



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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### Liturgy Times-all at St Anne's Church

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| Wednesday | 9.15am   |
| Friday    | 9.30am –St Anne's 200 Years<br>of Catholic Education |
| Saturday  | 5.30pm   |
| Sunday    | 8.30am<br>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: Noeline Hussey  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344  
Principal: Julie Freeman  
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464  
Principal: Krystine Hocking

18 April 2021

### Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm Response: Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

**Lord, let your face shine on us.**

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 24:32

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you  
speak.**

**Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Mark ARIANS Chris DOUTRE Frances GLEESON Vicki HEATH Paul HOCKING  
Roisin MCGOVERN Christopher MCKEOWN  
Benjamin MIFSUD Esmaela PAPANGO Lucy PERKOVIC Peter RYAN Eduardo SANTOS

**Recently Deceased:** Mary KROHN Murray SMITH

**Anniversaries:** Giovanna BRULLO Carmen FLORES Rita RAYMOND Jean WARD

*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**

### **OUR MISSION TO FORGIVE**

One of the deepest mysteries we encounter in the New Testament is how could the cowardly disciples who deserted Jesus when he was arrested become later such courageous apostles. How were they transformed?

Some suggest the most cogent reason for their conversion was simply that Jesus forgave them. They had deserted him in his agony, and yet he returned to them and ignored their desertion. They had broken the trust he had placed in them; and yet he returned to entrust them again with his own ministry. He spoke not one angry word to them. He simply offered them peace. He commissioned them to be agents of forgiveness:- "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven" (John 19:21)

Jesus had already taught them the parable of the father forgiving his prodigal son and forgave Zacchaeus up the tree: We have in God a father who is most eager to have us back. He forgives us when we are unable to forgive ourselves..

### **THE JOYFUL NEWS OF THE RESURRECTION IS LINKED TO FORGIVENESS OF SIN**

After the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70(AD) the early Christians had a world view that Sin is a Power of evil dominating the world in opposition to the Spirit of God. The Greek word for forgiveness has the sense of to be released, set free. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, liberation from the Power of Sin is now possible.

As individuals and as Church, we must admit our own sinfulness, continually turn to Jesus in repentance and then go out in the strength of the Eucharist we have received to bear credible, outreaching witness of the need for conversion to the following of Jesus in our own small or larger worlds.

Many places in our contemporary world are obviously not founded on repentance and forgiveness, but on war and entrenched animosities that we may publicly lament or excuse, while at the same time allowing violence and bitterness to inhabit our hearts.

As we take seriously Jesus' Easter greeting of "Peace be with you", let us create a space in our lives and our hearts where peace with God and with our sisters and brothers can truly be at home.

### **BEGINNING TO CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION**

Over the next three weeks, 267 of our children will begin to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during seven sessions, celebrating the Sacrament with 15 priests. Please remember these children in prayer. We thank our families and teachers who have prepared the children.

**OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:** We offer to Krystine Hocking, Principal of Holy Trinity School as on 11 April her father Murray Smith aged 77 years entered eternal life suddenly at home after a heart attack. We pray for his wife of 55 years, his three children and six grandchildren and extended family.

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Continue to book online please via [www.olmcsunbury.com](http://www.olmcsunbury.com) **Office 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.**

**OFFICE HOURS:** the Parish opening hours are Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm (closed 1-2pm).

**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](http://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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

**DECLINE OF THE WEST NOT IRREVERSIBLE:** The Top Vatican diplomat Archbishop Paul Gallagher, born in Liverpool and a former Papal diplomat in Australia is optimistic that the decline of the West is not irreversible that with due commitment we can rise again. A reason he is cautiously optimistic is that because for the first time in a century, Europe and the West are faced with enormous challenges caused by Covid 19 that unites it with the rest of the world. We have to face what people in Africa and Asia have faced many times. This is an experience that can help us to review our priorities a little and reflect on the direction of our society.

The following people from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:  
Tyler AIOSSA, Olivia GALEA, Ivy NAGGS and Ziggy SHEPPARD  
We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



#### **PREP-FOUNDATION YEAR—2022**

Interviews of prospective children and parents applying to enrol at our three schools commence next Wednesday concluding on 18 May. Applications are being received at each school now.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** will resume meeting at St Anne's Church at 10.00am on Thursdays commencing on **Thursday 22 April**. All welcome, including children. For further info/transport please contact Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.

#### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

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| Wednesday 21 April | 10am   | Site Meeting Holy Trinity School       |
|                    | 7.30pm | Parish Co-ordinating Team              |
| Thursday 22 April  | 2pm    | Parish Finance & Development Committee |

**EVERGREENS:** Are having a private screening of "Six Minutes to Midnight" movie – a true story with Judy Dench at Reading Cinema Sunbury on **Tuesday 27 April**. Cost \$14 each. Book by paying early as we need 20 minimum. Movie to be followed by Lunch at Itahlia restaurant. **No membership needed.** Seniors all welcome. Please call Joe Spiteri on **0477 677 248** for more INFO and book **As soon as possible**.

**SUNBURY WINTER SHELTER:** is seeking volunteers as the Shelter is planning to commence on 1 June. Training sessions will be held in May. Volunteer registration forms are available on the desks in the foyer. More details—on [wns.sunbury@gmail.com](mailto:wns.sunbury@gmail.com) or 0497 216 118. Each night of the week the Shelter will operate at a Sunbury Church at three shifts: 5-11pm, 11pm-6am, 6am-9am. There are various roles for volunteers: fellowship, kitchen, driver and laundry.

**NEW MODEL PROPOSED FOR RESPONDING TO ABUSE:** The Catholic Church in Victoria responding to the Royal Commission into institutional abuse is proposing a new model which will offer a set of compassionate, just and appropriately resourced processes to investigate complaints and respond to survivors. It offers a pathway where survivors are listened to, acknowledged, compensated and given care. A public consultation is now open on the new model until May 11th. More details—[www.pathwaysvictoria.com](http://www.pathwaysvictoria.com)



## **YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH**

*"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"*

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