

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

3 & 4 December 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 11:1-10
St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-1

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: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

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

ANNIVERSARY

Mary Yam Shee Chow
Anthony Herbert

FOR OUR SICK

Tony Grace
Peter Simon



“ . . . the one who follows me . . . will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire,” the Baptist declared. Baptism, fire and Holy Spirit are words that prompt the play of

Christian imagination. Depending on context, baptism can connote everything from repentance to rebirth to fearful trial. “There is a baptism I must still receive,” Jesus exclaimed, “and how great is my distress till it is over!” (Lk 12:50). In the same vein he challenges James and John: “Can you . . . be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?” (Mk 10:38).

Judgement and purification come to mind when Jesus cries out, “I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already” (Lk 12:49). Fire can also mean illumination and ardour, as in the tongues of fire on Pentecost Day. Of its nature, “Holy Spirit” conjures up a myriad associations - holiness, wisdom, power, love being just a few.

Even in early Advent we are plunged into the depths of the paschal mystery. As much as the baptismal font is a womb of rebirth in the Spirit, it is equally the tomb in which we die with Christ to rise again.

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 commenced. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus.



Stay Awake!
Be Ready!

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.

The Parish Advent group meets on Tuesday nights at 7 pm in the Presbytery.

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 **paynterdixon**

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.

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dixon**  **PAYCE
FOUNDATION**

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR **BISHOP BRADY**

Bishop Terry as he is known, reached the canonical retirement age of 75 in April and Pope Francis recently accepted his letter of resignation. We thank him for his many years of service and keep him in our prayers. His farewell Mass will be at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 9th December at 7pm.

FROM THE PASTOR'S



REQUIEM MASS FOR MR COLIN FISHER (ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY'S FATHER)

It is with much sadness that we advise of the death of Archbishop Anthony's dear father, Mr Colin Fisher. The funeral will be at St Mary's Church Manly, on Wednesday 7th December at 1.30pm followed by the burial at Rookwood Cemetery. Please keep Archbishop Anthony and his family in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

MASS INTENTIONS

To avoid any printing errors, the Parish would be grateful if you could please **print** the name clearly on the Mass intentions envelopes and indicate if you want the intention published or not. It would also be helpful to indicate the reason eg. For deceased, anniversary of deceased, recently deceased, or Special intention for those masses offered for the living.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

After all the exercise involved in our swimming program it was time to get some balance back into our programs this week and so we had a Sushi Day on Monday and a Hot Dog Day on Wednesday. Both were very well received.

Principal's
Message



We are now looking forward to "Celebrating our Cultures at Christmas" on Friday 9 December. Every family is invited to bring a plate of food to share. Gates will open at 5.45pm with the sharing of food at 6pm. At 7.00pm the classes will begin to lead us in Christmas carols and songs in this celebration of Christmas. Parishioners are welcome.

Last Friday December 2 was a Staff Development Day. If you think that there seems to be extra Staff Development days this year you are right! All schools in NSW are required to do additional professional development during the current curriculum reform. This is the first comprehensive reform in this state in 30 years. The first new documents to be implemented are English K-2 and Mathematics K-2. These will be followed by English 3-6 and Mathematics 3-6.

**Warm regards
Phil Townsend**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday 24th 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 25th December

8:00 am Christmas Mass

Christmas Day

10:00 am Christmas Mass



(There will be no evening Mass)

Monday 26th December

9:15 am Mass



Feast of St Stephen

(Boxing Day)

Saturday 31st December

5:00 pm Mass

New Year's Eve

Sunday 1st January 2023

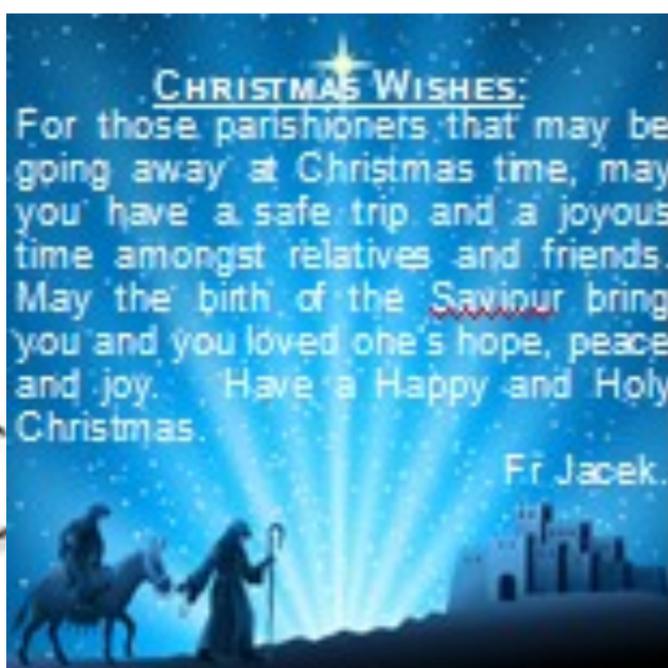
8:00 am Mass

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.