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MASS TIMES: ALL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
	11.45 - Baptisms

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
 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

10 APRIL 2022

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
 Psalm Response: Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR John COWAN Marie ELLIOTT Doris FAHEY Frank HEENAN Albert POTENZIANI Bob POWLES Clive REES Chris REILLY Marie SULLIVAN Clive SUMNERS Matthew WARBURTON

Recently Deceased: Fr Reg CALLINAN
 Terry FORAN Sr Patricia VAGG RSM

Anniversaries: Maria D'SOUZA Felix D'SOUZA Lily & Joseph D'SOUZA Joe & Elizabeth GATT Patti MINOGUE Ben WARD Tom WORTHINGTON John WRIGHT Joe & Nina ZAHRA Spiro ZAHRA

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

This Sunday we listen to two gospel readings. One is the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. He is accompanied by shouts of praise: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord". The other reading is of the expulsion of Jesus from Jerusalem five days later, accompanied by the baying for blood: "Crucify him! Crucify him!".

RIDING A DONKEY

This scene recalls how Solomon rode a donkey, a humble work animal to his anointing as king—not a warrior horse or chariot. (1 Kings 1:38) Such a ride reminded the king that his main work was the defence of the poor and disadvantaged, not seeking power, but making peace, not war. Jesus shows his humility, ready to give his life for others.

Luke's gospel states that the "people spread their cloaks on the road" (19:36) under the feet of the donkey. The people welcoming Jesus were not the powerful Pharisees, but the poor, the healed outsiders and the forgiven sinners. They were giving away their precious clothes to make a royal carpet for their king.

PARTS OF THE PASSION NARRATIVE

There is a series of six stories: the institution of the Lord's Supper; Jesus' farewell instruction; the events on the Mount of Olives and Peter's denial; Jesus' trial, flogging and sentencing; the way of the cross and crucifixion; and Jesus' death and burial. (Luke 22:14-24:56)

All four gospels have a passion narrative. They have much in common, but differ in detail. Luke highlights that Jesus died in the freedom of love - a human love enacting the divine love that drove his entire mission; that his death brought forgiveness; that features of his ministry as whole were present - healing, assurance, peace.

In the Passion we are told that Jesus did five things:

- He healed the ear of the high priest's servant.
- He spoke the truth to Pilate.
- He empathised with the women of Jerusalem.
- He forgave those who condemned him.
- He had compassion towards the other criminal being crucified.

THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Our long gospel reading today, presents the heart of Christianity:-

- The institution of the Lord's Supper. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith.
- The ministry of service. Jesus washes feet. "I came to be one who serves, not served."
- Peter's denials. Like Peter, we so often fail, but we too can repent and reorient our lives.
- The centrality of the cross. God knows our pain. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

OUR PROCESSION THROUGH HOLY WEEK

In our worship, Holy Week contains two processions. On Palm Sunday we have the procession of the palms and on Good Friday we have the procession of the Cross. As we recall the five things Jesus did during his Passion, we can process during this week - walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting with lies and speaking the truth, resisting the temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response and fifthly, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion.

If we do walk through this week in these five ways, we shall be following "the King of Love on Calvary".

EASTER HOLY WATER

Due to Covid, please bring your own bottles filled with natural water at Easter so that the water can be blessed as Easter Water.

THANK YOU

Our parish thanks the Honner Family for their continual care of our parish donkey at their home. The donkey is in good health and will be present at all our Palm Sunday Masses.

SUNBURY WINTER SHELTER

Offers nightly shelter at a Sunbury Church facility each night during the winter months of June, July and August. Begun in 2019, there is now a vacancy for the program co-ordinator. Beginning in May until October, the co-ordinator leads a committee who plan and organise the accommodation and meals. There have been 120 volunteers helping. The co-ordinator will be on a salary. Please contact Fr Kevin before Good Friday if you are interested in this position.

GOOD FRIDAY

Is a day of fasting for those 18 to 60 years old and abstinence from meat for those over 14 years.

..... Kevin McIntosh

PARISH PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING TEAM

REVIEW is a new item for parishioners from the Parish Pastoral Co-ordinating Team (PPCT) Last month the PPCT:

- welcomed an informative presentation from Peter Rush from the Finance and Development Committee, who helped PPCT members improve their understanding of how FDC assists Fr Kevin administer the goods of the parish. We noted the need to dialogue and collaborate with the FDC. Please pray for the FDC in their need for an accountant.
- began promoting Pope Francis' call to walk beside and take care of those we encounter on a daily basis, just as Christ did, listening with respect to, and learning from, one another. This idea of SYNODALITY is central to recreating a loving and meaningful church. Please pass your thoughts and suggestions for the parish on to Chairperson, Denise O'Brien via the parish office.
- is waiting for a few parish groups to return contact e mail addresses of their representatives to Lyn Plummer, in order for the PPTC to complete documentation required for the team to move forward in its role of bringing parishioners more closely together by co-ordinating our various parish groups.

Minutes of PPCT meetings are available on request from the Parish Office.

WELCOME TO OUR MASSES

At each of our weekday and weekend Masses you are welcomed by our team. The wearing of masks in the church is no longer compulsory but optional. We will continue to consider safe distancing. After every gathering, the church is sanitized, thanks to our volunteers.

We warmly welcome you to our liturgies and look forward to seeing you.

BIBLE STUDY REFLECTION

All are invited to a fortnightly Bible Study/Reflection Group. The sessions will be held in St Anne's church commencing **Friday April 8 at 7pm**. Bibles and resources will be provided.

MEMORIAL MASS

Our Parish community have celebrated over 100 funerals in the past two years, many of which were only able to have 10 to 20 participants. Unfortunately there were many of us unable to attend and farewell our dearly loved parishioners.

We will celebrate the lives of our departed fellow parishioners at a Mass on **Wednesday April 20, at 7.30pm**. Families are invited to bring along a photo or memorabilia of their loved one. We will be able to enjoy a cuppa after and share the wonderful memories we cherish. All are welcome.

The following children from our parish will be baptised this

Sunday:

Xavier BROWN

Georgia & Sophia BURKE

Joel MASTRAMICO

Grace & Maeve SLUGGETT

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



FLOOD APPEAL—SVDP

For those wishing to support the long term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: www.vinnies.org.au-Flood Appeal—SVDP Society-Good Works(vinnies.org.au) or by calling-Queensland-(07) 3010 1000 or New South Wales-(02) 9568 0262

CARITAS AUSTRALIA - UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/> or contact 1800 024 413.

PARISH BINGO

Our Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday, eyes down at 7.30pm at the Sunbury Bowling Club.

Special \$2000 night on **Thursday April 14**. Lots of fun and plenty of give-aways. Get a group together and come along and join the fun. Enquiries: Gary Plummer 0419301760

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

is here to help. Anyone requiring assistance or help of any kind, please ring 1800 305 330 so members of our Sunbury Conference can assist you.

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OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT:

Our parishioners have been generously supporting the LAP team in Jakarta over the past eight years as they continue their critical work caring for the poverty-stricken HIV AIDS children.

Could we please, once again, ask for your support for the forthcoming fundraising collection at all Masses on the weekend of the **30 April / 1 May?**

Thank you,
OLMC LAP Fundraising Team.

2022 HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Saturday 9 April	5.30pm	Procession of Palms & Mass
Sunday 10 April	8.30am	Procession of Palms & Mass
	10.30am	Procession of Palms & Mass
	11.45am	Baptisms
Tuesday 12 April	7.30pm	Chrism Mass – Cathedral
Thursday 14 April	7.30pm	Mass with Washing of Feet
	9.30pm	Adoration ends
Friday 15 April	9.00am	Way of the Cross - OLMC Church
	10.00am	Sunbury Churches Service - St Andrew's Uniting Church
	3.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy & Holy Communion
Saturday 16 April	7.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 17 April	8.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
	10.30am	Easter Sunday Mass

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