

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

23 & 24 July 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:

Genesis 18:20–32
Colossians 2:12–14
Luke 11:1–13

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:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!



DEMPSEY MEDAL AWARD 2022

Special Congratulations to Truda and Geoff Ticehurst and Kathy Fleri who were presented with the Dempsey Medal by Archbishop Anthony Fisher last Sunday at St Mary's Cathedral. We give our heartfelt thanks to them for their commitment over many years.

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.

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 either Fr Jacek, one of the acolytes, Deacon Conti 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you do not wish to have your intention appear in the bulletin or to be mentioned from the pulpit, please mark clearly "Not For Publication" on the envelope.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.

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St. Therese of Lisieux described prayer as a “surge of the heart”. It is more than just words in our heads. It is truly sharing with God our deepest longings, joys, sorrows, and feelings. This is the type of prayer which Jesus teaches his disciples. He tells us to call God “Father”, an intimate term, and to remember that God is holy. He tells us to speak to God about his Kingdom and his will for us. We also speak of “our daily bread”, our needs. We ask for mercy and the ability to show mercy. And for God’s presence in times of trial.



He also tells them to be persistent. Why? Prayer is not meant to “change God’s mind” but to draw us into union with the divine. Not giving up on prayer keeps the line of communication open, allowing God to speak to us also. This can help us see things in a different light, or lead us in a new direction, or soften our hearts. Or maybe we just need to be patient.

Prayer is meant to break us out of our closed mindedness. We call to the God who is both near enough that we can call him Father and yet so different from us. God is a mystery to us, but through prayer we can gain insight into his nature. And then we can learn to depend on him for all that we need. Source: <https://young-catholics.com>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES



New sets of 2022/23 Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection from the table near the Baptismal Font. If you are not a member of planned giving and would like to contribute, please contact the parish office or Fr Jack. We encourage all Parishioners to join the giving system as this is the main income of the parish, by means of which we run everyday expenses and plan for the future.

Thank you to all contributors for their financial support of the parish.

FEAST OF ST ANNE’S:



Feast of St. Anne, patroness of our parish, church, school falls on Tuesday 26th July. Mass, as usual, will be at 9.15 am. However solemn celebration of the feast will take place on Friday 29th July at 9.15 am, the School will attend praying for all grandparents in our parish as St. Anne mother of Mary was the grandmother of Jesus.



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.

There will be four (4) one hour Preparation lessons. These will be held in the Therry Building on Thursdays at 3.30pm commencing 28 July 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.

CWF AUGUST PARISH APPEAL

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held on 6-7th August. 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. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so keep an eye out for them. You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf



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.

DIDASKO: ONLINE CATHOLIC ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In His Great Commission, Our Lord commanded the Apostles to make disciples and "teach them the commands I have given you" (Matthew 28:20).

Didasko seeks to support parishes to respond to this by building a culture of formation in which disciples are encouraged to grow by investing time in spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation.

The next presenter in the series will be the Parish Priest of St Catherine Laboure, Gymea, Rev. Dr Gregory MW Morgan.

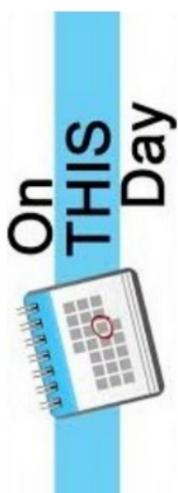
Topic: Simple Suggestions to Spiritual Obstacles:
Rekindling our Prayer Life after 'Pandemic Procrastination'.

Thursdays 21 and 28 July and 4 August. 7:30pm-8:45pm

Cost: \$25 (includes three evening sessions)

Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/

More information, contact Helen at: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org



25 July **Saint James** (Born at Bethsaida in Galilee, a son of Zebedee. Died about 44, the first apostle to die, beheaded by Herod. A fisherman, summoned by Jesus together with his brother Saint John [27 December]. They were called the "Sons of Thunder" [Mark 3:17]. REMEMBERED as a favoured apostle: with Saint Peter [29 June] and Saint John he was present at the transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in the garden). **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

26 July **Saint Joachim and Anne** (Joachim and Anne are named as Mary's parents in a late second century tradition. Churches dedicated to Saint Anne are found in Jerusalem and Constantinople from the middle of the sixth century. The feast of St Anne was kept in Rome by the eighth century, that of Saint Joachim from the fifteenth century. The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord).

PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2022

**International biblical scholar Dr Scott Hahn to Speak Live,
Online at the Parish Renewal Conference**

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

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

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITIES

Every Saturday at 3 pm

"ReCHARGE" Gathering: Praise & Worship + Talk + Prayer & Empowerment + Fellowship

Where: St Joseph's Parish Hall
Walz St, Rockdale, NSW (Parking at Parker St.)

Enquiries: Helen - 0433455114 Ida – 0424 267 500

E: jlowcommunity@gmail.com More information: www.jlowcom.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).

LIVING BY THE GOSPEL

Ask, Search, Knock

Jesus says in the gospel, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.



FUN FACT

On 28 January 1896, **Walter Arnold** (UK), drove his "horse-less carriage" through the village of Paddock Wood, Kent, at more than four times the speed limit – a reckless 8 mph (13 km/h)!