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Liturgy Times this Week

Mon	9.15am	St Anne's-Liturgy of Word
Tues	6.30pm	OLMC
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Frid	9.15am	St Anne's
Sat	5.30pm	St Anne's
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's
	5.00pm	OLMC

RECONCILIATION

OLMC Church

10am-10.30am Saturday

Baptisms celebrated on Sundays. Please contact the Parish Office for details of the next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Assisting Priest: Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB
Pastoral Assoc.: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
Pastoral Co-ord: Lyn Plummer
St Anne's Primary School: 9744 3055
Principal: Noelene Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman

8 April 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35
Psalm Response: Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.!

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Sue ANNETTE Darryl CAMPBELL Lucy DELLAI Vera FENTON Christopher HABER Louise HEARN Harvey HUGHES Diamond JACOB Jan & Peter KEOGH Lloyd MACEY Lorna MACKENZIE Fred MENZIES Pio ROCCO Sharron RING Tina SANTIAGO Caesar TANNAGAN Carolyn WOCKNER

Recently Deceased: Fr George BRANCH OAM Martin CLARKE Denis EASTMURE

Anniversaries: Lily, Maria & Felix D'SOUZA Fr Jim KIERCE Michael & Cath KILGARRIFF



THOMAS

Thomas is only mentioned once in each of the synoptic gospels: Mark 3:18; Matthew 10:3; and Luke 6:15. In each case Thomas' name is listed among others as one of the chosen twelve apostles. Nothing else is said about him. But in John's gospel Thomas is not just a name: he plays a significant role in the story of Jesus. In the story of the raising of Lazarus, after Jesus indicated his intention to go to Jerusalem – a very dangerous place indeed – Thomas said to his frightened fellow disciples, "Let us go and die with him." (Jn 11:16) Thomas, always the practical one, asks Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (Jn 14:5)

The apostle Thomas has been given the nickname *Doubting Thomas*, but Thomas was not the only doubter of the resurrection. Doubt seemed to have been widespread. Easter Saturday's gospel, read in churches and chapels around the world, makes this very clear. The gospel writer is Mark: he writes...

Having risen in the morning on the first day of the week, Jesus appeared first to Mary of Magdala from whom he had cast out seven devils. She then went to those who had been his companions and those who were mourning and in tears and told them. But they would not believe her when they heard her say that he was alive and that she had seen him. After this, he showed himself under another form to two of them as they were on their way into the country. These went back and told the others, who did not believe them either. Lastly, he showed himself to the Eleven themselves while they were at table. He reproached them for their incredulity and obstinacy, because they had refused to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

Every gospel carries stories of doubt and unbelief. Those who had seen Jesus mercilessly scourged; seen him crowned with thorns; seen him struggling to carry his cross and falling over several times; seen him crucified; and seen the soldier pierce his heart with a lance; and seen him dead and buried...to them a risen Christ beggared belief.

Amidst all this unbelief, Thomas stands out. The story in John's gospel is so dramatic and so vividly told, that it tops all the other stories. However, in the end, Thomas' profession of faith surpasses all others. No one can beat Thomas' proclamation, 'My Lord and my God.'

What I admire about Thomas is his honesty. He didn't pretend to believe just because others expected it of him. He stood against the rest, the odd man out. Jesus must have loved Thomas greatly to come again just for Thomas' sake. The author of the fourth gospel uses the story of Thomas to serve the purpose of his gospel, a gospel written to get people to believe in Jesus. John was writing to a people who had not seen the Risen Lord. He wanted them to believe the word of those who were privileged witnesses of the resurrected Christ. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." (Jn 20:29)

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

POPE FRANCIS– FIVE YEARS ON: The 13 March was the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' election. He now has 44.9 million Twitter followers. Among his famous sayings are: "I see the Church as a field hospital after battle." "To be faithful, to be creative, we need to be able to change." "Walls solve nothing. We must build bridges." "I like it when someone tells me "I don't agree". This is a true collaborator."



SOME KEYS TO UNDERSTAND POPE FRANCIS:

1. His reform of the papacy. He lives simply in Santa Marta guesthouse, not in a palace, is driven in a small Ford sedan and has kept contact with his friends.
2. He has decentralized the Church. Power has moved from the centre, the Vatican, to local bishops' conferences. They can now decide on translations of the Mass.
3. His focus is on the "peripheries"- he visits remote, conflict-ridden parts of the world, creates cardinals from a nation which never had a cardinal.
4. He has ensured there is open discussion at Synods of Bishops. He wants a synodal Church that "Walks together- priest and laity- to strengthen its mission"
5. Everyone, including himself is a work in progress, in need of repentance and reform in the spirit.
6. Rome remains important, but as a coordinating hub, helping to share ideas and coordinating major gatherings that address global problems, eg human trafficking and inter-faith dialogues.
7. With Brexit, with US "America first" and nationalist ... political movements, Pope Francis has been a standard bearer for the compassionate internationalist post-war political consensus. His foreign policy is rooted in a "diplomacy of mercy" that "never loses hope".

Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez a Salesian bishop who has visited Salesian College Sunbury is one of Pope Francis' closest advisors. He said in early March, "The Church does not have a reverse gear, it can only go forward."

- A summary of Chris Lamb's article in "The Tablet" 10 March 2018
.....Kevin McIntosh

EVERGREENS: our parish Evergreens group will hold our first Social Afternoon for 2018 on Tuesday 24 April in the Parish Centre. Time 12.30pm-2.15pm. Come and enjoy a fun Quiz Session, discussion on plans for the rest of 2018 gatherings and afternoon tea. Please bring a plate. Family and friends are welcome. Contact Coreen and Colin 9744 6015.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK: will be held at St Anne's Church on Friday 20 April at 10.30am followed by a cuppa in the foyer. All are welcome.

ST ANNE'S MAINTENANCE WORK: During April contractors will be replacing approximately 80 metres of roof gutters around St Anne's Church. This will include re-alignment to ensure the water is able to get away and prevent any further damage to the building.

EVERGREENS COMMITTEE MEETING:
Tuesday 10 April 1.30pm St Anne's Meeting Room

MEETING OF HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:
Monday 9th April at 10.30am in Meeting Room St Anne's Church

WELCOME TO THE TABLE: was our theme for the Easter Triduum, our One Feast over Three Days- Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday. The numbers taking part were the largest seen (also in other parishes.) The participation in song was very strong. Thanks to the planners, cleaners of the churches, those who provided palms and flowers, musicians, altar servers, welcomers, donkey carers, parish staff, OLMC School for the use of the PA System.

On Good Friday, those present donated \$1759 including cheques to support the Christians in the Holy Land.

Many favourable comments about the liturgy have been received. The Liturgy Planning Team will meet on 18 April to renew the liturgies.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: a building firm has been chosen following a successful tender process. This firm has experience in building new schools. They will commence work this month so that the school is built by 19 December 2018. Applications for enrolment close on 27 April.

FR GEORGE BRANCH OAM: came to Melbourne in 1950's to minister to Russian Catholics. He established St Nicholas' Chapel in Kew and helped find work for the migrants from Russia. He received the OAM in 2013. He entered eternal life on Thursday.

PROJECT COMPASSION- LENT 2018: during Lent, our parishioners gave \$1375 to Project Compassion. This has been forwarded to Caritas Australia for overseas aid projects.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: forthcoming recital in St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne, by the German Trio, Stefanie Sassenrath (Oboe), Sebastian Klein (Baritone) and Joachim Neugart (Organ). The recital promises to be a treat during this Easter time by three renowned musicians.

Wednesday 18 April 6.45pm-7.45pm St Patrick's Cathedral. More info is available on St Anne's Notice board. Adults \$20, children under 15 free.

FUNDRAISER: Pernaperna Women's Group require assistance with a gumnut project that is raising funds for a Women's Shed in Sunbury. Information meeting on 26th April 2018 6pm - 8pm at Sunbury Neighbourhood House, 531 Elizabeth Drive Sunbury or contact Joan on 9744 3357.

MOVIE SCREENING: There will be a screening of the film Gurrumul as a fundraiser for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry on Sunday 29th April at 2pm at Cinema Nova. See notice board for details.

BE A VOLUNTEER OUT THERE: Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family!** Come to the **Palms Info Session: Saturday 5 May 10:30am Ross House, Jenny Florence Room 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE** Go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer or Contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Beverley Taylor **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Peter Readman **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** Judith Ibrahim Mimi Quattrone Pauline Moore **GIFT SHOP:** Pat & Peter Readman Mary Wicks **LECTORS:** Phyllis Jacob Peter Readman Terry Sweeney Jo S **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **5.30pm** Vicki Heath Garnet Jacob Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jim O'Brien Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard **8.30am** Monica Allen ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Pat Readman Liz Richards Carmel Wiegierink **10.30am** Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose` Noy Br Barry Parker Mark Perry Gary Plummer Moira Sullivan Christine Cassar **5.00pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco