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK



FOR OUR DEAD

Reg Jones, Sidney Yenson, Andreina & Quinto Forner, Betty Forner, Maureen Kathleen Kelly

FOR OUR SICK

especially Joyce McDonald, Jeremy, Rosalia Chia, Michael and Treasa

SPECIAL INTENTION

For all women who would like to have a baby

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MASS INTENTIONS:

The Parish of St Anne's welcomes and accepts Mass intentions from all who wish to have their needs and prayers mentioned during the celebration of the Eucharist.

Please print clearly the intention and if it is for a person or people indicate if they have passed away or are alive. Please write the preferred date and a time you would like to have this Mass offered.

Do not put a Mass intention envelope on the collection plate. The more practical way is to hand it to a priest, a deacon, or an acolyte, or bring it to the parish office on Tuesday only.

From now on Mass intentions will be printed in the bulletin. If you do not wish to have your intention appear in the bulletin or to be mentioned from the pulpit, please mark clearly "Not For Publication" on the envelope.

I would like to take this opportunity and sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused regarding Mass intentions in the last few weeks.

FIRST SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST MORNING MASS

As I will be attending the Priestly Ordinations at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 6th August the first Saturday Mass and anointing of the sick will be at 8 am.

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS



You are invited to join with the Archbishop in celebrating the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons: Mark Anderson, Benjamin Gandy, Bijoy Joseph, Benjamin Saliba, and Adrian Simmons. This will take place on Saturday morning 6th August at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will commence at 10.30 am. Please keep these men in your prayers.

CWF AUGUST PARISH APPEAL

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held next weekend, 6-7th August. Envelopes will be available in the pews next week. The CWF supports a whole range of charities and ministries, including the Good Shepherd Seminary, CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, and university, hospital and prison Chaplaincies. You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS 2022



The Sacrament of Confirmation at St Anne's will be celebrated on Saturday 27th August at 5.00 pm. by Bishop Terry Brady. Anyone in Year 6 or older who has been baptised and has received First Holy Communion in the Catholic Church are invited to enrol.

MASS ATTENDANCE DURING THE PROGRAM IS REQUIRED

Since the sacraments are an initiation into the Church and one of the basic features of our faith is that we gather either at the Saturday Vigil or Sunday for Mass.

Preparation classes are held in the Therry Building on Thursdays at 3.30pm and Sundays at 9.00am commencing 31 July.

If you would like your child to participate in this Sacrament, please confirm on your Registration Form or by email to the Parish Office (stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com) which lesson you and your child will attend.

Coming Soon.
New Principal



NEW PRINCIPAL

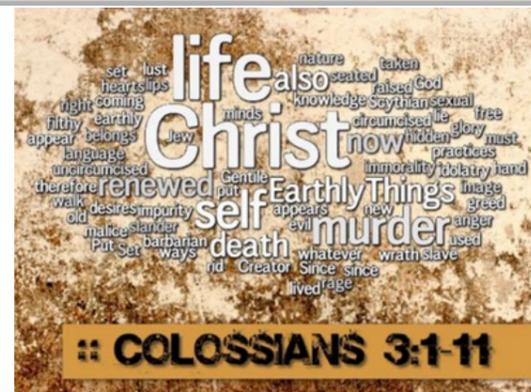
I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Phillip Townsend as the New Principal to St Anne's Primary School. He will begin his new role at the start of Term 4. We warmly welcome him as part of St Anne's school family.

FAREWELL PRINCIPAL MR MARK MCKEOWN

Principal Mr Mark McKeown will be leaving St Anne's Primary School at the end of Term 3. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours. Farewell details will be announced shortly.

Whatever you do, you need courage. Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these **Mission opportunities abroad.**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. **Palms Australia**, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. **Enquire online** or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also **Register** for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

THE BISHOP'S BLEND BREAKFAST

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday 8th August at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/the-bishops-blend/tbbx> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

INTERNATIONAL BIBLICAL SCHOLAR DR SCOTT HAHN TO SPEAK LIVE, ONLINE AT THE PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE

You are warmly invited to the inaugural Archdiocesan Parish Renewal Conference where Dr Hahn, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and a stellar array of speakers will address Sydney's faithful at the upcoming Parish Renewal Conference. Join us as Dr Hahn, a convert from evangelical Christianity, explores the perennial call to be **Evangelising Catholics** in the midst of **A Culture in Need of the Gospel**. Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22

St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm

\$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney

We hope you can join us for this amazing opportunity to pray together, receive formation and share ideas to strengthen our parishes.

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).

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Do not worry

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.

CATHOLIC HELP WITH ALCOHOLISM AND ADDICTION

Do you, a family member, or friend need help with an addiction concern? You can reach out to the Calix Society. Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program.

We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for *the virtue of total abstinence, promoting our spiritual development, and striving for the sanctification of the whole personality of each member.* Contact calixsydney@outlook.com for meeting times and resources. Perhaps this could be a crucial step toward recovery and saving a life.

1 August

Saint Alphonsus Liguori (Born at Naples [Italy] in 1696. Died at Nocera on this day in 1787. A lawyer before ordination. After founding the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer [Redemptorists], he was for thirteen years bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti, but resigned due to ill health. He coped with much internal conflict within the congregation and external opposition. REMEMBERED as a popular preacher and devotional writer and as an influential master of moral theology).

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

3 August

Saint Dominic (Born at Calaruega (Spain) about 1170. Died at Bologna (Italy) on 6 August 1221. An Augustinian canon noted for prayer, penance, and an exemplary life. In a time of violent crusades he sought the reconciliation of Albigensian heretics through instruction and prayer. Established the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to revitalize the Church through the study, teaching, preaching, and prayer. Remembered as a preacher, organiser, and patron of learning).

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

6 August

The Transfiguration of the Lord (The feast had its origin in the East in the fourth century as the commemoration of the dedication of the church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. It was observed in the West from the eighth century and extended to the entire Western Church in the fifteenth century. The feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians).

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

