

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Year A)

31 December 2022/ 1 January 2023

## 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:

Numbers 6:22-27  
St Paul to the Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-21

Responsorial Psalm: May God bless us in his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son. Alleluia!



### FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Carmon Milins  
Alois Nikolaus Imfeld  
Sister B  
Anna Yim  
Claudia Lai  
Ronald Alaoria  
Rose Rene Roncesvalles  
Jean Weerasinghe  
Josephine Cameron Smith  
Milagros Farthing  
Ruperto Potestas Sr  
Prudencia Potestas  
Colleen McCunnie

### SPECIAL INTENTION

Rosanna Buhagiar  
Ciprianna Reyes



2022 has come to an end. For many, it was a difficult year, but many good things have also occurred in our daily lives. With gratitude in our hearts, we are looking forward to continuing our good deeds this New Year. Wishing you, your family, and friends many Blessings and peace in the new year. We hope 2023 brings you much love, happiness, and good health. Blessings and Happy New Year.

## WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all who are visiting our family of families of St Anne's. It is good to have you with us.

## FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

7TH JANUARY 2023

The first Saturday Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Saturday, 7th January at 9.15 am. Reconciliation will follow.



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S

# DESK

### A PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH OF POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

Let us pray.

Almighty and Eternal God,  
You are the everlasting health of  
those who believe in You.  
Hear our prayers for your sick servant  
Benedict  
for whom we implore the aid of Your  
tender mercy,  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped in the preparations of the Liturgy this Christmas Season. I would like to express my gratitude to so many people who made Christmas this year a meaningful celebration.

I would also like to thank all those among you who have sent Christmas cards, gifts, and well wishes for the Christmas season. Your thoughts and actions are very generous and overwhelming. Thank you and God bless.

Fr Jacek.



Every five, six or eleven years, January 1st falls on a Sunday. When that happens a rich banquet of secular and religious fare is set before us. For much of the world it's the first day of the calendar year and an opportunity to embrace the promise that a New Year offers, even if fresh beginnings are put on hold while summer holidays are enjoyed.

Just over fifty years ago, the liturgical reforms of Vatican II changed the day's feast of the Circumcision of Jesus into that of the Mother of God. It remains a feast of Christ insofar as Mary's title is grounded in the undivided personhood of Jesus Christ, fully human, fully divine. It is also, courtesy of Pope Paul VI, a World Day of Peace. The Hebrew word for peace, *shalom*, means far more than the absence of war, though that's a key component. It encompasses well-being, contentment, right relationship and justice – all things to treasure and ponder in our hearts after the example of Mary.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane