



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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## MASS TIMES: ALL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday	5.30pm - Sunday Mass
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
	11.45am - Baptisms
Monday	9.15am - Anzac Day Mass
Tuesday	11.00am - Funeral John Cowan
Wednesday	9.15am
	2.30pm - Mass Calvary Nursing Home
Friday	9.15am
	10.30am - Mass Riddell Gardens

## 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  
 Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464  
 Principal: Krystine Hocking

## 24 APRIL 2022

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Psalm Response: Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!**

**Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 20:19-31

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Caleb FARIA  
 Tess FOX Frank HEENAN Bob POWLES  
 Clive REES Chris REILLY Anne SAUNDERS  
 Marie SULLIVAN Clive SUMMERS  
 Matthew WARBURTON

**Recently Deceased:** John COWAN Peter VOGT

**Anniversaries:** Maria ELLUL Adam GILMING Vesus MACARIO Bernard MAHONY  
 Bernie MCCONVILLE Rachel TYQUIN

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**  
**LAP APPEAL -**  
**OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT**

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

### "MY LORD AND MY GOD" - CRIES OUT THOMAS

Our gospel today opens with a dispirited group of disciples huddled together behind closed doors on the evening of Easter Day.

The disciples have realised that by deserting Jesus in the hour of his passion and death they have also betrayed themselves. They are wounded people. The Jesus the Tomb Breaker appears with his wounded, living body among them, breaking not only into their closed room, but also into their despair.

Jesus first words to them are: "Peace be with you." In the Bible, the opposite to 'peace' is not war, but chaos. Immediately Jesus shows his wounded hands and side. The disciples respond with joy.

### SENT OUT ON MISSION

Then Jesus tells the disciples that his gift of peace is also mission: they are to continue the mission the Father had sent him for which they must be enlivened by his Spirit. As God the creator breathed on human dust to create a living human person (Genesis 2:7), so Jesus breathes on the disciples on this first day of the new creation; so they may continue Jesus' mission to reconcile sinners.

There are two aspects of this mission: First, they are sent to forgive sin and second they are to take hold of people, in the sense of keeping people firm in their faith—meaning holding firm to one another in the community. The Greek word is often translated as 'retain' means more accurately to hold firm. Jesus prayed in his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane "Father, I kept them in your name...I have guarded them and none of them is lost." (John 17:12) Now the task of 'keeping and guarding' is passed onto his disciples.

### A NEW BEGINNING FOR THOMAS

Thomas was absent from the community of disciples on the evening of the first Easter Sunday. Thomas puts forward certain conditions to be met before he will believe in the Resurrection—touching the wounds of Jesus.

The problem for Thomas is the problem that all later Christians face. Can we believe the Easter Gospel when we do not see the body of the Risen One?

A week later on the next Sunday, Thomas is present when the risen Jesus appears greeting Thomas with empathy: "Peace be with you."

Thomas' response is not to reach out and touch Jesus but rather to recognise now the fullness of Jesus' divinity: "My Lord and my God". This is the most complete profession of Jesus' divinity in the whole New Testament. Nowhere in the Bible is Thomas called the doubter.

### FAITH AND DOUBT

Doubt and questioning are a proper part of being human. It is how we mature and make progress in the faith, as in other areas of life.

What is attractive is that the other disciples did not expel Thomas for his doubting but kept in with their circle. A Christian community should not too quickly raise the barriers excluding those struggling with belief in the Christian faith or some aspect of it. There is a bit of Thomas in all of us.

### BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN BUT BELIEVE

These are the final words of Jesus in John's gospel. Wherever Christians gather, Jesus rises in our midst. Not even our fears and doubts are sufficient barriers for Jesus who came to frightened and disbelieving disciples. The Easter gifts of peace and the Spirit are now available to all and blessed indeed are those who believe.

## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

The Dawn Service is at 6am. We shall celebrate a Special Mass at 9.15am. At 9.50am the March begins from the Sunbury Post Office, to arrive at the Memorial Cenotaph on the Village Green for the Prayer Service at 10.30am.

.....Kevin McIntosh

## OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We offer to the family and friends of Marie Elliott who entered eternal life on 10 April aged 81 years. Marie was the second child in the Keily family who came to Sunbury in the early 1940's. Marie attended OLMC School. She married Ron Elliott in OLMC Church in 1959. During their marriage, Marie and Ron were blessed with six children. Later she enjoyed her 17 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Ron died in 1994. Marie was a clerk at Caloola Centre. She was very involved in local committees in netball, lawn bowls and Probus. Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday concluding at Sunbury Cemetery.

## OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT:

A fundraising collection will be held at all Masses next weekend on the **30 April/1 May** to support the care of HIV AIDS children in Jakarta. We also invite you to join us for our first morning tea for many months after the 8:30 Mass.

Thank you,  
OLMC LAP Fundraising Team.

## SUNBURY WINTER SHELTER

There are only 6 weeks to go before Sunbury Winter Shelter starts for 2022. We start on **1st June 2022**.

The Coordinating Committee is busy finalising all it needs to have done to open our doors to our guests. The most important one at the moment is to recruit volunteers, so to ensure we have enough volunteers for this year we need all those individuals that want to be back this year and help us to fill the volunteer registration form which is located on our website.

The link is <https://sunburywintershelter.org.au> and if you go to the tab GET INVOLVED and click on it a drop out list will appear where you have to click VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION ROOM then just fill the form and submit.

### Just a reminder that you need to have a current Working with Children Card to be able to work any shift.

If you could fill the registration form no later than **5.00pm Friday, 29th April 2022**. This is so we know how many volunteers we have to run the different shifts and whether we need to get support from other venues if we don't have enough volunteers. If you are unable to fill the form electronically or need assistance with it, please contact me via this e-mail or on my mobile 0490 698 174. **PLEASE NOTE** that depending on my work I might not be able to respond till after 6.30pm that day or early next day.

We are also looking for a couple of venue coordinators for Baptist Church on Tuesday, so if you fill that you might have the skills and want to step up your contribution to the program, please contact me for additional information and a friendly chat.

The roles we need to fill are:

Shift Members, Shift Leaders Cooks, Laundry, Drivers.

The shifts are:

Evening 5.00pm - 11.00pm

Overnight 11.00pm - 6.00am

Morning 6.00am - 9.00am

I will be sending another e-mail by the end of this week with details about training & any updates to the program for this year.

Please, if you have family, friends or neighbours that might want to volunteer for our program this year please give them the link to our website so they can register for this year program.

Hope to see you soon in person,  
Juan Carlos Rodriguez-Deller  
Venue Coordinator  
OLMC Parish

The following children from our parish will be baptised this

Sunday:

Ava AGIUS

Bella COSTA BONNICI

Eleanor PEARMAN

Isaac WEIR



## EVERGREENS: Social afternoon **26 April at 12-30 pm** in the Parish

Centre. 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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## 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 May 6 at 7pm**. Bibles and resources will be provided.

## VINNIES SOUP VAN DAMAGE

On 7 April, four soup vans were damaged by vandals in Footscray. They are not able to be driven, impacting more than 100 people a night. St Vincent de Paul Society is now raising funds to fix these food vans.

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tue 26 April 7.30pm Sunbury Inter Church - St Andrews

Wed 27 April 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Co-ordinating Team - Parish Centre

Fri 29 April 1.30pm Parish Finance & Development Committee -Parish Centre

## INVITATION FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has sent an invitation to all parishes warmly inviting and encouraging participation in two Masses - acknowledging those who work in the care sectors and at the challenging front line of this pandemic; **Sunday 1 May, 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral** and, commemorating those who have died during the past two years and were unable to be honoured and mourned appropriately; **Sunday 22 May, 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral**. See flyer on the noticeboard in the foyer.

## THANK YOU

To those who were involved in the planning and organising of the Easter Masses, including the Altar Servers, Cleaners, Co-ordinators, Lectors, Liturgy Team and also to those who organised the flowers and palms. Thank you to Father Kevin and deacon Vin who gave such meaningful celebrations.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To William and his parents Daniel and Amy and sponsor Virginia who celebrated his Baptism at the Easter Vigil. It was a moving celebration for all those present to be a part of.

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