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Liturgy Times-all at St Anne's Church

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
Wednesday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am St Anne's Church
No bookings required

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Priest Assisting: Fr John Papworth SDB
Pastoral Assoc.: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
Pastoral Co-ord: Lyn Plummer
St Anne's School: 8746 6800
Principal: Noeline Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

21 March 2021

5th Sunday of Lent Yr B

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms Response: Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel Acclamation: John 12:26

Glorify to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glorify to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Gospel: John 12:20-33

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Katherine, Soren, Sharen & Sharyl
AGLIAM Mark ARIANS Chris DOUTRE Frances
GLEESON Vicki HEATH Paul HOCKING Mary
KROHN Rubina LAKEY Roisin MCGOVERN
Benjamin MIFSUD Esmaela PAPANGO Lucy
PERKOVIC Dennis PRICE Bob POWLES Brian
RIPPE Peter RYAN Eduardo SANTOS

Recently Deceased: Pat LAWSON

Anniversaries: John CASSAR Jane CASSAR
Charlie CASSAR James GATT Rose MCVEIGH



Our Parish is committed to the Safety, Wellbeing and Dignity of all including children and vulnerable adults.

Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all

NOW THE HOUR HAS COME

As the hour of commencing league football has come, so we Christians are awaiting the hour of Christ's death and resurrection to be celebrated beginning next Sunday, Palm Sunday.

Our gospel this Sunday is situated in Jesus' final week on earth. After the raising of Lazarus from the dead, the Jewish leaders decide to kill Jesus. The people however welcome him as he enters Jerusalem, holding their branches of palm and shouting: "Hosanna! Blessings on the King of Israel." Jesus came into the city riding a donkey (John 12:13)

THE SAVIOUR OF ALL PEOPLES: Our gospel reading begins with some Greeks visiting Jerusalem for the Passover feast, wishing to see Jesus. This is an indication Jesus is the Saviour of all, not only the Jews. Jesus replied to them saying: "Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

The recent political demonstrations for the respect of women and Friday's National Day Against Bullying and Violence are based on the equality of all people. On Friday 19th March, schools all over Australia participated in activities that raise the awareness of bullying and violence. Our students were asked to dress with some orange colours.

THE PARADOX OF DYING TO LIVE: Jesus teaches that unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground and dies, only then does it yield a harvest. "Anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for the eternal life." (John 12:25)

The harvest-eternal glory— will only be achieved through the hour of death and resurrection. There is no side-stepping the cross, even though Jesus is distressed as it approached. The humanity of Jesus is seen in his fears— yet he took the risk and continued his mission.

In our lives, we take great risks in many things— the risk of buying a new house, of investing in the stock market, of committing oneself to their partner. We take risks with the hope that in the future we will receive the rewards they bring. In the early Church, believers were martyred for holding true to Christ, and today such persecution continues in some countries. By comparison we have it easy here. However, we may need to make serious choices about the company we keep, the business ventures we enter into, forgoing luxuries that others might have necessities, and even remaining faithful to our vows and promises.

FEAST OF S JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY: Following his feast day on Friday, the statue of St Joseph from the Convent is in our church. Pope Francis has declared the Year of St Joseph. In Matthew's gospel (1:20-24), Joseph was a man in crisis, confronted with unexpected events as his betrothed Mary was found to be with child, before they came to live together. The rules of his faith community were to expose Mary to harsh public scrutiny. Joseph has to make a choice. Listening to the angel, Joseph shows the compassion of God and takes Mary to his home. His life is turned upside down— yet he is a person of faith trusting in God's promise. He goes on to protect Jesus and Mary by fleeing the murderous Herod to Egypt as refugees. He is a great example of a caring husband and father.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2021: last Wednesday evening, our Liturgy Planning team of four women and four men met for 2 1/2 hours planning our Easter liturgies given their popularity and the reduced capacity of our Church due to Covid-safe regulations. Extra liturgies are being held this Easter, as we did last Christmas.

Due to the numbers expected, our Mass Coordinating Team which has met weekly and has examined the Vatican and Victorian regulations for Easter.

All need to book in with Trybooking via the Parish Website: olmcsunbury.com

On Palm Sunday, next Sunday, you will receive your branch of palm as you check in. On Easter Day, you are welcome to bring your own bottle for Easter water. All the liturgy will

Be celebrated inside the Church, except the Way of the Cross on Good Friday in the grounds of OLMC. **Once the capacity of the church is met, the doors will be closed, so please book in advance.**

SUNDAY MASSES: Continue to book online please via www.olmcsunbury.com

"LOOK TO JESUS": We are invited to look to Jesus in our community, in one another, finding the face of Christ in others' fear, anxiety and hope as we journey together through Lent, finding forgiveness in Him and one another
This weekend's theme is "Awaken the hope within ourselves." Lent is an opportunity to reflect more deeply on our relationship with Christ and those around us.

VOLUNTEERS FOR EASTER CELEBRATIONS: For the extra Easter ceremonies to be celebrated under COVID restrictions we will require a number of volunteers— readers, musicians, cleaners, etc. Please consider adding your names to the rosters at registration tables.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 21 March	3pm	Winter Night Shelter
Tuesday 23 March	7.30pm	Sunbury Inter Church Council
Wed 24 March	10am	Site Meeting— Holy Trinity
	2pm	Religious Education Leaders
	3pm	Parish Finance Committee

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. Attend in the comfort of your own home or experience a residential weekend

Our **on-line weekend** gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times. Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!
The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.
Couples from regional areas may find the virtual Weekend option ideal.

Next On-line weekend is on **30 April – 2 May 2021.**

Next Residential weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021.**

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

RING FOUND: Last Sunday an engagement ring was found in St Anne's Church. Please contact the Parish Office.

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:

Louis BODDINGTON & William BODDINGTON
Fyfe KERBY

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



ENGAGE YOUTH GROUP: our Youth Group has reopened. The youth group is for young people from 12-17 years of age, to gather and make new friends through activities and social engagement. Our group 2gathers weekly on Wednesday nights from 5-6pm in the Parish Centre. For more info contact Jo at the Parish Office on 9744 1060.

SUNBURY WINTER SHELTER IS HOLDING THE INAUGURAL ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING: at St. Andrew's Uniting Church, 3pm March 21. COVID guidelines will require you to sign in, hand sanitise and please carry a mask with you unless you have a lawful reason not to (depending on numbers use may not be necessary).

As we are planning to hold our Shelter as we did in 2019 it would be wonderful if members of our church families would consider Volunteering for one of the many roles available:

Shift leader, shift member, cook/kitchen helper, laundry person, driver or behind the scenes support with knitting beanies, supplying toiletries, donating funds, every facet of assistance is welcomed and appreciated.

Volunteer role descriptions and registration form are available on our website www.sunburywintershelter.org.au

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact either your Venue Co-ordinator or Chris Morgan-Prosser, Volunteer Project Co-ordinator 0497 216 118.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Caritas Australia fund educational programs to help people improve their knowledge to earn income and improve their communities. The money from your Project Compassion box will make a world of difference to those in need.

Donations can also be made via www.caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

EVERGREENS recently had lunch for 23 and by popular demand we are having another one. **Book early.** **Evergreens** lunch at Sunbury Bowling Club on 30th March 2021 at NOON, and to get together raising the spirit in each other and have a laugh. 3 Course Seniors meal \$19. 2 courses \$16.50. Please call Joe on 0477 677 248 to book before 25th March 2021. Always if it is safe. Watch Bulletin for any changes. **No membership** needed. Seniors all welcome

SUNBURY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER: on this Sunday 21st March at 3pm in St Andrew's Church, Barkley St will be the first annual meeting of the Sunbury WNS. All welcome.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2021 TIMETABLE

28 March	Palm Sunday	Saturday	5.30pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am
1 April	Thursday of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm	
2 April	Good Friday	9.00am	Way of the Cross OLMC Church
		10.00am	Inter Church Prayer Service St Anne's Church
		3.00pm	Passion of Christ & Holy Communion
		5.00pm	Passion of Christ & Holy Communion
3 April	Easter Vigil	Saturday	5.30pm & 8.00pm
4 April	Easter Sunday	Sunday	8.30am & 10.30am



JOSEPH HOLY, FAITHFUL GUARDIAN
SPOUSE OF MARY, EVER VIRGIN
LOVING TEACHER OF GOD'S WORD

YOU THE MODEL OF OBEDIENCE
YOU THE POOR AND HUMBLE WORKER
YOU THE PATRON OF THE CHURCH

THEN WE ASK YOU, JOSEPH FAITHFUL
HELP US ALWAYS BE ATTENTIVE
LISTENING, HEARING GOD'S OWN WORD