

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

5 & 6 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:

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5
Luke 20:27-38

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, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!



Weekly Mass Intentions

FOR OUR DEAD
Please remember those who have gone before us:
Jo Manning
Brian Dillon
Niall Hobson
Michael Fong
Rosa Tud

ANNIVERSARY
Douglas Gurusinghe
Anthony Herbert

FOR OUR SICK
Tony Grace
Peter Simon



The exchange between Jesus and the Sadducees may seem irrelevant these days, but it still raises the question of how we imagine life beyond death. German scripture scholar Gerhard Lohfink has tackled this question in his 2018 book *Is This All There Is? On Resurrection and Eternal Life* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press). Here is how he concludes his chapter on Death as Judgement:

“And so the encounter with God in death will become an encounter with truth: the truth about God, about others, about the world, and above all the truth about ourselves. In that sense we can even hope for judgement, because truth is something in which we can rejoice. I hope for myself that for once clarity will appear in all the dark corners of my life: that, for example, I will learn what I have desired for my life at depth. I hope that confusions will be clarified and the tangled web of guilt and innocence will be unsnarled, that the true good will be visible, the ambiguous made clear, the only apparent good uncovered and the evil in me be exposed. I hope that everything that is pulling apart, scattering and dividing my life will be gathered up and brought home.

“Clarity in the face of the all-penetrating truth of God has to be something altogether liberating - and it is precisely in that clarity that the unimaginable mercy of God will be revealed.” (153)

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CWF NOVEMBER PARISH APPEAL



The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help. Our six 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 are all working hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need in the lead up to Christmas.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. You can also learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS



During the Month of November, we pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes for Masses for the Holy Souls during the month of November are available in the pews and may be placed on any collection plate.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Book of Remembrance is a special place to remember our family, friends, and loved ones who have died. We give thanks for their lives, and for their faith, hope, and love which live on in our life and work today.

The Book of Remembrance is located at the front of the church. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to have remembered in prayer.

FAMILY MASS

Our next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 13th November 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.



PLENARY COUNCIL – INVITATION

Celebration and Thanksgiving for Plenary Council participation

Hear an update on the Second Assembly by Plenary Council facilitators and a reflection on the Synod of Bishops Continental Phase Document

Bishop Terry Brady and Dr Sandy Lynch invite you to attend a gathering for an update on the Second Assembly by Plenary Council facilitators and reflection on the Synod of Bishops Continental Phase Document on

Saturday 19 November 2022 @ 10.00 am -1. 30pm
Mary MacKillop Place (Entrance from 80 William Street, North Sydney)

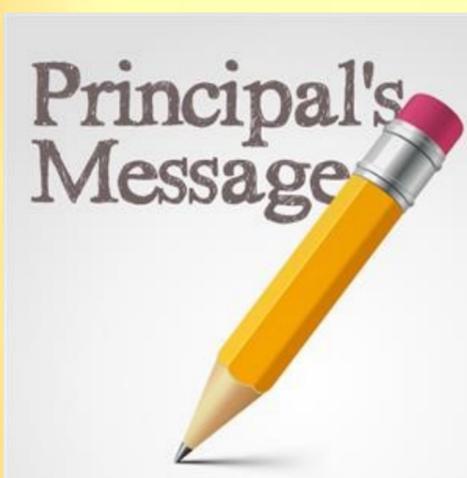
Morning tea and lunch will be served

Please advise of any dietary requirement RSVP by 8 November 2022

Sr Jo Brady RSJ at jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

This week the school was grateful for the opportunity to attend Mass on the Feast of All Saints. Thank you to Father Jack and the parishioners for making us feel so welcome.



Also on Tuesday experts from Sydney Metro came to our Year 3 and 4 classrooms to observe the three Sydney Metro Stations that our students had designed and built. We were very appreciative when the experts gave our students great feedback and information. Parents and carers visited these classrooms on Wednesday to see Five Dock, The Bays and Burwood Metro stations. Everybody learnt something new!

Our Crazy Sock Day was a success. The students and staff all came with crazy socks and embraced the meaning of the day by playing with sock balls instead of our regular ball.. We raised almost \$500 for Mission Australia.

The 10am mass next Sunday 13 November is a Family Mass for our school. All parishioners are invited to a morning tea after mass. We hope to see you there.

**Warm regards
Phil Townsend**

ADVENT IS COMING

Advent Begins kicks off on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve on December 24. This year, it will be observed from **November 27 to December 24**. Did you know that the origins of Advent go as far back as the fifth century?



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

The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus. This free Advent Companion 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.

Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. The resource will be distributed among the parishes in early November, and will also be available for download on the *Go Make Disciples* website at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

Training Sessions - The Parish Renewal Team, will be providing training for those keen to lead a group – see www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/ for dates and registration.

For further information, contact Helen Wager at helen.wagner@sydneycatholic.org.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2022

On **Friday 18 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm.

A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness.

Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2022>



THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY OF DOMREMY COLLEGE

Invites you to celebrate the

BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE NANO NAGLE LEARNING CENTRE

on
Monday 21 November 2022
at
10am

Bishop Danny Meagher and Fr Phil Zadro
Presiding Celebrants

RSVP
Friday 12 November 2022
donna.malpass@syd.catholic.edu.au

CATHOLIC MISSION PARISH APPEAL 2022

The Catholic Mission Parish Appeal was held last month. If you still wish to donate envelopes are still available. Your support and generosity will be greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL DECEASED PRIEST + RELIGIOUS MEMORIAL MAS

Wednesday 23 November 2022
12pm

Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel,
Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

Please RSVP by 11 November
to team@griefcare.com.au

God Bless!