

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

10 & 11 September 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:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

Responsorial Psalm:

I will rise and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

One might wonder what currency the phrase "golden calf" has these days. Perhaps even those unfamiliar with its origins still know it as a metaphor for anything we make an idol of in our lives. The biblical story (absent from the Sunday Lectionary) is colourful, but painted with such broad strokes of the brush as to be open to diverse interpretations. In brief, the people waiting at the foot of Mt Sinai for Moses to reappear grow impatient, persuade Aaron to help them fashion an image, probably of a bull, from their gold jewellery. God and Moses are outraged at this betrayal of the covenant and demand repentance. For the most part the story is deeply serious. Moses grinds the calf to dust, throws it on water and makes the people drink it. Much more grimly, several thousand are put to the sword. Amid the darkness of this tale, one detail may prompt a wry smile. When Aaron is challenged by Moses about his complicity, he replied that when the people brought him their gold, "I threw it into the fire and out Nothing to see here, it just happened! t came this calf" (Ex 32:24).



This may be just the problem we all face. We don't set out to create idols. They just happen. Sometimes they're only exposed by crises, as they were for the prodigal son. But much of the time they require determined discernment. The payoff is freedom of spirit.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

FOR OUR DEAD

Rest in Peace to our beloved Queen, Queen Elizabeth II (1926 - 2022),
Haifa and Antoinus Nazih, Victoria Galea, Sarkis Simon and Peter Sard and those to died in
"September 11 2001"

FOR OUR SICK

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

SPECIAL INTENTION

Palathingal & Neena Jacob (wedding anniversary), Timothy

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FAMILY MASS

Our next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 11th September at 10.00 am. This Mass will be prepared by the teachers, parents, and students from St Anne's. Morning tea will follow. All are welcome to attend.



CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

5th-11th September - Celebrating Diversity and Differences with all our children.



National Child Protection Week will continue to embrace the overarching message that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'. In particular, this year we will be shining a light on children growing up safe and supported.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

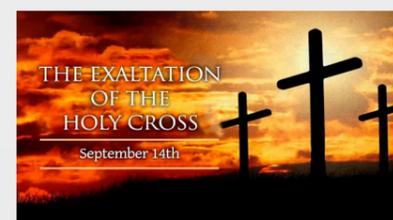
This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney celebrated National Child Protection Week for the sixth year in a row, and today, the week culminates with the celebration of Safeguarding Sunday. The celebration of this past week, leading up to Safeguarding Sunday, has provided us with an opportunity to reflect on how we celebrate and embrace differences within our community.

To help us reflect, the Safeguarding Office has developed a new resource for Children; the Celebrating Differences – We are all special- Activity Book.

This resource can be accessed on the Safeguarding website:
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-andchild-protection>

FEAST OF EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross falls on Wednesday 14th of September.
Mass as usual at 9.15 am.



PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND APPEAL

Thank you to all who donated to the Priests' Retirement Father's Day Appeal last weekend. Your donation will help care for our sick and retired priests.



NEW PIANO/ORGAN

The new piano/organ has arrived. This will help to enhance our church liturgies. If anyone would like donate to help cover some of the cost, envelopes are available in the pews this weekend. Please place these envelopes in the box provided at the main entrance to the church.

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 Wednesday 14th of September at 10.15 am. All are welcome.

2022 ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS



Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022? Renew your vows to each other at Annual Marriage Mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher at 10:30am on Sunday the 16th October at St Mary's Cathedral. All families welcome!

Please RSVP by the 12th of September at <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriagemass22>. For any queries, email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone **(02) 9307 8480**

PALMS AUSTRALIA: EMBRACE THE CALL TO GLOBAL MISSION

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these **Mission opportunities abroad** and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online or Ph: **0422 742 567** and **Register** for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our **13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th**.

INDEPENDENT LIVING VILLAGE IN STRATHFIELD



Marian Court Units is an independent living village for over 55s, acquired by the Trustees of Catholic Aged Sydney in April 2022. Conveniently located near Strathfield station and shopping centre, we have several vacant units featuring one bedroom one bathroom (46sqm) and two bedrooms two bathrooms (65sqm). There is a sliding scale of entrance and exit fees to suit your circumstances. Please call the Manager on 0400 077 781 for an appointment to see the available units.

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 for the Discount Code

MEN'S WEEKEND: 24-25 SEPTEMBER

Be encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission in your life through attending the next **menALIVE Men's Weekend**. Share your faith with like-minded men in a secure and respectful environment.

Where: St Kevin's Parish Eastwood, 36 Hillview Rd Eastwood

For more information, contact the parish office on **9874-2533** or please see attached link [poster](#)



The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

www.menalive.org.au

FROM ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER'S FACEBOOK PAGE

All Australians are united in sorrow as we mourn the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Catholic community pauses to remember a wonderful Christian woman.

While Her Majesty was not born to rule, posterity will record her reign as a benchmark against which leaders will be judged for generations to come.

Queen Elizabeth II will be remembered as a model of public service and dedication to duty. Her Majesty's calmness under pressure, ability to comfort her people and her steadfastness in the face of adversity have been a source of inspiration for our country since her coronation in 1953.

In her passing, we remember the Queen as a Christian who loved her Lord, spoke of her faith in her Christmas messages, attended Church, prayed regularly, and treated with great courtesy all those she met.

The Queen spoke often of her love for Australia. Her visits were fewer in later years, but the warmth Australians felt for her has endured.

Many words will be spoken about the virtues, wisdom, and service of the Queen but for today we are all quietly united in awe at her life's work and in sorrow at its ending.

I pray God grants eternal rest to his servant and comfort to King Charles III and his family during this time of mourning. [#QueenElizabeth](#) [#Royal](#) [#Royalty](#) [#ripqueenelizabeth](#)

Facebook link to the Video - <https://fb.watch/frDZ0-sWio/>

On Friday, 9 September 2022, I visited Government House, Sydney to offer my condolences on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on behalf of Sydney's Catholic community. In her passing, we remember the Queen as a Christian who loved her Lord, spoke of her faith in her Christmas messages, attended Church, prayed regularly, and treated with great courtesy all those she met. I pray God grants eternal rest to his servant and comfort to King Charles III and his family during this time of mourning.

13 Sept

Saint John Chrysostom (Born in Antioch about 347. Died in exile in Comana [Turkey] on 14 September 407. After some years as a hermit, he was a priest at Antioch, where his brilliant preaching and catechesis earned him the sobriquet "Chrysostom" [golden-mouthed]. Appointed patriarch of Constantinople in 397. His reforms, preaching, and ascetic life led to opposition from court and clergy and eventual banishment. **REMEMBERED** for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of this witness, and his effective preaching of the Scriptures. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

14 Sept

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Originally this day commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in the fourth century; after the celebration, the wood of the cross was venerated. The feast spread in the West after the recovery of the relics of the cross from Persia in the seventh century. A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the "lifting up" of the Son of Man on the Cross, into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

15 Sept

Our Lady of Sorrows (This commemoration originated in the medieval devotion to the seven sorrows of Mary. Approved for the Servite order in the seventeenth century, it was extended to the whole Western Church in 1814 by Pius VII in thanksgiving for his release from captivity under Napoleon. In light of Simeon's prophecy about a sword piercing Mary's soul (Luke 2:35), the feast celebrates Mary, first disciple and first to share in the pain and triumph of the cross. **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

