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MASS TIMES: ALL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
Wednesday	7.30pm - Memorial Mass
Friday	11.30am - Funeral Mass - Marie Elliott
Saturday	5.30pm - Sunday Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
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17 APRIL 2022

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR John COWAN Caleb FARIA Frank HEENAN Bob POWLES Clive REES Chris REILLY Marie SULLIVAN Clive SUMNERS Peter VOOGT Matthew WARBURTON

Recently Deceased: Marie ELLIOTT Doris FAHEY Albert POTENZIANI

Anniversaries: Tom DILLON Michael HURLEY Jessie Aguspin MONTILLA Darren PHELAN Rita RAYMOND Eveleen REDDAN John SCIBERRAS Reg TWOMEY Jean WARD Bruce WILKINSON

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

ONE FEAST OVER THREE DAYS

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Friday of the Passion of the Lord and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord together form one feast over three days. They are the high point of our worship in our year. We are privileged to be able to celebrate this feast in freedom in Australia.

HOLY THURSDAY

On this night, we celebrate how Jesus celebrated his final Passover meal with his disciples during which Jesus instituted the Eucharist. Passover celebrated the act of liberation from Egyptian slavery through the Red Sea. Participation in the ritual meal year by year enabled each subsequent generation to enter personally into that saving event. This is the meaning of 'memorial' in the biblical sense - not a mere commemoration like our Anzac Day commemoration - but a real sacramental participation in which the saving events of the past become present in the lives of believers. This is how we believe the Eucharist - that we receive the same benefit as the disciples at the First Eucharist—we are chosen and made holy.

On Holy Thursday, we remember Jesus' parting self-gift. Jesus taught the bread is his body, "which is for you" - a communion with all the members of his body. Until his return, God in Christ is for us.

To celebrate should mean being caught up in the rhythm of Christ's sacrificing love - both in the ritual of the Mass and in all aspects of life.

WASHING OF FEET

Unlike the other three gospels, the Gospel of John does not record the institution of the Eucharist. Instead, John devotes the whole of Chapter 6 to Jesus' teaching on the 'bread of life' and replaces the supper story with that of the washing of the feet, to reveal the meaning of the Eucharist. "He had always loved those who were his own in the world but now he showed how perfect his love was." (John 13:1)

A washing of the feet was normally done by a slave. Jesus lays aside his garment. Next day, he will lay aside his life. The One who was 'with God in the beginning', (John 1:1) is now on the floor at the feet of human beings. Let us contemplate—a God, not in heaven above, but a God at our feet, gently, lovingly washing us clean. He fulfilled his earlier words: "I came not to be served, but to serve."

A NEW CREATION ON GOOD FRIDAY

Each gospel account of the Passion of Christ has its own theological emphasis. Our Good Friday account from John tells Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion, through the lens of the Resurrection, a new creation.

John places the Passion account within a garden. Jesus prays in a garden before his arrest. The crucifixion occurred in a garden, John wants us to recall the most prominent garden in the Bible is the Garden of Eden. In the book of Genesis, there was tree in the middle of the Garden of Eden - the Tree of Life. Jesus' cross was placed in the middle of the three crosses and with two others crucified on either side. Also at the cross, two people are named a man, the beloved disciple and a woman called 'Woman' and 'Mother'. These two names were given to Eve, a Hebrew word meaning 'Mother of all living'. From the cross, Jesus changed the relationship between his disciple and his mother. The disciple becomes a son to the mother of Jesus, and she becomes mother to the disciple. This changes also the relationship between Jesus with the disciple, as they now have the same mother and so become siblings to Jesus. This fulfills the promise in John (1:11): "Those who did receive Jesus he gave them the power to become children of God."

This conversation of Jesus from the cross to his mother and the beloved disciple (representing all believers) is the theological highpoint of John's gospel - the disciples become children of God, by being drawn into Jesus' own relationship with his mother, and God his Father.

That this is a moment of being born as a child of God is then further shown in the issue of blood and water flowing from the pierced side of Jesus. The flow of blood and water symbolises birth since when a child is born the mother's water and placental blood, flow.

The final sign of a new creation and the new relationship of the children of God is Jesus' final words from the cross, "It is finished." Jesus' ministry has been leading to their moment of a new creation. The same Greek word "It is finished" is used in Genesis to describe God finishing the work of creation. Genesis then states the Sabbath began. After Jesus' final words, John notes the next day was a great Sabbath.

This is not new theology. The early bishop Athanasius of Egypt (died 373) taught the incarnation was the means of transforming humanity into the divine image, the Word 'became a human being in order that we may be made divine'.

(A Friendly Guide to the Gospel of John - 2013 by Mary L Coloe.)

THE EASTER NIGHT OF NIGHTS

Fire, light, water and oil, bread and wine, a common table - these are the elemental symbols which thrill our hearts on the night of the Easter Vigil. "This is the night, when Christ breaks the prison bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld."

This is the night on which light blazes in the darkness, the night on which we wait and watch and listen, the night we have Easter water, the night we break bread at the table of the risen Lord.

Six weeks ago we began our journey of Lent. Now we renew our Baptism vows to come out of sin and respond with 'Alleluia' to praise the love of God that has no end. Our candles are lit from the Paschal candle, a symbol of the risen Lord who has conquered the power of sin and darkness.

WOMEN - THE FIRST MISSIONARIES

In Luke's gospel, women feature a great deal. Luke's account of the resurrection begins with the three women, Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James going to the tomb after the Sabbath at dawn on the first day of the week. They find the stone of the tomb rolled away and the body of Jesus not there.

Then two messengers of God, angels, appear telling the women to search the sacred scriptures and Jesus' own words. They are told to remember his word, when Jesus foretold them in Galilee that he would suffer, die, but not be held by the prison of death. The women are in the wrong place, a place for dead bodies, because Jesus is alive. The women have an experience of the Resurrection and they believe. They return to the eleven apostles. Culturally, women then had a low status. They are treated as fools and not believed. Peter runs back to the tomb and is amazed, but he does not believe yet. Later, the risen Jesus will appear to Peter and then he will have no doubt and later gave his life to God.

The Resurrection shows the creative power of God. The Lord lives - it is the beginning of the new creation of the world. Luke dares us to believe in a love that cannot be quenched, to trust with a boundless hope.

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

To those who have given their time and expertise to create such wonderful worship this week - musicians, webmaster, church cleaners, servers, palm providers, office staff, our deacon, our priests. We had meetings totalling about five hours planning the logistics.

THANKS

To the five volunteers who gave their time last Saturday morning in weeding, pruning and mulching the garden at the Presbytery. The garden has been transformed.

...Kevin McIntosh

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

At 6am there will be the dawn service at the Sunbury War Memorial. At 9.30am, Anzac Day Mass will be celebrated. At 10.30am the March will conclude at the Memorial where prayers will be led by some of the Sunbury clergy.

EVERGREENS: Social afternoon **26 April at 12-30 pm.** Please bring a friend and a plate to share.

More info or transport call Joe 0477 677 248

PARISH BINGO

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

Just a gentle reminder - Our next fundraising collection will be at all Masses in two weeks, the **30 April and 1 May**. Your contribution will again help the LAP team in Jakarta provide essential nutrition and other support to over one hundred needy children living with HIV.

Thank you,
OLMC LAP Fundraising Team.

BIBLE STUDY REFLECTION

All are invited to a fortnightly Bible Study/Reflection Group. The next session will be held in St Anne's church on **Friday April 22 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.

2022 HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

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.