

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

4 & 5 February 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.

SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah 58:7-10
St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

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: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD

Please remember those who have gone before us:

Pope Benedict XVI
Cardinal George Pell
Caroline Boore
Michele Illuzzi
Angelo Buhagiar
Antonio Costa
Michael Fong
Ida Salvatore
Nicola Salvatore
Giovanni Salvatore

ANNIVERSARY

Alexandra Geveis

Sixty or so years after the last session of Vatican II, the implementation of its vision is still a work in progress. It's been given a new lease of life by a person who wasn't there. Pope Francis wasn't ordained until four years after the Council and not made a bishop until twenty-three years after that. One of the unfinished tasks he and the whole Church still face is to lead worship and justice to a happy and fruitful marriage.

It's often been remarked that the first document of the Council, the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, had nothing to say about social justice, and the last, the *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, had nothing to say about liturgy. Whether this is a fair characterisation or not, the fact remains that the Church's life of worship and its works of justice operate in parallel more often than in partnership.

The prophets and Jesus himself decry the performance of religious ritual that does not have a genuine commitment to justice at its heart. And Jesus' own practice makes it clear that working for the reign of God must be nourished by constant prayer. The bishops of Vatican II were inspired to say that the liturgy is the "source and summit" of the Church's life, but this remains more of an aspiration than a reality.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

WELCOME: We welcome all our students, parents and carers, teachers, and school staff returning to our school and wish them every success in 2023.

St. Anne's Strathfield South Parish

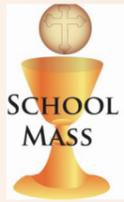
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FROM THE PASTOR'S



OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Opening School Mass will be on Friday 10th February at 10.30 am. This will be an additional Mass to the regular parish mass at 9.15 am. Parishioners are very welcome at the school mass.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Pope Francis asks us to “Make room in your lives for the Word of God”. He also says we need God’s Word so that we can hear, amid the thousands of other words in our daily lives, that one word that speaks to us not about things, but about life. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

CATECHIST SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate Catechist Sunday. A special blessing for our Catechists will be given during the 10 am Mass.

Our Catechists are committed and dedicated to bringing the Word of God to our State schools. Being a Catechist and bringing the Word of God to our children is an important Mission of the Church.

Thank you to all our Catechists for your amazing commitment and representation of Christ and our Parish in the community.

Have you considered being a Catechist?

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8

I then heard the voice of the Lord saying:

Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?

And I said, “Hear am I, send me.”

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

The Pastoral Care Team from St Vincent’s Hospital Darlinghurst led by Sr Helena Naif is offering a 40 hour Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Course at All Saints Parish Liverpool.

Dates: Mondays: 6, 13, 20, 27 February, 6 & 13 March Time: 9 am – 3:30 pm

Where: All Saints Liverpool Parish: Loreto Place Room 1 (Off street parking available, entrance from Elizabeth Street between Bigge and George Streets).

CPE is an experiential based program for those who exercise ministries of care in schools, hospitals, nursing homes or private homes.

If you are in a ministry of care to others you may be interested in this course. Depending on your circumstances, the parish may be able to subsidise the cost of the course for you.

Please contact Fr Jacek if you are interested.

FROM THE PASTOR'S

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SAFEGUARDING AND MINISTERIAL INTEGRITY OFFICE

From time to time we receive notifications regarding child protection. This is called SALT Compliance. All who are involved in Pastoral Care are due to complete proper training in regard to Child Protection.

The list of parishioners who are overdue for completing this training is long. These parishioners should have received notification from the Parish.

Please check your records and if these are not current you are required to complete the Safeguarding Training Course. These courses are available online.

A copy of the Certificate must be provided to the parish office as soon as possible.

Many thanks for understanding this serious matter.

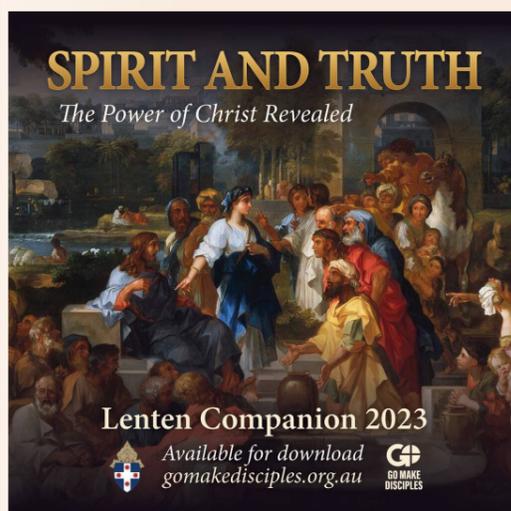
SYNOD OF BISHOPS CONTINENTAL STAGE

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality.

Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently.

Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THE POWER OF CHRIST REVEALED - LENTEN COMPANION 2023



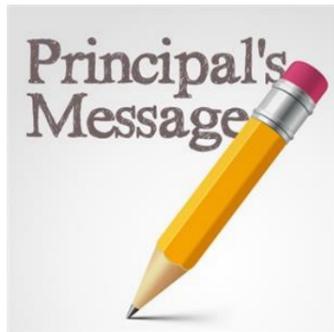
The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion *SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed*. This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Sister Joanna Marie Collins OP, Daniel Ang, Fr Lewi Barakat, Mat De Sousa, Anna Harrison, Elizabeth Flynn MCR and Bishop Richard Umbers.

Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, the resource will be available in parishes and online at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation will be providing training for those interested in leading a group – see www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/ for dates and registration. No experience required – all welcome!

Parishes are invited to promote the Lenten Companion and the training sessions on social media.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,



Week 1 of our school year went smoothly, and our Kindergarten students have successfully completed the first four days of their school journey. Four days down and two thousand five hundred and eighty-four to go! We realised this week that three of the girls in Kindergarten share the same birthday. Kindergarten will be party central on October 20.

Our Opening School Mass is on this Friday 10 February at 10.30am. You are all very welcome to attend.

Year 3 and Year 5 have commenced their preparation for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) This year for the first time NAPLAN is in Term One. The idea of moving it to Term One is to give teachers and students more time to respond to the results. NAPLAN is now online so schools should receive results more promptly. The only exception is the Year 3 Writing assessment which will always be a traditional pen and paper task.

Warm regards
Phil Townsend

PREPARING FOR LENT 2023

As for what you should pick to sacrifice during lent, it's truly up to you. Consider things that are very specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timely.

Besides fasting, some Christians give up luxuries or perform an act of good each day during Lent. Some things they may avoid include:

- Animal products
- Social media
- Watching TV
- Alcohol
- Ordering take-out food

Some positive habits they may practice include:

- Reading 10 pages of a book every night
- Going to church every Sunday
- Walking to work instead of driving
- Volunteering once a week
- Saying three prayers a day

Sometimes it helps to have an accountability partner. But if you falter, "Go to confession if you restart your bad habit. If it happens again, relax. Tomorrow is a new day."

18
days to go



SEASONS OF RENEWAL – LENT AND EASTER: HOW TO EVANGELISE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Join the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation's Parish Renewal Team online to explore practical ideas that parishes can implement during Lent and Easter so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that only Christ can give. All welcome!

**Tuesday 7 February
10 – 11 am and 7:30-8:30pm**

Register at
www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Website:** Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding and Child Protection

