



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Liturgy Times-all at St Anne's Church

Friday	9.15am	
	3.00pm	Goonawarra Aged Care
Saturday	5.30pm	
Sunday	8.30am	
	10.30am	

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: Noelene Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
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Principal: Krystine Hocking

4 April 2021

Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Psalm Response: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel Acclamation: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let
us feast with joy in the Lord**

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Mark ARIANS Chris DOUTRE Frances GLEESON Vicki HEATH Paul HOCKING Mary KROHN Rubina LAKEY Roisin MCGOVERN Benjamin MIFSUD Esmaela PAPANGO Lucy PERKOVIC Peter RYAN Eduardo SANTOS

Anniversaries: Jose BUENCONSEJO SNR Jose BUENCONSEJO JNR Erlinda BUENCONSEJO Michelle GRECH Rogelio & Zenaida RIVERA Deborah THOMPSON

*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

FROM THE DARKNESS OF UNBELIEF TO THE LIGHT OF FAITH

Our gospel today opens with Mary Magdalene going in the dark before dawn to the tomb of Jesus. It highlights the light/darkness symbolism; lack of faith is a life in darkness. The text says it was the first day of the week which symbolises the dawning of a new creation using the symbolism of the week in the Book of Genesis in which the world was created in six days, with God resting on the seventh day, the Jewish Sabbath.

VICTORIA- THE GARDEN STATE AND NEW CREATION: John's gospel read on Good Friday and today teaches that the resurrection is the dawn of a new creation. Jesus was arrested in a garden and then buried in a garden. John also emphasised that the Cross is placed 'in the middle' like the tree of life in Genesis- placed in the middle of the garden of Eden. At the foot of the Cross, John has a man and a woman, only called 'woman' and 'mother'. These are the names given to Eve. John is setting the crucifixion within the garden of creation. For John, the Cross marks the end of one Creation- Jesus' final words from the Cross- "It is finished" and the beginning of a new creation.

The resurrection is not just a celebration of what happened to Jesus. Easter celebrates that we also right now, through the Risen One, can participate in Divine life. So Easter is as much about us, as it is about Jesus. We are in a garden state- we share by our baptisms in the fruits of the Resurrection. We have been re-created for eternal life.

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE BUT BELIEVE": The unnamed disciple whom Jesus loved represents all of us- generations of believers. He did not actually see or touch the risen Lord. The disciple saw the signs of the resurrection- the burial cloths rolled up neatly inside the tomb. If the body was stolen, the robbers would not have folded up the cloths neatly. We are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

THE RISEN BODY: Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. Unlike his human body his 'glorified body' could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he walked through walls and vanished.

OUR RE-COMMITMENT: Today, we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice and of indifference. We can harbour feelings of anger and selfishness. With Christ, let us die to wickedness in our lives and set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and truth.

THANKS AND FAREWELL: to Liza Rosati who has been our teacher at Our Lady of Mt Carmel for 16 years. Her family are leaving Sunbury to live on the Bellarine Peninsula where Liza will continue to teach.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: We offer to Christine O'Loughlin as her mother Pat Lawson entered eternal life on 19th March aged 94 years. Her husband Dillon died suddenly aged 42, so Pat was a widow and a single parent for 53 years. The mother of four Pat came to Sunbury in the early 1990's and was a regular at our early Sunday Mass. She was involved in several community groups. Her funeral was held last Wednesday.

....Kevin McIntosh

SUNDAY MASSES: Continue to book online please via www.olmcsunbury.com **Offie Staff can no longer take bookings. Please ask family or friends for assistance with booking online if you are unable to do it yourself or alternatively when you attend Mass please see your Mass Coordinator to book for future Masses.**
Thank you for your understanding.

SINGING DURING MASS: We love to enhance our liturgies with song. Due to the large numbers expected at the Easter liturgies all are welcome to sing **but** it is mandatory that you wear a mask please. Masks are not required if you do not wish to sing.

SWIMMING WIN: Recently St Anne's School won the Sunbury Primary Schools Sports Association Large Schools Carnival. Congratulations to the 27 member squad, many swimming their personal best times, and to their teachers.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.
Donations can also be made via www.caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413. **Please return your Project Compassion box asap.**

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

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND APPEAL: thank you for your continued and generous support of the Good Friday Holy Land Appeal. The money collected each Good Friday specifically supports the maintenance and preservation of significant religious historical buildings in the Holy Land.

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

Mia PIANURA
Jai BRITTON
Gary COE

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



SUNBURY PARISH- LIVING IN A COVID "NORMAL" PARISH: It is just over a year ago, 22 March 2020, that all Victorian Metro churches had to close their doors because of the Covid pandemic spreading across the world. It was unfathomable that we could not attend Mass. For the first time in most people's lives, we could not celebrate Easter- our most Holy celebrations- in our church all together. It was a heartbreaking time for many.

Over the 6 months of lockdown, we were very blessed to have produced Mass on Line for parishioners. So much favourable feedback from many grateful parishioners was much appreciated by the small band of volunteers who produced Mass in St Anne's church every week- thank goodness for technology! Thanks especially to Kevin Carville, Nelson Graham, Maree Shields, Luisa Hogan, Tom Allen and Fr Kevin, Lyn Plummer & Sr Jose' for their extraordinary work to support our community by recording Mass every week.

By the grace of God and the resilience of the Victorian people, the State was able to control numbers of Covid in the community so that slowly our communities could reopen in a Covid "Normal" world.

Then, October 2021, with more than 6 months of restrictions on Metro Victorians, we were able to reopen our Churches. This was met with trepidation as people wanted to return to Mass, however were cautious with Covid still a concern in the community. Booking Mass, although difficult for some, is now the only option to getting 200 people in each Mass each week. Otherwise we would only be able to have 100 people celebrate at each mass. People are understanding of this thankfully.

While all this was going on, behind the scenes, our Finance Committee was working extremely hard ensuring our Church can survive with the very limited income available to us during Covid. Thank you to Peter Rush, our Chairman, Jim Foran, Michael McConville, Austin Hoban, Chris Hogan, Glen Morris, Tony Kiley, Karen Rose, Mary Macdermid, Peter Readman & Fr Kevin.

Also going on in the background was Glenn Morris looking after the Parish Risk Management and ensuring Government & Archdiocese guidelines are adhered to in our parish.

Tom Allen was also integral to keeping our parish IT/ streaming/ webpage up and running and getting the Youtube channel up and running for Online Masses.

As you can see, we are very blessed to have the support of many wonderful parishioners. We could not run this parish without their support and the service of many other volunteers.

The works of service of our readers, musicians, ministers of Communion are all greatly appreciated. Thank you all for sharing your talents with our community.

It is with great joy that we are now ready to celebrate Easter 2021 and it is probably even more special this year because we can celebrate together again. Let us all be grateful that we can celebrate this very special Season together and pray for unity among our community and among our world.

....Jo Spiteri



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