

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

13 & 14 August 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:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53

## 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, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me! Alleluia!

John the Baptist, so Luke and Matthew tell us, spoke of one to come after him who would "baptise . . . with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Mt 3:11; Lk 3:16). What kind of fire did John have in mind? Was it the fire of purification announced by the prophets of the past? Malachi, for example, foresaw one who would be "like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali" (3:3). Or was the Baptist anticipating the fire of Pentecost, the flames of missionary fervour that transformed the apostles? Certainly, when Jesus cries out about fire and baptism as he does today, it's because of zeal for his mission.



Nowadays we are familiar with the words "baptism of fire." The phrase only seems to have appeared in the nineteenth century, coined to describe a soldier's first experience of being under fire in battle. Since then, it has become common usage for any ordeal that a person goes through for the first time. It's fair to say that few would be aware of its biblical associations.

It may also be true that few of the baptised think of their baptism in terms of fire, and that may be a pity. Imagining baptism as fire might show us that to be baptised is to be ablaze with missionary fervour. And if there is one thing that Pope Francis is calling us to be, it's a missionary Church.

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**



## **FOR OUR DEAD**

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

## **FOR OUR SICK**

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

## **SPECIAL INTENTION**

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# A Word From Our Pastor

## **MASSES: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** **15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday, 15 August. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 9.15am and 7.00 pm. After the 9.15am Mass a hospitality table will be available. Please stay back for a cuppa and a chat.

## **CWF AUGUST PARISH APPEAL**

Thank you for supporting the CWF August Parish Appeal. On behalf of this parish, we sincerely thank you for supporting the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August Appeal. Through your generous gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our community through our CWF agencies and ministries, and to promote the good works of our faith in our seminaries, schools and universities.



Charitable Works Fund (CWF) envelopes are still available in the pews if you still wish to donate. For more information, please visit [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf).

### **THANK YOU:**

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the various volunteers involved in the life of the parish.

## **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.

### **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 will be held in the Therry Building on Thursdays at 3.30pm and Sundays at 9.00am.

## **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 and parish family.

## **FAREWELL MASS FOR 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. A farewell Mass for Mark will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September at 10.15 am. Please keep this date and time free. All are welcome.



*Humanity is 'one miscalculation away from nuclear annihilation....  
Nagasaki and Hiroshima remind us to put peace first every day;  
to work on conflict prevention and resolution, reconciliation, and dialogue;  
and to tackle the roots of conflict and violence.'*

**Antonio Guterres**, Secretary-General of the United Nations, in a recent warning.

Pax Christi Australia





## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

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.

## 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 .

## CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Catholic Men's Formation and Prayer Group currently meet Thursdays 8pm till 9pm, via online conference (zoom). We are a group of men who have met on a regular basis over the past ten years. We invite men to various formation programs, and to conclude with Prayer of the Church. Our chaplain is Deacon Louis Azzopardi. We are currently using Kapaun's Men, Virtue Series. For details on how to connect, contact Lee Caruana via email [leecaruana@hotmail.com](mailto:leecaruana@hotmail.com)

## **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](http://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.

## **RAISING FATHERS EVENINGS** **DO YOU WANT TO BE A BETTER DAD?**

*Receive the life skills and experience the love. The message of these stories is the same: fatherhood really matters! Done well it is world-changing. Done badly it is catastrophic.*

Dads, grandfathers and father figures all welcome to come and join us starting at 7.30pm at one of the locations below:

- ⇒ Tuesday, August 23 – St Kevin's, Eastwood (Parish Hall): Daniel Ang (*Free sausage sizzle available from 6.30pm*)
- ⇒ Wednesday, August 24 – All Saints, Liverpool (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady
- ⇒ Thursday, August 25 – St Peter Chanel, Berala (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady

Register now via <https://www.trybooking.com/CBHLX>

## IGNITE CONFERENCE 2022

Thursday 29 September 2022 - Sunday 2 October - Freeman College Bonnyrigg.

This popular conference was postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-lockdowns, but is back this year, featuring the Holy Sacraments of Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration, inspiring speakers, workshops and dynamic music.

The event is aimed at all ages with a program of interest to primary and high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from across the country.

Speakers will include Fr Rob Galea and Therese Mills MGL.

\$100 Discount available for the first 50 young adults who register or volunteer from the Archdiocese of Sydney. EMAIL: [John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org) for the Discount Code

The path of least resistance and least trouble is a mental rut already made. It requires troublesome work to undertake the alternation of old beliefs. Self-conceit often regards it as a sign of weakness to admit that a belief to which we have once committed ourselves is wrong. We get so identified with an idea that it is literally a 'pet' notion and we rise to its defense and stop our eyes and ears to anything different.

15 August **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God". It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son) . **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

19 August **World Humanitarian Day**

*"In a world that is ever more digitally connected, each of us has the power and responsibility to inspire our fellow human beings to act to help others and create a more humane world." — UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon*

World Humanitarian Day tries to raise awareness of the plight of civilians around the world who are caught up in conflicts, and also honour and raise support for the humanitarian workers who risk, and sometimes lose, their lives to help.



Over 130 million people throughout the world are currently in crisis, either through war or natural disasters and are in need of humanitarian aid.

World Humanitarian Day was established in 2008 by the United Nations General Assembly and was first officially celebrated in 2009. August 19 was chosen to mark the anniversary of the bombing of the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, an event in which the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Sergio Vieira de Mello and twenty others lost their lives. Each year a different theme is chosen for World Humanitarian Day, for example, in the past, the themes have included 'We Are Humanitarian Workers', 'One Humanity' and in 2017 'Not A Target' reaffirming that civilians caught up in war zones should not become targets.

Organisations worldwide honour this day in a range of ways from fundraisers to lectures and other events all aimed at raising awareness.

