

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

26 & 27 November 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:

Isaiah 2:1-5  
St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44

## 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: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!



### FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Mario San-Severino  
Maria Zuboli  
Sr, B Anna Yim Claudia Lai  
Fr Tomasz David (relatives and friends of Bernadette)

### SPECIAL INTENTION

For the Schoenstatt Sisters at Mulgoa  
For Bernadette  
For Chantelle

### ANNIVERSARY

Joseph Galea

### FOR OUR SICK

Tony Grace  
Peter Simon



The former eucharistic acclamation, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again," succinctly wove together the past, present and future dimensions of the paschal mystery. The same

perspectives are at play throughout the four weeks of the Advent season. The prism of Advent refracts the mystery of Christ's coming into beams of past, present and future.

Here the future comes first. The season begins with a strong focus on Christ's coming in judgement at the end of time. As the weeks pass, our attention is drawn more and more to the historical drama of Christ's birth and how it was foreshadowed by the prophets. But hope and memory are held together throughout by the constant coming of Christ among us and within us.

Paying attention to the "now" of Christ's presence is a challenge at this time of year. So much is happening around us, so many things to complete, so many things to prepare for. The secret is simple: hold fast to one word in our hearts. That word is "Emmanuel": God-with-us.

**Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### STAY AWAKE! PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST ADVENT COMPANION 2022

The beautiful Season of Advent has come. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Go Make Disciples have created an Advent Companion, which contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Bishop Danny Meagher, Mrs Tania Rimac, Sr Mary Julian Ekman RSM, Dr Michael Casey and Fr Benjamin Saliba. The companion is designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online.

We have a limited amount of copies available for parishioners to take home. These are available from the table at the back of the church. You can also download it from the Go Make Disciples website at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).



Stay Awake!  
Be Ready!

A Parish Advent group has been organised. The group will meet on Tuesday nights commencing 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7 pm in the Presbytery. For anyone still wishing to join, a sign-up sheet can be found on the back table.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the children who made their First Reconciliation on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to all the helpers who assisted with the program. Please keep these children in your prayers.

### COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS 2023

are on sale for \$10 each at the back of the church. Kindly place the money in the Donations for Organ box.



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP  
invites you to

## CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

*a festival evening at St Mary's*

PRESENTED BY **paynter dixon**

**8-25 DECEMBER 2022**

We invite our parish families and all people of goodwill across Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Festivities begin at 7pm** with:  
Christmas market stalls, food,  
fun activities for the kids and live  
entertainment.





## Blessing of the Advent Wreath and lighting of the first candle

The Advent Wreath is a wonderful tradition to help us visibly mark the passing of time before Christmas in the Church as well as in the home.

Fr Jacek:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

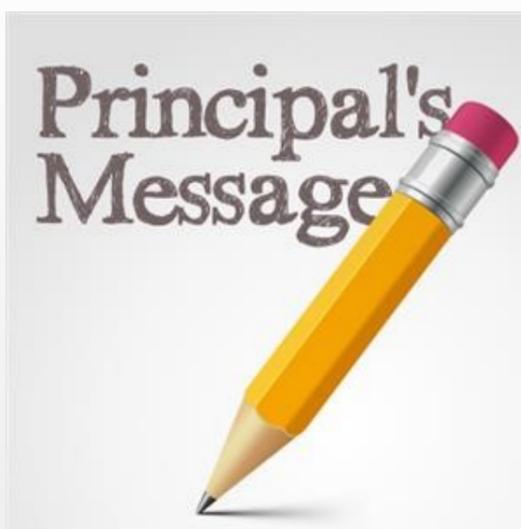
## Week 1: Hope (light 1 purple candle)

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.



Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

As I mentioned in last weekend's notices, Monday was our Annual Swimming Carnival at Enfield Aquatic Centre. Evidence of the benefit of the swimming program before the carnival was provided when three individual school records were broken. Congratulations to Gold House as they came first. And so Gold won gold.



First Reconciliation on Thursday evening in the Church was a special occasion. We are very grateful to Lorraine and Sandra, from our Parish Sacramental Team who did an amazing job in preparing the children for their First Confession. Their efforts were complimented by the efforts of the school team led by Year 2 teacher, Ms Anna Marcucci, Mrs Giovanna Conti and Mrs Karin Webb. The parish and school came together beautifully. The construction of the 22 lost sheep added to the theme of the Gospel and Father Jack's Homily. The individual family blessings given by Father Jack and Father Kim Ha from St Joseph's Enfield and his brother priest made it a memorable event.

On Friday Years 1 and 2 went on an excursion to the Zoo. They returned smiling, smarter and exhausted on Friday afternoon. A perfect end to the week.

**Warm regards**  
**Phil Townsend**

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

As Christmas falls on a weekend this year, below are the Mass times

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December      5:00 pm      Children's Christmas Vigil Mass

**Christmas Eve**



*(Children are asked to come dressed as either an angel, a shepherd or a Wise man)*

12:00 am      Christmas Midnight Mass

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

8:00 am      Christmas Mass

**Christmas Day**

10:00 am      Christmas Mass



*(There will be no evening Mass)*

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December

9:15 am      Mass



**Feast of St Stephen**

**(Boxing Day)**

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December

5:00 pm      Mass

**New Year's Eve**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

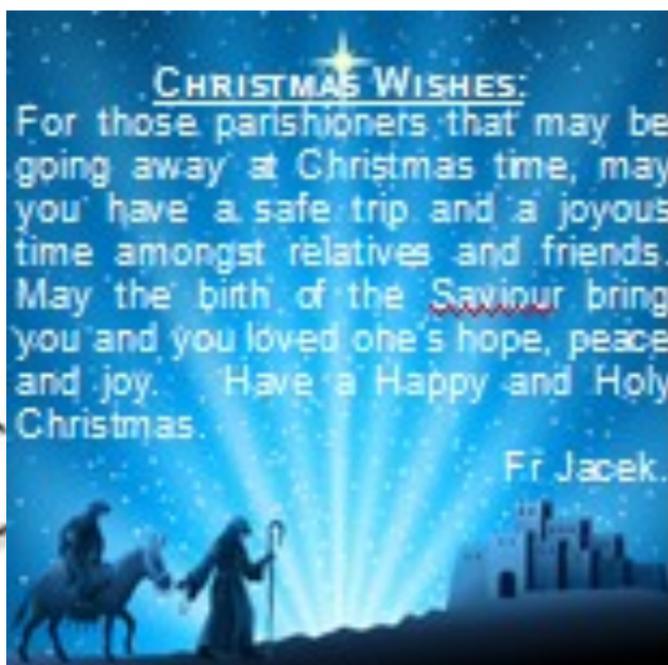
8:00 am      Mass

**New Year's Day/**

10:00 am      Mass

**Solemnity of Mary**

If anyone would like to volunteer to play organ/piano at any of these Masses or be part of a choir please let the Parish know.



For those wishing to make a Christmas offering to the Parish, envelopes will be shortly available in the church. These can be returned with your offering inside on the second collection. We thank you for your generosity.