



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH  
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Liturgy Times-all at St Anne's Church

Friday 9.15am  
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: Noeline Hussey  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344  
Principal: Julie Freeman  
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464  
Principal: Krystine Hocking

**6 June 2021**

**Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8  
Psalm Response: Psalm 115:12-13, 15-18  
**I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord**  
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15  
Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51-52  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord: whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**  
**Alleluia!**  
Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Chris DOUTRE Frances GLEESON Vicki HEATH Paul HOCKING Chris HULL Roisin MCGOVERN Christopher MCKEOWN Benjamin MIFSUD Esmela PAPANGO Peter RYAN Anthony SERIC

**Recently Deceased:** Dominic FOSCHIA

**Anniversaries:** Fr John GALLIVAN Mary MCTIGUE Felice SALLUZZO Spiteri family

*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**

**THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

We all know the importance of blood for life. Blood tests, blood disorders and blood transfusions are part of medical care. We talk about blood relationships and the fact that 'blood is thicker than water' when reflecting on family loyalties.

Today's feast is celebrated on the three year cycle. This year, the focus is on the Blood of Christ.

**THE BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT:**

In Mark's gospel describing the Last-Supper, we read: "Then Jesus took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many." (Mark 14:23).

The Last Supper took place on the Jewish Feast of Passover as they remembered God making a covenant with his people on Mt Sinai after escaping Egypt into freedom. The people listened to Moses giving them the commandments from God. They then built an altar and Moses sprinkled the blood of sacrificed animals on the altar and on the people as a gesture of sealing the covenant.

We too gather around the altar, listening to the Word of God from the Scriptures and then taking part in the sacrificial covenant.

Jesus forecasts that his blood will be shed, "the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many." The Blood of Christ achieves redemption and establishes a new and eternal covenant. We become the people of that covenant when we drink from the cup of Christ.

Earlier in his ministry, Jesus taught he came, "to serve, not to be served and give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45). As Christ, the innocent person gave himself up to death in order to free many (potentially all) from the captivity and condemnation associated with sin. The Eucharist, then, continually re-enacts the loving, costly outreach of God in Christ to draw human beings into the life-giving covenant.

**OUR RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST:** amidst the words of his impending violent death, Jesus looks to the future. With a note of hope and confidence he says, "I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine in the Kingdom of God." The Last Supper will not be Christ's last meal with his disciples, rather it is the first of many meals at which the body and blood of Jesus are given in love for the formation of a new People of God, living in God's kingdom.

Over the centuries, the rate of Christians receiving the Eucharist regularly has varied greatly. In medieval times, the Church had to make a law for Catholics to receive the Eucharist once a year. Over the last 100 years, the Church has encouraged more frequent reception. More recently the fast from eating before receiving lessened from midnight to one hour. In recent decades, all Catholics have been invited to receive the Eucharist under both kinds— the Body and the Blood of Christ— as Jesus taught us at the Last Supper.

Pope John Paul II states: "With the Eucharist we digest the 'secret' of the Resurrection." The early St Ignatius of Antioch defined the Eucharist as 'a medicine of immortality, an antidote to death.'

**QR CODES:** As everyone knows by now, we must use QR codes to check in to all our Parish facilities. For those who need the Vic Gov app, we have put links on the front page of our website (olmcsunbury.com) and if you just open that site on your smartphone and click on the appropriate link for either your Android phone or your Apple iPhone, it will take you straight to the Victorian government QR code application where you just click install and it will install it for you. If you have an older Samsung phone there is a link there with information from Samsung which may be able to help you to get it to work on an older Samsung phone.

**WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** This prayer service was introduced to Victoria in 1960's by two Irish religious leaders– Fr Tony Cleary PP (East Preston) and Dr Davis McCaughey. Dr McCaughey was a New Testament scholar from Belfast who came to Melbourne to teach. He was an architect in forming the Uniting Church of Australia combining the Churches of Christ, the Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church.

Davis became deputy Chancellor of Melbourne University and helped establish La Trobe University. In 1986, he was appointed the Governor of Victoria. He made changes. He opened Government House to visitors; he got rid of the Rolls Royce car and drove an Australian-made car and dispensed with the military aides– de-camp.

Fr Tony Cleary celebrated my parents' nuptial Mass and was our parish priest for over 30 years during which he was my chaplain at my ordination. He was involved in ecumenism and a great liturgist as Holy Name Church built in 1964 shows. On 20 May, about 35 Christians from the various Churches in Sunbury held the prayer service for unity at St Andrew's Church.

**HOMELESS IN SUNBURY:** The good news is that Vincentcare has been given funding to support the homeless in our community.

The Sunbury Winter Shelter will commence as soon as the Covid lockdown ceases. 200 Sunbury residents have volunteered their time for the Shelter.

**OUR ARCHBISHOP PETER:** will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of his ordination as a bishop this Tuesday. He was ordained as an assistant bishop in Sydney. Let us continue to pray for his service in the largest diocese in Australia with 1,067,432 Catholics (latest ABS figures). The next largest is Brisbane Archdiocese with 708,701 Catholics.

**SEVENTY YEARS OF SERVICE:** this weekend there are celebrations to mark the seventy years of service by Queen Elizabeth. Among other aspects, she has always shown her Christian faith by regular worship on Sundays and other major occasions.

**PRAYERS AT HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL:** During the lockdown, workers have continued the construction of Stage Two of the School. The six new classrooms have been internally painted and glazing fixed to the Community Building. The work is on schedule.

**RESUMPTION OF WORSHIP:** will happen once the lockdown is lifted. Baptisms have been rescheduled for August. Sunday Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral is live telecast on Sundays at 11am on Channel 31 (or 44 on digital TV). Our parish newsletter is on our website and printed copies are available at the front of St Anne's Church.

....Kevin McIntosh

**JUSTICE IN JUNE:** During the month of June, being the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Parish community in collaboration with our primary schools are asked to think about and support the plight of disadvantage families. We are asked to support Vinnies, Asylum Seekers and Winter Shelter. There will be a Vinnies Winter Appeal for cash donations, a call for food staples, toiletries and warm hats,

scarves and gloves. There will be a collection box for those who wish to support this appeal. Thank you.

**MASS FOR INDIAN COMMUNITY due to the lockdown the revised date:** on **Thursday 17 June 2021** at 6.30pm to support our parishioners who have lost relatives in India due to Covid and others who have great concerns for their relatives in India. All parishioners are welcome. If we are able to celebrate Mass you are welcome to bring along photos of loved ones.

**SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY:** a recent email from Sunbury Chaplaincy advised that 5 Government schools in Sunbury now have Chaplains working between 2-5 days per week. 3 of the primary schools requested chaplains without any input from the Sunbury Chaplaincy Group. Please continue to pray for the good work the Chaplains do with the children at our Sunbury Schools.

**ST ANNE'S CHURCH GARDEN:** Our thanks Jo and Carmel Wiegerink who have sourced and tirelessly spread the mulch on the church grounds. The garden beds look wonderful too, thank you.

In a profound poem French Jesuit Didier Rimaud challenges those of us who love the Eucharist to see it linked to the liberation begun in the Exodus, consummated in the Resurrection and working in our world today....

*In remembrance of you  
We take the bread of Easter in our hands  
This Bread do we consume  
It does no longer taste of bitter herbs  
Nor of unleavened bread  
It is the bread of a land promised us  
Where we shall be set free*

*In remembrance of you  
We take the wine of Easter at our feast  
This wine do we hold dear  
It does no longer taste of bitter springs  
Nor of dark salty pools  
It is the wine of land promised us  
Where we shall be made whole*

*In remembrance of you  
From exile we return  
In remembrance of you  
We walk across the sea*

**PRESBYTERY COLLECTION – ANOTHER WAY TO CONTRIBUTE:** As outlined at Masses last month a "Tap and Give" donation terminal has been set up in the foyer to enable contactless contributions to be made to the Presbytery Collection.

The terminal enables parishioners who may not be carrying cash to make a donation by simply tapping their credit or debit card (or smartwatch) on the screen. The device is pre-set to \$5 and will automatically send that donation to the parish presbytery account and debit the card-holder's bank or credit card account.

While the terminal provides an easy, flexible and cost-effective alternative, it's important to emphasise that the current methods of donating either through direct debit, envelope or cash are still available. Please continue to support Fr. Kevin through the Presbytery Collection in whatever way suits you best.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Glenn Morris or Tony Kiley from the Finance Committee if you have any queries.