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MASS 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 Brian Ahern 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
 Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
 Principal: Krystine Hocking

6 February 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
 Psalm Response: Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8
In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Gospel Acclamation: Luke 4:18
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!
 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Val CARR Terry FORAN Frank HEENAN
 Fr Eric HODGENS Chris HULL Albert POTENZIANI
 Peter READMAN Clive REES Chris REILLY
 Frank SPITERI Marie SULLIVAN Clive SUMNERS

Recently Deceased: Justin DIVINY Louie SCHREMBRI Sammy SCHREMBRI Frank SPITERI Anthony VAN DER WEERDEN

Anniversaries: Babbette ARANDEZ Vera & Richard D'SOUZA Aileen MCGOVERN John MCMAHON Patrick MCVEIGH

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022

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

THREE LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTERS

This Sunday, all three Bible readings describe a radical conversion. In the first, the Prophet Isaiah admits to the Lord he is lost, in a wretched state, but the Lord touches his mouth, he is forgiven and becomes a messenger for God. In the second reading, St Paul writes how he persecuted severely the early Christians before Christ appeared to him and the grace of God turned his life around making him a preacher of the good news. In the third reading, Luke's gospel records how Peter changed his life from being a professional fisherman to being a "catcher of people". All three persons were touched by divine initiative.

JESUS' CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES

This story is found only in Luke's gospel. The scene opens with Jesus standing on the edge of Lake Gennesaret preaching the word of God to the people pressing around him. To get some space Jesus asks Simon to let him sit in his boat and continues to teach. Meanwhile Simon and his companions are not part of the crowd, they are busy on shore washing their nets.

When he finished speaking, Jesus said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and pay out your nets for a catch". "Master", Simon replied, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets."

Then a great reversal happened - the empty nets became full to breaking point. Peter is overwhelmed, like the two boats, and falls to Christ's feet, calling him "Lord leave me, I am a sinful man." Luke uses the name "Lord" which Jesus was called after his resurrection to show the continuity of the risen Christ throughout all of Luke's gospel. Jesus replied to Simon Peter, "Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will catch." Then bringing their boats back to land they (James and John and Peter) left everything and followed him (Luke 5:11)

JESUS CALLS US

Have we ever said: "God, why me?" when coping with a commitment or with a vocation or with some suffering. St Paul was called while on a journey to persecute Christians.

The Apostles in becoming "catchers of people" netting others for the kingdom of God, will need to dispossess - to leave their job, their business and boats. This dispossession will bring suffering, but they will be in the company of Jesus and with faith in him there is no need for fear. Jesus said, "Do not be afraid"

To mark the beginning of the 21st century, Pope John Paul II reminded the baptised people of God to "put out into the deep" inviting us to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm and look forward to the future with confidence.

With the beginning of a new school year, in another year of Covid, let us be people of confidence as "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and for ever." (Hebrews 13:8)

OUR RESPONSE

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter all recognise and confess their sinfulness and weakness, and empty themselves of power and control. When we do this, there is room for God to enter into our depths. When we decrease in self-importance and risk being open to God's initiative then, in the words of the psalmist, God answers us, and out of steadfast love and faithfulness, increases the strength of our souls (Ps138:2-3). Sr Verna Holyhead S.G.S (Australia)

....Kevin McIntosh

EVERGREENS

Are having lunch at the **Bowling Club on 8 February** at 12.00 noon. Please call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248 asap for bookings.

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. **Please give generously.** You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Spiritual direction has a long history in the Abrahamic faiths. Spiritual directors are spiritual companions who look to engage with seekers in an open and non-judgmental way, steeped in contemplative practice and deep listening, to provide guidance and enable seekers get closer to God.

The premise we begin with is that God is in all things, loving us to life. Our image of God relates to the way that we think God is active, or not, in our lives. The every day, and the very deep longings or restlessness, or concerns, or confusions are God drawing us to "... live life to the full" (John 10:10). Engaging in spiritual direction is a way to connect with the deeper part of yourself, where God meets us.

Ignatian spiritual direction is one tradition within the field of spiritual direction grounded in the Rules for Discernment of Spirits. This discernment attends to the way that the Spirit draws us to what is life-giving; noticing what draws us away from that life is our deepest desire; that desire planted in us by God. Ignatian discernment is about helping us make good decisions. It is based on the teachings of St Ignatius of Loyola.

If you are curious about this God, who is in all things and who is Love, and who desires for each one of us to be at peace and to live life to the full, then you may be interested in Spiritual Direction.

Jacinta Bright, bio:

Jacinta was trained as a spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition and as a Giver of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises at Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Kew and has been in practice for 12 years.

Jacinta is married with children and grandchildren and also has 32 years' experience in parish ministry, as a pastoral associate. Jacinta is also a counsellor.

Jacinta will be operating from St Anne's on the third Thursday of the month, at this stage.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

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

Kai KENNEDY

We joyfully welcome him to our parish.



PARISH BINGO

Our Parish Bingo "Major Bingo" is conducting a **DAYTIME SESSION on Monday 14 February. Eyes down 11am at the Sunbury Bowling Club** as part of the clubs 60th Birthday celebrations. Guarantee \$800 major game prize plus plenty of other prizes and giveaways. Get a few friends together and come along and join in the fun. Our weekly session continues every Thursday at 7.30pm. Enquiries to Gary Plummer 0419 301 760

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Our three Parish Schools all reported a smooth and happy opening to the new school year. In classrooms and staffrooms, special air purifiers have been placed and RAT tests are being carried out.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tue 8 Feb 2.00pm Priests of Northern Region - Greensborough
6.30pm Confirmation Family Faith Night - St Anne's Church
7.30pm Child Safety Committee
Wed 9 Feb 6.30pm Confirmation Family Faith Night - St Anne's Church
7.00pm Parish Liturgy Team - Parish Centre
Fri 11 Feb 11.30am Parish Principals - Parish Centre

CENTENARY OF KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

This month marks 100 years since the Knights were formed in Victoria during which time there have been about 5,500 members. Presently there are 700 Knights in Victoria who gather once a month in various parishes including Sunbury to promote fraternity among the men. The aims of the Knights are:

- To promote the advancement of Australia.
- To foster the Christian way of life throughout the nation.
- To promote the welfare of its members and their families.
- To encourage spiritual, social and intellectual activities among its members.
- To conduct and support educational, charitable, religious and social welfare work.

On 20 February members will gather at St Clement's Church, Bulleen for Mass led by Archbishop Peter.

Last year the Knights raised \$60,000 to support the education of future priests for the Church in Victoria.

SUFFERING IN TONGA

Since the volcanic tsunami in January, the people of Tonga are suffering lack of food and shelter. You are very welcome to donate to Caritas Australia, recognised by the Australian government. For more details contact caritas.org.au. Donations are tax deductible.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH'S ASCENSION

This Sunday marks 70 years of service of Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia. We thank her for her years of service to the Commonwealth.