



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
Wednesday 9.15am
Friday 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
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Principal: Julie Freeman
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8 MAY 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm Response: Psalm 99:1-3,5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Revelation 7-9, 14-17

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I
know my sheep, and mine know me.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:27-30

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Vicki
CASSAR Frank HEENAN Bob POWLES
Chris REILLY Beverley & Brian RIPPE Anne
SAUNDERS Noel STONE Marie SULLIVAN
Clive SUMNERS Matthew WARBURTON

Recently Deceased: Jeff RANDALL

Anniversaries: Michael BUTLER Jerome
FOUX Harrie JANSEN Margaret
McCONVILLE John O'MEARA
David ROMEO

**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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY—MOTHERS' DAY

Jesus chose the example of a good shepherd to reveal his offer of intimacy with us. It is providential that today is also Mothers' Day as they reveal intimacy with their children. Mothers make good shepherds.

SHEPHERDS IN JESUS TIME

In Australia, where flocks of sheep number in the hundreds, it is hard to understand Jesus' teaching he is a shepherd. In the land of Israel, a family would have a very small number of sheep, perhaps only seven. Being so small in number, each sheep was known to the shepherd like we know and are known by our pet cats and dogs. In winter, the sheep come indoors to protect them from the bitter cold and provide the family with warmth from the heat of their bodies. The sheep knew the particular sound of their masters' voice. In Palestine, there were no fences, so the shepherds led sheep where he wills. The loss of a flock would impact on the family for a generation.

OUR INVITATION TO CHRIST'S FLOCK

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us to follow him because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life, we have come to trust him and rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock. In our gospel today, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, "I give them eternal life." He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. John's gospel is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. Eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end. We are forever safe with Jesus.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

This is first found in the divine union of the Holy Trinity. All other models flow from it. Our first and second readings today depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, Jews and Gentiles alike. Today most communities have a similar makeup.

Christians are all children of the one God, all joined in their common confession of faith. Not everyone is happy with diversity. In our second reading from the Book of Revelation by St John, his vision of heaven is "a large number, impossible to count, people from every nation, race, tribe and language standing in front of the Lamb (Christ)" (7:9)

WE AS SHEPHERDS

We are blessed to belong to the flock of Christ. We can look at our Saviour with total trust and confidence.

In turn, let us be good shepherds to one another by following the example of the One who is both Lamb and Shepherd.

Let us follow the example of our mothers as we celebrate Mothers today.

.... Kevin McIntosh

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Mass of Remembrance

Archbishop Peter Comensoli invites all to participate in this **Mass on Sunday 22 May** at 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral commemorating those who died during the past two years of the pandemic and were unable to be honoured and mourned appropriately. You are welcome to submit names online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>

Annual Open Day

Is an occasion for those considering a vocation to priesthood. The seminary will be open on **Saturday 28 May**. Further enquiries please contact Fr Kevin.

Our Prayerful Sympathy

We offer to the family of Bill Bock who entered eternal life on 29 April aged 83 years. Born near Tallangatta, he was the third child in the family. He received his secondary education at Assumption College Kilmore. From 1963, he enjoyed a very happy marriage with Rosina for 56 years during which they were blessed with their three children, Sharron, Tracey and Stephen. For 30 years, Bill worked at Taylor's College in Melbourne in administration where he related well with staff and tertiary students. In 2009, Bill and Rosina came to our Parish. Bill joined us at Mass when he could. His Funeral Mass was celebrated last Thursday.

Overseas Humanitarian Project – THANK YOU!

Due to the wonderful generosity of our parishioners, a total of almost \$2,300 was raised at last weekend's collection at our Masses for LAP. These funds (plus those accrued from the regular pledge-givers) will be urgently sent up to the LAP team in Jakarta to assist them in their ongoing care for the HIV AIDS children.

Thank you again for your support – it is making a real difference to the children's wellbeing.

Parish LAP Fundraising Team.

Second Collection – Sharing our Gifts. "Your support enables us to provide liturgies and pastoral support to **15,000** people across our Catholic Parish. Thank you."

Parishioners who are Sick

Each of our parishioners are a treasured member of our community. You are very welcome to contact the parish office with information of our parishioners who may be sick or isolated. One of the Pastoral Team can make contact, establish what they may need: a visit, Communion or just a chat. No further action is taken without their permission.

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 20 at 7pm**. Bibles and resources will be provided.

175 Years of Melbourne Church

This year is the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Melbourne, an opportunity for us to appreciate more deeply where we have come from, and the many people who have shaped where and who we are today. (It also happens to be the 125th anniversary of the consecration of our spiritual home, St Patrick's Cathedral!)

New Statue of Pope John Paul II

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

Kiara ROSHAN

We joyfully welcome her to our parish.



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Holy Trinity School - Stage 2

Will be opened on Tuesday 10 May at 11.30am by Mr Josh Bull, member for Sunbury. The building will be blessed also.

Sunbury Winter Shelter

There is a very urgent call for volunteers so that the Shelter for homeless of Sunbury can operate. This time last year there were 210 volunteers—so far only 81 are signed up. Our Parish has been given Monday nights to operate, though you can volunteer for any night at the other venues.

There is an urgent need for volunteers to register now so that the Winter Shelter can open on 1st June.

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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Annual Mass Count

During the month of May, our parish and the Archdiocese of Melbourne conduct a count of all people attending Mass. Our collectors will be counting all those at Mass throughout May.

Mothers' Day Blessing 2022

We reflect and celebrate all who have the role of mothering. Those that have been blessed as mothers, those who care and take responsibility for those in need; the unwell, disabled, lonely, anxious, those in fear and poverty. We remember treasured mothers who have died. Today we pray for an acceptance and peace for all mothers.

A Blessing of Peace

May you accept the gift of peace

May the peace of Christ be carried within all that is past

May the peace of Christ be held within all that is present

May peace stay safely in all that is to come.

God bless all who mother

May Mary, the mother of Jesus and of us all, protect and guide us.

Go in true peace in the name of Christ

Amen

